

- Cnty. Cllr. Reid reported on the following items: Devolution – the consultation is officially closed but comments still welcome, ‘Raising the Bar Community Fund’ for extracurricular education lessons, a pilot for adopting a Post Office, The Community Transport contract and a public meeting on 13th September and road markings.

5. To agree minutes of meetings dated 16th August 2016

All Councillors were in agreement that these were an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr. Hill proposed and Cllr. Silovsky seconded that they should be signed.

6. Planning:

- a) To discuss and agree response to the following Applications received:
- There were no planning applications to discuss

7. Finance Matters:

- a. To review the accounts for July and August 2016:

Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Hill agreed to check the bank statements and Building Society Books against the accounts sheet previously sent to all Councillors. The total in the Tunstall Common Fund had been misquoted on the agenda and was confirmed (see f. below).

Cllr. Ross commented that the first payment from Natural England had still not been received. He suggested this was left until the end of September and then chased. A favourable report had recently been received from Matthew Ginn (Natural England) and this could be quoted if payment was queried at all.

- b. To discuss a grant application for Old School House Nursery in Eyke (£150.00):

Due to the nursery being a private eternity a donation did not meet the Grants Awards Policy now held by the Council. The Clerk was asked to write to inform the nursery that a grant would not be possible but that we could help with advertising their fund raising events.

- c. Invoices for Payment:

i. J Hallett (Clerk) – Office + mileage expenses	£266.12
ii. Ipswich Borough Council (Goal Post move and new nets)	£334.32

The above payments were proposed by Cllr. Hill, seconded by Cllr. Silovsky, all Councillors in favour; cheques were signed by Cllr. Morgan and Cllr. Silovsky.

- d. To note payments made since last meeting:

i. None

- e. To note payments received since last meeting:

i. None

- f. Bank Balances as at 31st August 2016:

i. Barclays Bank (Current Account)	£5,066.52
ii. IBS (Tunstall Parish Council)	£10,681.52
iii. IBS (Tunstall Common Fund)	£25,755.63

Action: Clerk

Chairman’s initials:

8. To receive the Clerk's report and items arising from the last minutes not covered elsewhere:

- a) To discuss proposal from Ms S Corbett and Ms D Pickard to hold a Fireworks party and bonfire on 5th November as a village celebration; using the £200 granted by SCDC for the Queen's 90th Birthday:

Councillors discussed this request and agreed that, as long as the correct precautions and safety measures were taken, they would support it and allow the £200 grant received from SCDC to be used towards the cost of the fireworks. The Clerk agreed to work closely with the organising committee.

- b) To receive update on the OneSuffolk Web Site from the Clerk:

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received that afternoon, notifying that the OneSuffolk website facility was being transferred from SCC to Community Action Suffolk. As a result, an annual charge will now be made for the facility (£50 for Parish Councils). After discussion Councillors agreed that the Council would be hard pushed to find another platform for an annual fee of £50 and so agreed to accept this charge

Action: Clerk

9. Highways:

- a. To receive an update on the purchase of Speed Indicator Device:

The Clerk reported that SCC had put in place a new procedure to try to speed up the process. It was likely that the poles would be in place in the next 4 to 6 weeks (with the exact position being determined by the site engineer based on safety and effectiveness). The Clerk agreed to obtain the latest list of recommended manufacturers from SCC and prepare a paper showing different models, for discussion.

- b. To receive updates on Highways matters: 3 signs at Tunstall Common and 'Tunstall Community Centre' signs:

- Tunstall Common – This request had only recently gone to SCC so the Clerk was asked to chase if nothing was heard after a few weeks.
- Community Centre Signs – This order had now been placed and Cllr. Reid had agreed to fund them.

- c. To discuss placing of incorrectly sized pipes in the Green Man Pond overflow by contractors:

Cllr. Smith suggested that the installers of the Green Man Pond overflow system should return to reinstall the correct size pipe, as per the agreed contract with SCC. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to SCC suggesting this, for all to agree before it was sent.

- d. To discuss request from resident for 'Not suitable for HGV's' sign at either end of Mill Lane:

The Clerk advised Council that she had received a letter from a resident of Mill Lane, Tunstall Common, advising that large HGV's were using Mill Lane as a short cut. Council asked the Clerk to speak to SCC Highways to request suitable signage.

Action: Clerk

10. Tunstall Forest – to receive an update from Cllrs. Ross and Saunders as to the meeting held with the Forestry Commission (immediately before this meeting) regarding the future plans for Tunstall Forest:

All Councillors commented that the presentation by The Forestry Commission had been very informative and reassuring. It was acknowledged that the open spaces may change but that the overall acreage of space would stay the same, just perhaps in a different place. It was also good to discuss past work that had caused concern (such as the erection of a fence) and to discuss ways of how the Parish Council and FC could work together on communications. The Clerk was asked to write to thank the FC for their attendance.

11. Community Centre:

- a) Report from Cllr. Saunders with regard to work to improve the Community Centre – Cllr. Saunders reported Cllr. Ray Herring had offered £500 to help with refurbishment of the hall Committee Room and he would speak to the other Committee members about organising this.
- b) To receive a report on the work carried out by the Community Payback Team – The Clerk reported that the work done by the Community Payback Team was magnificent and the bus shelter looked much better. Council agreed that a suitable external notice board could now be purchased, up to the value of £70.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk left the meeting

12. Clerk:

- a. To discuss the Clerk’s request for the Council to consider enrolment in to the Local Government Pension Scheme or other Pension provision – [Words supplied by Cllr Saunders]: “The PC propose that we support the provision of a contributory pension for our Clerk, Judi Hallett. A future PC meeting will agree on the % of financial contribution the PC are prepared to support”. Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Morgan and agreed, with one against. It was also suggested that whatever the % agreed should not set a precedent for future Clerks and in any event they would have a new contract of employment.

The Clerk re-joined the meeting

13. To receive agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Next Meeting

The Clerk requested all new agenda items should be passed to her within seven working days of the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 9th November 2016. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

Judi Hallett
Clerk to Tunstall Parish Council

Chairman’s initials: