

# **Tunstead and Sco Ruston Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tunstead and Sco Ruston which took place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Present**

Chris Oakes (Chair)  
Tim Place  
Brenda Jones  
Gilly Foulds  
Jason Coward  
Clive Rich  
Rob Hetherington  
Julie Rackham  
Neil Coston  
Jimmy Miller (Clerk)

NCC Councillor Nigel Dixon (ND) and two members of the public also attended the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:**  
None.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
The minutes of the 2019 APM could not be found so could not be approved. If they can be found, they can be approved at next year's meeting.
- 3. Matters arising from these minutes**  
None. See above.
- 4. Police report from Tom Gibbs, read by Cllr Oakes.**  
The report said that there was concern regarding Covid breaches. The local police are now carrying out quarantine checks on everyone in the area who has arrived from outside the UK.

The speed gun is now working again so more speed checks will occur in the future.

### **5 & 6. Report from County Councillor and District Councillor Nigel Dixon.**

Nigel reported that the two big issues in the parish are planning and flooding but he didn't want to say too much on these as they had been discussed throughout the year.

Cllr Place voiced concerns that Highways were responding more slowly to issues that were reported to them; Nigel said he didn't believe that there had been any changes but that work is prioritised and, consequently, some issues reported will be dealt with more slowly than others.

Cllr Coward expressed concerns about safety on the B1150. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways or the Police to find out what accidents had occurred.

No report received.

**7. School Head's report**

None was received.

**8. Tunstead Church Report – Liz Jump**

Liz said that, due to Covid, the church hadn't done as much as usual. The churches were closed during lockdown and then were open one day a week. She said that she wanted to use the church more than one day a week to make it viable.

**9. Parish Council Report – Chairman Chris Oakes**

Cllr Oakes said that Covid had meant that TPC had not been able to meet face-to-face. He welcomed the new councillors to TPC and thanked everybody for their efforts.

Cllr Oakes also reported on the Combined Charities Trust. Their income for the year is approximately £1,200 and they usually give out about £1,500. However, no money had been given out in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as it was difficult to give out cash during lockdown. The Trust has a pot of money which, in general, is slowly dwindling down. Cllr Oakes said that more trustees were needed and the Trust would welcome any applicants.

Cllr Place asked about the boundary issues at the land owned by the Trust. Cllr Oakes said that this was being looked at but that it seemed clear where the boundary was.

Cllr Place also asked about the water pipe going through the other piece of land owned by the Trust and that the Clerk was dealing with this.

**10. Parish Clerk's Financial Report**

The Clerk said that TPC started the financial year ending in 2021 with approximately £26,500 in the bank and that, during the year, approximately £6,000 came in and £4,500 went out so that, at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 there was roughly £28,200 in the bank.

**11. Village Hall Report – Clive Rich**

Cllr Rich said that Covid had impacted the village hall enormously. There were no staple fundraisers during the year; however, the village hall received a grant of £10,000 from NNDC along with a rates rebate.

Planning for the new village hall is still ongoing.

Cllr Rich was pleased to announce that competitive football was now again taking place in Tunstead.

**12. Flood Committee Report – Gilly Foulds**

Cllr Foulds informed the meeting that a flood committee was set up in early 2021 due to flooding which had occurred in December 2020.

She said that the flood committee had encouraged people to clear ditches and this had resulted in some ditches being cleared. She also said that the flood committee are surveying the situation in Tunstead and, from this, encouraging people to

improve drainage which they are responsible for.

Cllr Foulds said that Anglian Water have been doing a lot of surveying of the foul water system and that most of the system had now been surveyed.

13. **Parish Plan**

Regarding the parish plan, Cllr Hetherington said that he would investigate.

14 **Parishioners' Forum**

Cllr Coward said that dog poo was an issue and asked whether another dog poo bin was required. He also said that fly tipping had been an issue.

A member of the public voiced concerns about Sco-Ruston church collapsing and questioned whether money earned from land in the parish owned by Cambridge University was being used for the church.

Signed:.....  
Chair

Date:.....