

Tunstead and Sco Ruston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council of 17th January 2017

Present:

Chris Oakes (Chair)	CO	Nigel Williams (Vice Chair)	NW
Wendy Atkins	WA	Neil Coston	NC
Eileen Oliver (Clerk)	EO		

Also in attendance were County Councillor Nigel Dixon, District Councillor Simon Shaw, website manager Clive Rich and one resident.

1) The meeting was adjourned for County and District Councillor reports, police report and public participation.

County Councillor report:

There is a very strong chance that council tax will rise by 3% to meet the deficit in funding for social care. There is also a possibility of a further 1.8% increase to be spread across other departments, including education and highways.

District Councillor report:

Planning application PF/16/1448: Environmental Health officers have visited the site and it is now likely that all the businesses will need to make individual applications. Councillor Shaw is going to take the issue of the removed hedge on Crowgate Street back to the planning department. It was noted that Anglia Plant are still operating from the site.

A police report has been received for November 2016, when there were two reported crimes in the parish.

Public Participation:

Clive Rich introduced himself. He will be managing the “village” aspects of the website and the clerk will be managing the parish council pages.

A resident asked if computer classes could be included in the next newsletter. **Action EO.**

2) Apologies:
Tim Place TP.

There was then a minutes silence in memory of chairman Gordon Gilding who sadly died on 6th December 2016.

3) Election of Chair and Vice Chair:
CO agreed to remain in place until the annual meeting in May, Nigel Williams agreed to act as Vice Chair, again until May.

4) Additional councillors:
Reverend Gosden will join the parish council in the next council year. Clive Rich also agreed to be co-opted onto the parish council.

Clerk to inform NNDC of the changes and to chase training for the new councillors, NW and NC. **Action EO.**

- 5) Declarations of interest:
None.
- 6) Minutes of the last meeting:
Agreed and signed as a true record.
- 7) Matters arising:
7.1 Proposed TROD: Two meetings have been arranged with the landowners.

7.2 Defibrillator point: A defibrillator will cost around £1,250 plus VAT. Councillors agreed to proceed with adopting the Market Street phone box. St John Ambulance are willing to provide training. CO will ask the school for permission to use the hall. **Action CO.**
- 8) Finance:
8.1 The clerk's finance report was agreed and the following payments authorised:
£140.00 to SR Print for the newsletter.
£300.00 to the clerk for December and January salary.
£12.50 for clerk training.

8.2 It was agreed that there should be five newsletters a year as per the budget.
- 9) Additional signatory: CO agreed to be an additional signatory.
- 10) Highways matters: None.
- 11) Environmental matters: Councillor Dixon confirmed that drainage work in Fletcher Close is still a priority. Clerk to chase Highways for a date for the work. **Action EO.**
- 12) Parish Partnership Scheme:
The application for funding for a SAMS2 sign has been submitted and four positions located. Total cost will be £3,128, of which it is anticipated that the parish council will pay half.
- 13) Planning Matters: Covered in item 1.
- 14) Playing Field and Village Hall Committee:
WA announced the following forthcoming events:
25th March – Marc James at Church Farm Barn.
14th May – Yard Sale.
11th June – Village Fete.
19th November – Craft Fair.

Clive Rich agreed to represent the parish council on the committee.
WA is placing posters around the parish asking for additional people to join the committee and the parish council. A resident offered to help with this.
- 15) Any other business: None

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st of March at 7.30pm.