**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th November 2016 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Parish Council:** Cllr Martin Richardson Chair

Cllr Bill Adams

Cllr Tony Gadie

Rachel Walker Clerk

**In attendance**: Cllr Geoffrey Linehan (RDC), Cllr Carl Les (NYCC)

**Tunstall Residents**

Paul Greenwood, Sheila Clapham, Jim Pepperell, Terry Hancill, Peter Fowler, Ken and Janet Walsh

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Dave Parry

Cllr Chris Wilson

Police

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**
2. Sheila Clapham reported the streetlight that was out in Yarborough Close
3. Email from Mr P Ward – Tunstall resident – re concerns over volume of traffic passing through the village

**Resolved: Clerk to report streetlight**

**Clerk responded to email from Mr Ward**

1. **Police report**

A report was provided for the dates 10/09 – 08/11. There were no crimes and 3 incidents

1. **County Councillor / District Councillor Report**

Councillor Linehan stated that there had been no appeal re the Horne Road development to date.

Those involved in the MOD development would like to liaise with RDC and meet with all partners involved.

The SHLAA project has had some discussion at Area Partnership level.

RDC are struggling to retain the Area Partnership funding as the council is looking at ways to save money.

The peer review is still on-going

There is also to be a boundary review where it has been recommended to cut the number of councillors from 34 to 24.

Councillor Les mentioned the Garrison Master plan - the A6136 would need upgrading and there is a shortage of primary school places.

There is currently 55000 tonnes of road salt ready for the winter.

The A1M is nearing the end and is still on target to finish late spring 2017, unfortunately though work hasn’t caught up on time at the 3 way junction at Fort Bridge.

The repairs to the bridge at Brough Lane are taking time as the bridge is listed so consent is needed from English Heritage and proof is needed that it will be replaced like for like.

At the recent Health Care provision review it was unanimous to see all services maintained at Darlington Memorial Hospital.

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September 2016 were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**
2. **Speed concerns** – The Clerk had emailed NY Police and they had forwarded an email address for community speed watch which the clerk has contacted and is waiting to hear back from.
3. **GAP grant** – the Clerk reported that the application she submitted to pay for the solicitors fees for the play park transfer had been accepted.
4. **Current Issues**
5. **Brough Lane Closure** – It was discussed that large vehicles need to be stopped from going over the bridge. Mr Fowler stated that he wanted it made compulsory that there should be a new road built on the bridleway that starts at the Industrial Estate in Colburn; this should be incorporated with the plan for all the extra new houses. Councillor Richardson pointed out that there would be a huge cost implication to this suggested build.

Mr Walsh mentioned the inconvenience of Brough Lane being closed and he has to take a 3 mile detour to get a newspaper. He also questioned the work being done at the White Shops junction and queried why nobody knew that there was a cable that would need repositioning and therefore delaying the works

1. **Play Park transfer** – The Clerk was pleased to report that the grant she had applied for from the GAP was accepted and she was now arranging an appointment with the solicitor to get the transfer in action. It was suggested that a management committee was needed to develop the play park and sources of funding/ grants would also need to be looked into.
2. **Traffic survey** – Councillor Gadie reported that a traffic survey would be done next Autumn once all the A1 works had been completed.
3. **Increase in troop numbers** – Following recent reports in the press about the increase in troop numbers, there was a discussion again about the infrastructure and how it would cope plus the possibility of housing being built that would get closer to the Tunstall boundary. Paul Greenwood asked if there was any way of getting hold of a copy of the Garrison boundary as it was uncertain where it definitely stopped.
4. **BT Payphone removal** – the Clerk read out the letter from RDC whereby BT is considering removing a number of payphones in the area. A discussion took place and it was generally felt that the one within the village could be removed. It was decided first before the clerk responded to RDC to find out how may calls had been made from it over the past 12 months.

**Resolved**: **Clerk to Enquire about Garrison Boundary**

**Clerk to look into Phone box use over past 12 months**

1. **Correspondence**

21.09.16 Letter from RDC confirming GAP grant offer

22.09.16 Copied into email from Equestrian Centre re bridge damage

29.09.16 Email from Mr P Ward re traffic concerns in village

30.09.16 Email from Richmondshire Today introducing new on line news website

12.10.16 Email re BT Payphone removal

13.10.16 Letter from Citizens Advice thanking Tunstall PC for recent donation

04.11.16 Email from NY Police re community speed watch scheme

Poster re budget consultation

Weekly A1 Traffic cascade

1. **Financial matters**

**Record of payments made under out of meeting arrangements**

**Date Cheque No Payee Amount**

31.10.16 000366 Grow IT £350.00

**Summary of Accounts**

**Deposit Account Current Account**

Balance as of 29th Feb 2016 Balance as of 21st October 2016

£1002.69 £4724.01

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

09.11.16 000367 Defib pads £40.74

09.11.16 000368 Clerks wages Sept / Nov £251.64

09.11.16 000369 Grit bin refills 2016 180.00

**Planning Applications**

**16/00598** – Full Planning permission for proposed side conservatory at Greystones, Tunstall – **GRANTED**

**Village Hall**

* 1. **Village Hall results** - No statement available
  2. **Daffodil planting** – On behalf of Wendy Bridgstock, many thanks to all those who participated in planting 10,600 bulbs, it was completed by 4pm on the Saturday and this includes all roads into the village. Thanks were also given to Wendy for having the idea and providing the bulbs and to Paul for helping co-ordinate the event.
  3. **Tunstall Wildlife Garden project** – The idea is to develop the island between the 2 becks that run parallel – Thieves Ghyll (the larger one) and Tunstall beck. 2 paths would be created 1 through the orchard, the other alongside Manor Farm land, it would also feature a bridge, woodland garden and bog garden. Looking to get a grant for £5000 through Tesco.

Peter Fowler queried who owned the island – he didn’t think it belonged to Sam Smiths or the Pullans. After a discussion it was suggested that a search on Land Registry may be helpful.

Paul went on the say that the beck is currently eroding the bank which could be a potential hazard and the trees on the island are also dangerous due to how they are hanging, he had cleared the beck in parts today of tree trunks and advised that it may be worthwhile for each home owner who lives near the beck to keep an eye on their own section.

* 1. **Beck Clearance** - Grow IT have cleared the beck at the East end of the village – it went well despite the weather and a few negative comments from a local resident.

1. **Minor Matters**

None

1. **To confirm the date of the next meeting** :

Wednesday 11th January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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