

Tunstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 January 2018 in the Midwinter Room, St John the Baptist Church, Tunstall.

Present: Cllr Brian Cook (Chairman), Cllr Lee Burgess (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ian Davison, Cllr Wendy Harwood and Cllr Mavis Hibben, and Mrs W Licence (Clerk).

Also present were, SBCllr Monique Bonney, SBCllr Derek Conway, SBCllr George Samuel, Mr Benham-Crosswell Site Director of the Kent Science Park, and thirteen members of the public.

Cllr Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting and ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure
Cllr Burgess signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Vice Chairman.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Benham-Crosswell said he has been at the Kent Science Park since March 2017 and runs the facility on behalf of the owner Trinity Asset Management. Currently there are ninety-one tenants, an increase from seventy-one tenants and eighteen hundred employees, an increase from thirteen hundred employees. Daily vehicular movements had increased from one thousand five hundred movements to over two thousand movements and access to the Science Park via Ruins Barn Road is not ideal. The company is working with Arriva to try to reduce the amount of traffic and has achieved a reduction of fifty to one hundred. The site has always been a life science park and most space has been refurbished and re-let with an emphasis on laboratories and science. It is hoped there will be a further education facility on the site which already offers placements for students.

Three of the top five companies are pharmaceutical based with the other two being Fibre optics and Environmental.

The site pays approximately £2.5 million in rates to Swale Borough Council (5 to 10% of Swale Borough Council total revenue). The site is a world class facility and Councillors are welcome to visit for a tour of the site.

Cllr Cook thanked Mr Benham-Crosswell for attending the meeting.

SBCllr Bonney said she had leaked the proposed EIA Screening Opinion for the land South and East of Sittingbourne on a wider basis as it is in the public interest. The EIA Screening Opinion is a statutory process. It is not an actual planning application. Comments can be made although Swale Borough Council will probably ignore the comments. We need to wait for an application to come forward, it is a huge application, the Five Parishes Group is creating a link.

Cllr Hibben said people are objecting to the EIA Screening Opinion as though it is a planning application, but it is not an actual planning application.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr David Nutting (holiday) and Cllr Roger Sills (in hospital); apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from KCCllr Andrew Bowles and KCCllr John Wright; apologies noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

3. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2017

Cllr Davison **PROPOSED** to accept the minutes of the meeting of 4 December 2017 as a true record of the meeting; **SECONDED** by Cllr Hibben: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**. Cllr Cook duly signed the minutes of the meeting a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Salt bag- KCC will contact Clerk to arrange delivery

Watering of planters- there has been no response from Fulston Manor. Cllr Burgess has still to contact Mossy for a second quote.

Action Clerk to contact Fulston Manor again. Cllr Burgess to contact Mossy for a second quote.

Cllr Cook thanked Cllr Hibben and Cllr Sills for producing the response to the Landscape Designation Review at short notice.

5. KENT SCIENCE PARK

This matter was dealt with under the Public Time.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Cook reported to members that bulletins are being added to Parish Council website.

7. SPEED WATCH

Cllr Cook informed Councillors that a time table will be drawn up for 2018, and further volunteers are welcome to join the team.

8. PLANNING

i. Ref: 17/506188/FULL

Address: 35 Roseleigh Road Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1RS

Proposal: Extension to the existing roof dormers to create more living space on the first floor and erection of a single storey rear extension.

ii. Ref: 17/505353/FULL

Address: Land Adjacent To 61 Park Drive Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1RD

Proposal: Erection of a detached four bedroom dwelling with new vehicular access.

Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make.

ii. Ref: 17/506383/LAWPRO

Address: 47 Ruins Barn Road Tunstall Sittingbourne Kent ME10 4HS

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension.

Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make.

iii. Ref: 17/506492/ENVSCR

Ref: 17/506551/EIASCO

Address: Land South And East Of Sittingbourne Kent

Proposal: EIA Screening Opinion for a mixed-use development including up to 11,250 residential dwellings, commercial space (circa 120,000 sqm), new infrastructure to create new junctions onto the M2 and A2 joined by a new relief road, new retail and health facilities, leisure facilities, educational facilities and community facilities at land to the south and east of Sittingbourne.

Cllr Burgess said the Parish Council is not part of the process but can comment on the application. There are major concerns regarding drainage, it will be a major development, it will impact on ancient woodland with endangered species and there is archaeological research in the area. The screening opinion needs to be as wide as possible.

It was agreed for Cllr Burgess to draft a response.

