**TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2016 commencing at 6.47pm in the Village Hall**

1. **Declarations of interest**

None

1. **Matters raised by residents**

A resident in Yarborough Close had asked the clerk if something could be done regarding the large tree and hedge in a neighbouring garden, the tenant had left and she wanted to see if the tree and hedge could be cut back prior to new tenants coming in.

The Clerk enquired about this to Gary Hudson at RDC who replied by stating that the tree had been inspected last year and found to be in reasonable condition, he would however arrange for the tree to be inspected to assess its condition. He also stated that the hedge is the responsibility of the tenants to maintain and to trim at least once a year so that it does not grow out of control.

1. **Police report**

Gary Treweek read out the report from 16/3/16 – 8/5/216, there had been no crimes and 7 incidents.

Paul Greenwood commented on cars behaviour when driving through the village and enquired about a volunteer speed gun initiative.

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

There was no report available from the CC

Cllr Linehan had little to report as there is no real change at RDC. He confirmed that he is the Chair of audit governance and standards committee

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March were proposed and confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters arising**

The Clerk reported that:

1. She had reported the grass verge at the beck to Highways – their response was unfortunately as the highways authority focus on highway safety over appearances, unless the inspector views the damage as a safety matter it will not meet intervention level for repair.
2. She had received a response from PCSO Di Smith re concerns of parking at Somme garage and she had spoken to the garage owner and driver of the car in question.
3. The date for the Best Kept Village Competition takes place in the first two weeks of July
4. She had heard from Alison Pilkington at RDC re the Badgers Retreat signage however it is currently low priority despite being in discussion with the owner of the holiday park. She also reported that she had consulted with NYCC re the cars for sale in the village and it was being passed on to the Highway Authority.
5. That she had sought advice from a Health & Safety professional re the signage at the Solar Panel Farm and had been advised that the signage was to highlight what was behind the fence not the amount of volts running through the fence itself.
6. She had sent a letter to the planning department expressing concerns regarding the proposed new development at Horne Road following on from the email from Colburn Town Council.
7. **Current Issues**
8. A1 update and effect on villagers – Paul Greenwood had emailed the Clerk and Chair to say that his car had been damaged whilst parked outside his property and that the driver did not stop. He is concerned about the way drivers pass through the village with no regard to parked vehicles. Cllrs Wilson and Gadie attended a meeting at the Highways Dept. where there was an open dialogue about the quantity of traffic; they also mentioned how the amount of road signs everywhere makes using the roads confusing. The main concern as ever is what will happen regarding traffic when the roadworks are completed.

There are to be 2 meetings held which Cllrs Gadie and Wilson will attend – these are the key liaison meeting on 18th May and a meeting with NYCC and senior highways on 20th May which County Councillor Les had kindly coordinated.

**Resolved:** To keep up to date with A1 works

1. **Correspondence**

17th March 2016 – Letter from Highways re carriageway patching works on C37

2nd April 2016 – Email from PCSO Di Smith re Somme Garage

April 2016 – Email re best kept village competition

14th April 2016 – Email from Alison Pilkington RDC

Email re Area Partnership Small Grants 2016-2017

Email from Cllr Les re possible meeting dates re A1

22nd April – Email from NYCC re carriageway resurfacing on Breckonbrough Lane

25th April - Email from Highways England re Key Liaison Group meeting

1. **Financial matters**

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

**Date Cheque No Payee Amount**

04.04.16 000354 Mole Catcher £45.00

04.04.16 000355 RDC park inspection + hedge cut 2015 £241.52

**Summary of Accounts**

**Deposit Account Current Account**

Balance as of 1st Feb 2016 Balance as of 29th April 2016

£1002.57 £4025.38

**Accounts for payment**

The following cheques were presented for payment:

**Date Cheque No Payee & Description Amount**

11.05.2016 000356 Farm and Land Services £247.20

11.05.2016 000357 Clerks wages 17/03 – 10th May inc £364.32

1. **Planning Applications**

**16/00137 -** Full Planning permission for proposed garage with adjoining storage outbuilding and rear garden sheds at Olvin House – comments had to be sent before the next meeting, there were no objections

**Village Hall**

1. Martin reported on the figures for Quarter 1 – income was £1158.70 and expenditure was £2364.93, however this had included insurance, an oil delivery and the new blinds.
2. Tony Gadie had enquired whether the VH could look into being part of a village hall consortium, Rachel had coincidentally received an email regarding a meeting re village halls and Martin will attend.
3. Rachel had heard from Mrs Wendy Bridgestock who was looking to donate a sum of money so that daffodils could be planted on the grass verges in the village. Martin recommended a website for her to choose which bulbs she may wish to have planted and a volunteer group will be rounded up nearer the planting season. Also look into Hiring Just the Job for extra manpower.
4. The village hall garden which was looking in a terrible state has had a new lease of life thanks to Paul. The willow tree has been reshaped by a willow artist from Downholme, the flower beds needed raising and the boards were kindly donated by Stephen Orchard (builders at The Old Smithy), Martin had provided mulch. The next step is to see if there is any interest from villagers in taking a flower bed on and growing their own produce.
5. There will be a garden relaunch where villagers will be invited to a BBQ and a look round the gardens. Date TBC
6. **Minor Matters**

None

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

Wednesday 6th July at 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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