

## Chairman's Annual Report 2015/2016

On behalf of the Parish Council I welcome you all this evening and thank you for your interest in what is happening within our community.

I am saddened to report that Geraldine Taylor stood down after a number of years valuable service on the Parish Council and we wish her well with her other undertakings.

We welcome Matthew Gowen, Mrs Lucy Silovsky and Dr Julian Hill to the Parish Council.

Over the course of the year, the Parish Council have undertaken a number of small improvements to the life of the village, some of which have been initiated by residents, in the first place.

- A bench has been crafted by a local tradesman and installed on the edge of the playing field in memory of the men of Tunstall who fought and died during the first war 1914-1918.
- A see-saw has been installed on the Play park and other equipment has been updated and repaired as necessary.
- Three trees were planted within the area of the play park in the autumn, funded by Scattered Orchards Project from the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB
- The fence surrounding the play park has been repaired and extended.
- Roadside signs have been ordered for the Common on the Wantisden Road and the Orford Road.
- Direction signage for the Community Hall is under consideration and will be ordered as soon as possible.
- The Parish Council were about to order speed control signs (similar to the ones at Snape) but the German manufacturers have withdrawn from the UK at present. As we have to use suppliers recommended by the Highways Department and there is only one supplier to choose, we are waiting for more information.
- A speed Gun is available from Rendlesham Parish Council but this has not been deployed as yet although residents have been trained in its use.

Flooding in parts of Tunstall continues to exercise the Parish Council. Ditches have been cleared but may be in need of remedial work to keep them clear. Gullies and drains have been cleared although there is some concern about how efficient this work has been. The drainage pit beside the bus shelter is imminently due to be cleaned out and pipework realigned to correct the fall from one section of drainage pipe to the next.

Broadband speeds and in some cases, access to the service, is a concern for residents in Tunstall. Although some residents have better speeds than others, speeds are still slow. Cllr Hill has been closely following discussions on this subject I thank him for his tenacity on behalf of residents.

I would like thank my fellow Councillors for their support and for the work they have undertaken over the course of the year. I thank Judi Hallett, our Clerk to the Parish council for giving clear and unambiguous guidance and keeping me, generally, on track.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has contributed to the life of the village, and especially the small and enthusiastic team who plant and nurture the planters at the entrances to the village.

Stephen Saunders.  
Chairman,  
Tunstall Parish Council.

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