

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR TUNSTEAD

The Parish Council have been successful with an application for funding to help us to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The funding amounts to £10000 that must be used to help us to develop a Neighbourhood Plan that includes detailed consultation with the residents of Tunstead and Sco Ruston. This consultation will enable residents to raise issues with the Parish Council and give their views on what they would like to see happen in the village in the future and especially on how we utilise the land available to us to meet the needs identified through the consultation.

As you may know, we have an existing Village Plan that was initially developed in 2006 and updated in 2009 however, little activity has taken place since then. The key difference between the Village Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan is that the Neighbourhood Plan, once agreed, must be taken into account when planning issues are discussed at District Council level and therefore it carries more weight than the Village Plan. Issues such as Highways, Housing, Leisure and Business can be taken into account and the final plan that is developed is normally the subject of a Referendum by residents to endorse it. It should then be used by the Parish Council to help us plan how the village will develop.

The funding will enable us to employ local planning consultants to help us understand what residents want and produce the plan. The Parish Council are the lead body charged with taking the actions forward but we want to be as open as possible in doing so and would welcome residents coming forward to work with us and help manage the process. If you are interested in doing so please contact our clerk at clerkattunsteadpc@gmail.com and we will contact you as soon as possible.

This is a important step for the Parish Council and the village so please do not hesitate to become involved either by joining the lead body and/or by responding to the consultations that will take place as part of the process. If you would like an informal discussion before applying please contact the clerk for further information.