9. FINANCE

i. Cheques raised and accounts

Chq No	Payable to	Reason	Amount
1249	Tunstall PCC	Hire of Midwinter Room: Parish Council meeting	£15.00
1250	Mrs W Licence	Salary and expenses	£301.99

1251	HMRC	PAYE	£76.80
1252	McCabe Ford Williams	Payroll fees	£39.00
1253	Jane Johnson	Litter picker invoice	£201.40
1254	Mrs W Harwood	Christmas tree festival expenses	£20.00

Councillors considered the cheques raised and Cllr Burgess **PROPOSED** the signing of the cheques; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davison: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ii. Budget 2018-19

Cllr Burgess reported that the Budget Working Party has considered the Council's income and expenditure and recommends a precept of £19850, Band D equivalent of £28.03 per annum.

Cllr Hibben **PROPOSED** to set the 2018-19 precept at £19850; **SECONDED** by Cllr Burgess: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

10. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no reports from members.

11. HIGHWAYS

i. To consider speed humps in parish

Cllr Davison said that the speed humps in other areas are higher than the ones in Tunstall Road, which do not seem to be effective in slowing down the traffic as many vehicles are able to straddle the humps with no effect.

Cllr Burgess said it would be an expensive project and the Parish Council may have to pay.

Cllr Cook said the matter could be raised with KCC Highways and a meeting could be arranged in March.

ii. To receive an update

Cllr Hibben reported she had emailed Katheryn Moreton, KCC Highways, on 19 December regarding the work at Coffin Pond and had emailed again on 27 December but had had no response.

KCCllr Wright has confirmed he has contacted officers regarding the excess signage in the parish.

ACTION: Clerk to forward any response from KCCllr Wright to Councillors.

Cllr Hibben said there is currently gas main work being carried out in Hearts Delight Road area, some residents have received letters suggesting a diversion through Doves Croft.

Cllr Cook thanked Cllr Hibben for her report.

12. FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report.

13. ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Cook informed members that a salt bin for Cromers Corner has been requested.

14. MAY FAYRE 2018

Cllr Cook said that at the January 2017 meeting it was suggested that the Council waited to see what the parish does for May Day and that the school should be involved with any event.

Cllr Harwood said the school has an event during the week and all the children are involved in it.

Cllr Cook said the Parish Council could run an event in addition to the school event and include the uniformed organisations. An event could be held in the village hall.

ACTION: Cllr Harwood to ask the School about the May pole.

Cllr Burgess said the Village Hall Committee could be contacted and hall users could be invited to join in.

Cllr Cook said the church should also be included in the event.

15. BATTLE'S OVER 2018

Cllr Burgess said a tree could be planted for the Centenary Commemorations.
Cllr Harwood said she would ask the school if they have anything planned.

16. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cllr Harwood said a mission statement was going to be included in the newsletter but the Council's objectives have now changed. It was agreed that the newsletter should be kept in the usual format for this edition.

17. KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS 2018

As no nominations had been received it was agreed not to participate in the KALC Community Award 2018.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 05.12.17: Cllr Bowles's newsletter.
2. 08.12.17: KALC SAC agenda and papers for the next Swale Area Committee meeting on 11 December 2017.
3. 08.12.17: SBC Joint Transportation Board agenda and papers.
4. 11.12.17: KALC Cancellation of Swale Area Committee meeting.
5. 12.12.17: KALC Parish news.
6. 14.12.17: SBC Rural Crime Training, Monday 29 January 2018.
7. 18.12.17: The Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at Canterbury Cathedral
8. 18.12.17: KALC AGM draft minutes- circulated
9. 22.12.17: Faversham and District Engagement Forum Tuesday 9 January 2018.
10. 27.12.17: SBCllr Bonney regarding the land South of Sittingbourne.
11. 29.12.17: Quinn Estates- request for meeting with Councillors regarding the Land South and East of Sittingbourne EIA Scoping Submission.

Cllr Burgess said that the council should not agree to meet a developer in private and should decline the offer of a meeting.

19. ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Burgess asked if there has been any further correspondence from Kent Highways regarding the planter.

The Clerk said she has not has any further communication.

Cllr Hibben said it was agreed for the memorials to be in place in January and the site in Sterling Road needs to be tidied up.

ACTION 1: Clerk to ask litter picker to clear the site.

ACTION 2: Clerk to ascertain details of the work in Sterling Road.

Cllr Cook said the memorial plaque for Mr Panton can be arranged and the village hall committee and former Parish Councillors can be invited.

Cllr Harwood said that there are Speed Watch signs in Borden.

ACTION: Cllr Cook to ask whether signs can be erected in Tunstall.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 February 2018, 6.45 pm, Midwinter Room, St. John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings

Chairman

Date 5 February 2018