

Minutes of the Meeting of Tunstead and Sco-Ruston Parish Council held at Tunstead Village Hall on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7:30pm.

Present: Chris Oakes, Chairman
Jason Coward
Clive Rich
Gilly Foulds
Julie Rackham
Rob Hetherington
Neil Coston
Jimmy Miller, Clerk

Also present: Nigel Dixon, NNDC and NCC and eleven members of the public.

1 Public forum

A parish councillor, speaking as a member of the public and as the applicant for planning application PF/21/2394, said that her planning application had fully dealt with any potential to cause flooding in the neighbourhood. She also said that, as part of the development, she would be putting in a four-car-length passing place which would be 4m wide in Watering Pit Lane. She also said that ss1 and ss2 had both been overridden for this property.

A parishioner stated that she wished to object to the planning application. She said that though the agricultural constraint on the land had been removed, it remained on the bungalow. She also questioned why locals hadn't been able to buy the land. She said that Watering Pit Lane was a single width lane which, even with a passing space, would become more dangerous due to more vehicles using the Lane. She said that the planning application did not meet current planning requirements and, if passed, would set a dangerous precedent.

Another parishioner said that the proposed pond would not have the capacity to prevent flooding. She also said that the current drain outlet does not work. She said that the proposed dwelling is large and would have lots of visitors which would increase traffic in Watering Pit Lane.

Another parishioner said that water comes off the field opposite to the proposed development onto Watering Pit Lane and then should flow onto the field where the proposed development is. However, recently, it couldn't due to ditches and gullies not being adequately maintained.

Another parishioner said that the site notice has still not yet been displayed. He also said that the exit of Watering Pit Lane is a blind junction.

A member of the public stated that approval had been received from the planners regarding environmental and flooding aspects of the planning application.

Another parishioner said that the proposed development would increase the risk of accidents due to HGVs coming in and out during any building activity.

2 Report from Nigel Dixon, NNDC

Nigel said that he has a budget of £10,000 which can be spent on minor highways works but that this figure is shared between the eight parishes that he is involved with. Applications for funding

from this budget need to be submitted and approved by 31st March 2022.

3 Report from Tom Gibbs, Norfolk Constabulary

None.

4 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs Place and Jones sent their apologies.

5 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

Cllr Rackham declared an interest in 7a)(i)

6 To receive and note the Clerk's report

No discussion took place here.

7) Planning

a) Applications received

(i) PF/21/2394

Land Opposite Copperfield Watering Pit Lane Tunstead Norfolk

A Self-Build single dwelling with detached garage. Associated landscaping. Extinguishing a dead-end footpath.

Before this item was discussed, Cllr Rackham left the room.

Cllr Hetherington said that TPC should listen to what parishioners say. He said that the application goes against ss1 and ss2 and therefore TPC should object. He said that if this application was approved, it would set a precedent and would lead to other applications which had been objected on ss1 and ss2 grounds being re-submitted. He also said that there were issues regarding flooding, highways, and the proposed development being behind the existing line of development. He proposed as motion to object to the application on the preceding grounds; seconded by Cllr Foulds. Unanimous vote in favour of the motion.

Cllr Rackham re-joined the meeting.

(ii) TW/21/2586

16km Pipeline Development - Sco-Ruston To Honing

Hedgerow removals to facilitate the laying of potable water pipeline to support the local network and improve sustainability of network to avoid future bursts. Hedgerows will be reinstated like-for-like.

Where possible, hedgerows have been avoided by drilling under (subject to budget), utilising existing gaps or minimising the amount requiring removal.

Cllr Foulds said that part of the pipeline goes across the charities trust land.

Cllr Coward said that he wanted to see monitoring of replacement hedges for possibly three years to make sure that any hedging that dies is replaced.

Cllr Foulds proposed that TPC support the application subject to hedges being replaced and monitored and also asked that ditches be cleared; seconded by Cllr Coward. Unanimous decision in favour.

(b) Applications received since 14th October 2021

None.

(c) Planning decisions

None.

(d) Planning Decisions received since 14th October 2021

None.

8 Correspondence

Correspondence list was issued previous to the meeting.

Cllr Hetherington suggested putting information about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the newsletter.

Cllr Rackham suggested planting a tree to celebrate the event.

9 Finance

- a) To note Bank Reconciliations (if available)
- b) To note Accounts (if available)
- c) To approve items for payment:

J. Miller	Salary for October 2021	£179.84
J. Miller	Home office for October 2021	£10.00
J. Miller	Mileage (meeting October 2021)	£14.40
CGM	August mowing of playing field	£122.40
Norfolk ALC	Planning training for Cllr Coward	£14.00

The Clerk said that he had not received any bank statements though was receiving marketing material from the bank.

Cllr Coward proposed paying the items above; seconded by Cllr Hetherington. Unanimous decision in favour.

d) To approve payment of invoices received since 14th October 2021

None.

10 Next year's budget

The Clerk had sent out a preliminary budget previous to the meeting and Cllr Hetherington suggested that the budget could be worked on by any councillors who wanted to do so before the next meeting.

Cllr Foulds said that if anyone knew of people who would like to advertise in the newsletter, let her know as this would help reduce the costs of producing the newsletter.

11 Purchase of laptop for Parish Clerk

Cllr Coward proposed that the Clerk be given a budget of £320 excluding VAT to purchase a laptop for TPC.; seconded by Cllr Foulds. Unanimous decision in favour.

12 Purchase of two SAM2 batteries using Parish Partnership scheme

The Clerk said that two SAM2 batteries would be £80 each plus VAT.

13 Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Oakes said that he had already bought the wreath.

14 Flooding within the Parish

Cllr Foulds gave an update on what had been done to alleviate flooding in the Parish. Gullies at Market Street and Church Lane corner have been jetted. Various ditches have been cleared; Orbit have cleared their ditches. From Partridge Farm at Crowgate, the ditch has been cleared all the way to Ashmanhaugh. Wroxham Barns have cleared all their drains.

15 B1150 and Highways

The Clerk said that he had contacted Highways and they'd said that they are not responsible for surveys of traffic on highways but gave the Clerk a person to contact.

16 North Walsham West development

Nigel Dixon said that NNDC are currently preparing their new local plan which will set out where future development will occur for the next 15 years. The new plan includes a proposal for 1,800 new homes on the outskirts of North Walsham. This development would fund a link road from Norwich Road to Cromer Road to help alleviate traffic in North Walsham. It is likely that the public will be consulted for the last time on this within the next few months.

17 Village Hall

Cllr Rich said that both the case officer for planning at NNDC for the village hall and the rights of way officer at NCC had both left. He said that he would be meeting the planning agent plus adjacent landowner the following week to discuss the ditch.

Cllr Rich and the agent have decided that December will be the point of non-determination which would then give six months to appeal to the secretary of state. Cllr Hetherington suggested that it would be better to escalate things in November.

18 Grass cutting

Cllr Rich said that, with the football, eight extra cuts would be required per year at a current cost of £51 excluding VAT per cut. The Clerk will contact CGM to request the extra cuts.

Cllr Oakes said that cutting could be put out to tender in Spring.

Cllr Rich said that by the pitch being used by football teams this would help in gaining grants for changing facilities, etc.

19 Defibrillator

Cllrs Oakes and Rich had installed glass in the phone box where the defibrillator is housed.

Cllr Oakes said that the defibrillator is not currently registered with the ambulance service so he will send the forms in for registration. The Parish Council e-mail will be put on the defibrillator and it was decided to lock the defibrillator.

20 Agenda items for meeting in November 2021

General updates on standard items.

The meeting closed at 9:04pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 16th November 2021