

TUNSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 2020**

**Present**

Councillor Phil Johnson (Chairman)  
Councillor Dean Bower  
Councillor Simon Benbow  
Councillor Pat Middlemiss  
Councillor Carl Les  
J MacNamara (Clerk)

7 Parishioners were present

**1.04.2020**

**Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Councillor T Wedgewood-Jones  
Councillor Helen Grant

**2.04.2020**

To receive **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

**3.04.2020**

To approve the **minutes** of the:

Meetings held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Councillor Les wished it to be recorded that he was in attendance at the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that the record be corrected and the minutes signed at the next meeting of the Council.

**4.04.2020**

**Public Forum**

At the start of the meeting the Clerk announced that yesterday he had received notification of a planning application for 6 new dwellings at Chaytor Farm, Tunstall. The Clerk explained that such was the level of interest in this matter then it would not be proper to discuss the planning application at this meeting.

The Clerk announced that he had advised the Chairman that there should be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this item.

It was agreed that the meeting take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm.

A resident raised the matter that in previous minutes of the Parish Council

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to site a new dog bin outside the Village Hall. The resident wished to point out that a previous suggestion for this site had been rejected due to close proximity to the Hall entrance and it would be unpleasant if events were taking place at the Hall.

The Chairman agreed that this should be taken on board.

A resident wished to thank the Parish Council for their support in helping reject the planning application at South View and in particular wished to thank the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that common sense had prevailed and also wanted to extend his thanks to the planners for making a pragmatic decision in the interests of the Village.

A resident asked if there was any further update with regards to the broken pavement on Jackson Terrace, following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the County Council.

A resident said they were surprised that Speed Awareness Group Report was not on the agenda as agreed at the last meeting.

The Chairman reported that this had not been conveyed to the Clerk who was unable to attend the last meeting. The Clerk outlined the matter could be taken under Reports and would be added for future meetings.

A resident requested an update on the Brough Lane bridge.

Cllr Les said that plans had been lodged in August and that work was due to start when the weather improved, but he would follow up and report back.

Cllr Middlemiss asked about whether there had been follow up to the tree root issue at 5 and 7 Yarbrough Close. It was agreed that this matter be further examined and it was agreed by the Clerk that he would undertake further enquiries.

**5.04.2020**

**Report from District & County Councillors**

Cllr Middlemiss reported that: -

Lighting work was continuing on Scotton Road up to April 2020.

Attendance at the County Council Health Scrutiny Meeting where work on immunisation, the consultation on the future of the Friarage Hospital, the public transport service and the future work programme were under discussion.

The new Council Plan was available on the RDC website.

Further assistance from Council Officers had been requested concerning flood planning.

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A wider discussion took place with regards to flood defence plans and further mitigation against climate change.

As part of that discussion members of the public and Councillors were also keen to understand the District Council's future development plans for housing and infrastructure.

As part of the discussion the clerk announced that he had intended to raise the matter under correspondence, but that RDC were planning to hold a workshop for Parishes as part of developing their new Local Plan on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk and Cllr Middlemiss outlined that the Local Plan was the development document for housing, infrastructure and would look into matters such flooding.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the relevant officer at RDC to discuss Emergency Plans which could be used by the Parish.

The Chair thanked Cllr Middlemiss for her report.

Cllr Les reported that he had passed on details concerning the Parish interest in the Vehicle Activated Sign.

The Clerk reported that he was in touch with his counterpart in Scorton and progress was being made.

Cllr Les also reported that help could be given by officers from the County Council concerning Emergency Plans.

Cllrs Les also reported that the County Council were now conducting a consultation on their budget proposals with a potential 2% increase in Council Tax and a 2% increase in the adult social care precept.

**6.04.2020**

**Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the two items of correspondence had been dealt with during Councillors reports.

**7.04.2020**

**Finance**

**Finance & Precept Setting 2020/21**

The Clerk presented a paper for Councillors to consider the budget and precept setting for 2020/21. The Paper is appended to the minutes.

The Clerk recommended s part of the paper that the precept be capped at £5,200 for the next financial year.

The Council agreed to a precept of £5,200 for the financial year 2020/21.

**Payments & Transactions**

The Clerk outlined that since the last meeting there had been 8

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transactions through the current account since the last meeting totalling £1,730.53.

The current account stood at £6,415.57 and the Deposit account t £1,006.

The Payments were agreed.

**8.04.2020 Bus Services – Future of the Little White Bus**

A Resident was concerned about the future of the Little White Bus due to some discussions taking place across the Village and requested some clarity.

Cllr Les outlined from a County Council perspective the service continues to be supported.

It was agreed that the operators be contacted directly and asked about their intention for the future of the bus service.

**9.04.2020 Reports**

A report was given by the Speed Awareness Group. It was reported that it had been a quiet December due to weather and availability of volunteers.

81 vehicles had been tracked and 1 found to be speeding. Since June 170 vehicles were found to be travelling in excess of 36 mph.

It was reported that the group needed more volunteers and it was agreed to assist with advertising for new volunteers.

**10.04.2020 Planning Applications & Updates**

The Clerk reported that there were no further planning applications or updates to report.

**11.04.2020 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting be held on Wednesday 4 March at 7pm.

The extraordinary meeting would take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7pm.

**12.04.2020 Closure**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20:25.