

Tunstead and Sco Ruston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 19th July 2016.

Present:

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

In addition three residents and County Councillor Nigel Dixon also attended the meeting.

1. Apologies:

Tim Place TP

2. Adjournment of meeting for County, District and Police reports and public participation.

2.1 Public Participation:

Residents David Page, Barbara Bloom and Michael Roads.

Mr Page and Ms Bloom raised the issue of flooding in Fletcher Close. This occurs every time there is heavy rain and takes several days to drain away and reaches their bungalow, which will affect the footings of the building. NCC Highways have said that the soakaways need renewing. Councillor Dixon said that there are similar issues across the county and that the clerk should write to the Area Engineer, copied to him, requesting this. **Action: EO**

Mr Roads then raised the issue of flooding in Church Road, where flood waters can cover sixty feet of road and the soakaway is blocked. Councillor Dixon has raised this with Highways, Clerk to write to Highways to express the concerns of the parish council. **Action: EO.**

2.2 County Councillor report:

Devolution – public consultation on the proposals will close on 23rd August. Three district councils have voted against the proposals. A new heritage facility has opened at the Scottow Enterprise Park and there will be a number of open days next year.

Verge cutting – TP had raised the issue of the reduction in cuts, which is affecting visibility on rural lanes. Councillor Dixon suggested reporting the issues to Highways. **Action: EO.**

A resident has raised the issue of cars parking on the bend in Market Street. Clerk to ask her to take photographs and to pass them and the registration numbers to the police. **Action: EO.**

2.3 There were no district councillor or police reports.

3. Declarations of interest.

Planning application from NW.

4. Co-option of additional councillor:

Neil Coston was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council.

5. Minutes of the last meeting:

Agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Matters arising from these minutes:

Johanna Gardner refused the payment that was agreed at the last meeting. GG to request vouchers from the Olive Branch. **Action: GG.**

7. Correspondence:

Correspondence received concerned planning applications and finance matters and was discussed under those items.

8. Finance:

8.1 The clerk's financial report was agreed.

8.2 GG queried the cost of the bill for emptying dog bins. WA reported that not all bins have been emptied. Clerk to report this to NNDC and to contact other companies. **Action: EO.**

9. Parish noticeboard:

It was agreed to order a silver coloured aluminium board from Greenbarnes. **Action: EO.**

10. Highways matters, Parish Partnership Scheme and temporary SAMS sign:

10.1 NW and EO met with Richard Wiseman (NCC) and took delivery of a temporary sign. It has been trialled at two locations and has proved effective. A mobile sign could be bid for under the PPS scheme and moved to various locations in the parish. NW is concerned about physically moving the sign and the need to recharge the battery. He would prefer to have a permanent sign at the southern end of the village to be backed up by roundels and rumble strips.

10.2 Establishing a TROD at the southern end of the village to make it safer for people to walk to Hoveton was discussed but it was reported that the landowner is still unwilling, largely due to concerns about possible litter. NC said that this could be added to the litter picking scheme. Clerk to contact NCC to arrange a meeting to assess a possible TROD from Orchard House to Laurel Farm Barns. **Action: EO.**

12. Planning applications:

All outstanding applications were approved. Clerk to contact NNDC. **Action: EO.**

13. Environmental matters:

Discussed under public participation.

14. Parish newsletter distribution:

The following schedule was agreed:

GG – Coltishall Lane to the end of Granary Way; NC – Sco Ruston and Forge Estate;

WA – Anchor Street, Fletcher Close; NW – Southern end of village to school, Watering Pit Lane;

CO – Crowgate Street; TP – Church Lane, Church Close; EO – end of Granary Way to Forge Estate, Coltishall Lane.

15. Playing Fields committee:

The picnic scheduled for the 17th July has been postponed.

15. Any other business:

15.1 NC – Could Sco Ruston speed limit be reduced to 30mph and HGVs to be prohibited through Sco Ruston village. Clerk to raise with NCC. **Action: EO.**

15.2 NW – Anglian Plant Hire have erected a sign at the end of the drive.

15.3 NW – a property on Market Street has erected fence panels on the verge for bin storage. Clerk to contact NNDC to ask if this is subject to planning permission, and, if it is, whether or not there has been a planning application. **Action: EO.**

15.4 CO has been approached by the school who want to contract a proper car park with access from the recreation ground. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and NW believes the money could come out of the parish plan funds.

15.5 WA – When Anglian Water repaired the drains at Laurel Farm Barns they filled in the back drains which worsened the flooding on Fletcher Close. Clerk to put a message in the newsletter asking people not to block drains with grass and hedge cuttings but to use their brown bins. **Action: EO.**

There being no further business the meeting finished at 22:20.

Signed: Date:
Chairman

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm in the portacabin on the playing field.