**Tunstead Parish Council**

**Parish Council Virtual Meeting Minutes from 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Chris Oakes CO Present from 8pm due to technical difficulties

 Wendy Atkins WMA Chairing Meeting

 Caroline Purdy CP Clerk

Clive Rich CR

 Tim Place TP

 Neil Coston NC

Apologies: Revd Tim Gosden TG

 Jason Coward JC

PC Tom Gibbs TGib Police Representative

Public: Nigel Dixon ND Norfolk County Councillor

 0 Members of Public

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| **Item** | **Action** |
| The meeting started late at 7.45pm to allow for Zoom connections and technical difficulties to be resolved.  |  |
| 1 Apologies As above.  |  |
| 2 Public Participation * Councillor Dixon commented on the publicity surrounding investigations ongoing at NNDC and advised that responses and services were due to be slower as a result.
* The Norfolk County Council draft budget consultation period is now open.
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| 3 Declarations of InterestWMA disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 8(b). Village Hall Architect, Simon Pegg, had advised all Councillors to all declare a non-pecuniary interest in item 8(a).  |  |
| 4 Minutes of the Last MeetingThese had been circulated and were agreed and signed.  |  |
| 5 Matters ArisingNone.  |  |
| 6 Received Correspondence* Confirmation of the exemption status of TPC for external audit had been received.
* The Textile Bank progress was reported on and advice that the price of recycled textiles had dropped has been received.
* The Clerk had circulated the Precept details for 2021/22 and advised this would need to be applied for by end December (subsequently extended to 31st January 2021).
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| 7 HighwaysCR reported that he continues to move and maintain the SAM2 sign. In the most recent location outside Rose Farm Barn an average of 85% of drivers were under 35mph.  |  |
| 8 Planning1. PF/20/1931 – CR reported on an objection received from the Rambler’s Association; he suggested sending a copy to Heather Bird as owner of the loke. The footpath was discussed and it was noted that this is clear and maintained and it is not believed that the building of a village hall will compromise this.

There is not expected to be an increase in traffic as per Highway’s response to the last application. Legal issues will need to be addressed fully in due course (as previously agreed that NP Law would be appointed on their subscription scheme after March 2021 when their new year runs from the avoid paying twice within 4 months for subscription to their legal advice) ND advised that he didn’t think the Rambler’s objection would be a problem. It was confirmed that the path in question was a Right of Way and not permissive. All councillors supported application with proviso of the following by the Architect:“Whilst the applicant is Clive Rich, the application is made on behalf of the Parish Council”. Therefore, any comment made, is done in the light that the parish council is in effect, the applicant. This way the case officer can use the comments in that context, if they so wish.1. PO/20/2085 – Planning details had been circulated previously by the clerk. CO had been to speak to nearby residents who were concerned about the possibility of being overlooked by new houses. CR noted that plans were indicative only and could therefore change. CO was concerned about an agricultural restriction. Councillor Dixon would encourage a full planning application to be made to check details further. NC noted that ‘infill’ was the way forward but noted the impact on current housing. However, after discussion, there were insufficient grounds for the council to object, but would highlight the potential privacy, closeness to railway and flooding issues.
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| *ND left at 8.45pm* |  |
| 9 EnvironmentalNone.  |  |
| 10 Clerk’s Financial Report/PaymentsThe following payments were agreed:

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| 17/11/2020 | Chq984 | CS | C.Purdy | Salary  |  | 637.85 |
|  |  |  |  | Reimbursement for Wreath  |  | 50.00 |
| 17/11/2020 | Chq985 | PFM | C.G.M | Grass Cutting & Maintenance  |  | 183.60 |

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| 11 Tunstead Village Hall & Recreation Ground ReportCR reported on the TVH ad-hoc grass cutting plan with C.G.M which would cost £50 + VAT out of season per cut. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee would pay for the extra cuts, outside of the Parish Council contract with the same provider. The need for further maintenance may increase in due course, but this will be discussed further if/when needed.  |  |
| 1. Any Other Business

None.The meeting closed at 8.55pm.  |  |

Agreed and Signed on behalf of Tunstead Parish Council:

Chair

Date: