

# TUNSTEAD & SCO RUSTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Report on the parish council meeting which was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2016

Present:

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

Apologies: Tim Place TP

In addition three residents; David Page, Barbara Bloom, Michael Roads and County Councillor Nigel Dixon also attended the meeting.

Mr Page and Ms Bloom raised the issue of flooding in Fletcher Close. This occurs every time there is heavy rain, 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.

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.

Report from County Councillor Nigel Dixon:

Devolution – public consultation on the proposals will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

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

The clerk's financial report was agreed. 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.

It was agreed to order a silver coloured aluminium noticeboard from Greenbarnes to replace the one outside the school.

Parish Partnership Scheme - under this scheme Parish Councils can bid for up to half the cost of a road safety scheme, with the County Council funding the rest. The Parish Council has borrowed a temporary SAMS sign from the County Council, which shows the speed of approaching vehicles and the words 'slow down' if the vehicle is speeding. It has been trialled at two locations and has proved effective. The Parish Council can bid for a mobile SAMS sign under the Parish Partnership scheme and it can be moved around various locations in the parish where speeding is an issue.

The possibility of establishing an off road permissive path at the southern end of the village to make it safer for people to walk to Hoveton was also 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 path from Orchard House to Laurel Farm Barns.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the portacabin on the playing field. All residents are very welcome to attend.

### **Have your say!**

Under the Parish Partnership scheme the Parish Council can apply to the County Council for up to half the cost of installing road safety improvements. The remainder of the cost comes from Parish Council funds. There are three proposals on offer and the Parish Council is seeking the views of residents before making a decision. Residents are asked to tell the parish clerk which of these suggestions they would prefer or talk to one of the parish councillors.

1. To purchase a mobile sign, which would show the speed of existing traffic and encourage drivers to slow down. This could then be moved between various locations in the parish where speeding traffic is an issue.
2. To purchase a second fixed sign, like the existing one near the school, and install it at the Hoveton end of Tunstead village, where the speed restriction starts.
3. To construct a permissive path or TROD between Coltishall Lane and Laurel Farm Barns to extend the safe walking route to the end of the village. This could be extended to join up with the existing permissive path from Wroxham Barns to the junction of Tunstead Road and Stone Lane, subject to landowner agreement and available funding.

Please get in touch and tell us what *you* think!

### **VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Do you live or work in the parish?

Would you like to get involved in your community?

Are you interested in working on local issues such as community projects and planning applications?

Parish councillors lead local projects and comment on planning applications.

Qualifications or political affiliations are NOT necessary, all you need is enthusiasm and an interest in the local community.

Meetings are held bi-monthly and last approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. The meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 7,30pm and last approximately 1½ to 2 hours.

If you are interested, please attend a meeting to see what happens at first hand.

## TUNSTEAD VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND PLANNED EVENTS

All events are organised by the Tunstead Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee in aid of the Village Hall fund. More information can be found on the village website [www.tunsteadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.tunsteadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

Planning and running fundraising events requires considerable manpower and we are limited by the fact that we are a small band of volunteers. We could run more events (and raise more money) if we had more volunteers to help with this. So please contact Val on 01603 784381 if you would like help by joining the committee or by volunteering to assist at events.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Community Rounders / Picnic in the park (3pm – 5pm) on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Fancy a chance to work off your Sunday lunch? Then why don't you join us for a game of Rounders? No experience necessary – the game is suited to all ages and there is no need to book - just turn up and join in the game. Bring a picnic if you want to, plus we will be selling hot / cold drinks and cakes. **So what are you waiting for?**

#### **MacMillan Coffee Morning 26<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 – 11:30**

This is an opportunity to have a guilt free slice of cake as it is all in aid of a good cause.

Join us in the portacabin on the Recreation Ground from 10:00 – 12:00 as we raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

There will also be a chance to view the winning 12 photographs from our photographic competition and also **pre-order your village calendar.**



#### **Launch of the Tunstead Litter Picking Scheme, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of September**

Meet at the portacabin at 10am. All equipment provided. Come and join us so that we can work together to keep our villages special!

#### **Community Walk and Scavenger Hunt Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

We are organising a walk and scavenger hunt which will start at St Mary's church 10:30. The walk will be suitable for all ages. More details will be made available nearer the time – keep an eye out for our posters and information posted on the village website:

<http://tunsteadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/news-events/>

The Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee will be holding a **Christmas Craft Fair** on November 12th in Tunstead Church - Yes I know it's only September - but book the date for some Christmas shopping on your doorstep! and if anybody wants to have a stall, please call Wendy 01603 783377, or email [wendymatkins@btinternet.com](mailto:wendymatkins@btinternet.com) for details.

Remember the fortnightly Bingo continues - dates for September are 1st, 15th, & 29th - eyes down at 7.30pm in the portacabin on Recreation Ground.

Many thanks to all Villagers who saved the EDP tokens for our bids - sadly unsuccessful - but worth a try.

## LAUNCH OF THE NEW LITTER PICKING SCHEME

This new initiative will be launched at the playing field at 10am on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Do join us and help to keep our parish special. All equipment provided.

Anyone who is interested should contact the parish clerk on 01603 613352 or by emailing [tunsteadpc@gmail.com](mailto:tunsteadpc@gmail.com) or just turn up. We look forward to meeting you.

## NEW TUESDAY FITNESS CLASSES AT WORSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

ZUMBA – a total workout combining all elements of fitness. 9.30 to 10.30

NAMASTE – designed to strengthen and increase flexibility and balance. A workout for all abilities. 10.45 to 11.45

All welcome, £5 per session, loyalty cards available.

## Age is Just a Number: Let's celebrate!

### October the 1<sup>st</sup> is the United Nations Day of the Older Person

Join North Norfolk Older People's Forum, Age Concern North Norfolk and the National Pensioners Convention and partners for **A Free Fun Day at Sheringham Community Centre from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.**

Plenty to enjoy including exercise workshops run by **Excel 2000**, dance instruction and demonstrations by the **Fitness League, A Sing-a-long and a Local Choir**. As well as all this there will be fun and games for all the family to enjoy and the obligatory raffle. Refreshments include tea, cake, sandwiches and a light lunch - subject to availability.

*A gentle reminder.....*

*There have been a lot of incidents of flooding over recent months, many of which are caused by blocked drains and ditches. Please can residents remember to put their grass and hedge cuttings in their brown bins and not in ditches. Thank you.*

**Historic Churches Cycle Ride and Walk – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 5pm.**

50% of donations to St Mary's church, Tunstead, remainder to Historic Churches Trust. *Sponsorship forms available at the church.*

### SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

Contact Tunstead Parish Council  
100 St James Close  
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NR3 1PE  
Phone: 01603 613352  
Email: [tunsteadpc@gmail.com](mailto:tunsteadpc@gmail.com)  
[www.tunsteadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/parish-council/](http://www.tunsteadpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/parish-council/)

St. Mary's Church Rev. Long  
01692 536800

Tunstead Primary School: 01603 737395  
<http://www.tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk>

Village Hall and Recreation Ground  
01603 783377.

All Emergency Services 999. Non emergency 101.

### TUNSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL WHO'S WHO

Chairman: Gordon Gilding  
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