

Minutes of Tunstall Parish Council Meeting

Held on 14th March 2024 ~ 6.00pm

Tunstall Community Hall

Members

Cllr. Karol Silovsky
Cllr. Oliver Morgan
Cllr. Lesley Cresswell

Cllr. Kevin Ross
Cllr. Ben French
Cllr. Neil Gilbert

Cllr. David Broomfield
Cllr. Patrick Spencer

Present

Cllr. Karol Silovsky
Cllr. Kevin Ross
Cllr. Lesley Cresswell

Cllr. Oliver Morgan
Cllr. Patrick Spencer

Cllr. Ben French
Cllr. Neil Gilbert

Attendees

Cllr. Andrew Reid (County Councillor)
Tiffany Pollock (Clerk)
Cllr. Tim Wilson (District Councillor)
16 members of the public

1. To receive Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Broomfield (personal commitment), these apologies were accepted by all.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest and any Applications for dispensation on Agenda Items (either pecuniary or non-pecuniary)

Cllr. Silovsky declared that he is a Trustee of Tunstall Community Hall and a member of St Michaels and All Angels Parochial Church Council.

Cllr. Morgan declared an interest in planning applications DC/24/0621/FUL and DC/24/0633/OUT as a neighbouring landowner.

3. Public Participation (15 Minutes Maximum) – To receive:

a. Reports or comment from any member of the public

Cllr. Silovsky welcomed all members of the public to the meeting.

With permission from the Chairman and members of the public present, Cllr. Morgan gave a summary of concerns and objections that residents have for planning applications DC/24/0621/FUL and DC/24/0633/OUT.

DC/24/0621/FUL – if this application was granted, residents fear that the area could become developed.

DC/24/0633/OUT – residents have concerns and objections which are similar to the previous planning application for bungalows (DC/23/2156/OUT).

Chair's initials:

This application is outside the settlement boundary and does not fit within the cluster policy. Rose Lane (off Mill Lane) is not a public right of way therefore it is not a qualifying road; the road is very narrow and unsuitable.

Plans to widen the road are a concern and may offer the opportunity for further unwanted development. Mill Lane is a designated quiet lane, there are no lights, Tunstall Common is within the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and this application is near a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) site. This development would make a negative impact upon the environment.

As we have already seen from Storm Babet Tunstall Common suffered from severe flooding, with one resident needing to be evacuated. Any further hand standing development within this area would cause further problems to an existing issue. This application is totally inappropriate for the area and is not needed, there is already enough development locally in Rendlesham.

Cllr. Morgan was thanked for his brief summary.

A member of the public insisted that the applicant had been in discussion with the Baptist Chapel as this application would impact upon them, the Baptist Chapel must have been offered something for this.

A member of the public stated that The Baptist Chapel wants to move from Tunstall Common. This application would cause traffic hazards, will there be a car park at the rear of the Chapel? If this application was granted this could be the first step to something bigger.

A member of the public questioned if the proposed development will be connected to the main sewage and how can the applicant propose to widen the lanes if this involves third party land? There are many questions with no one here to answer them.

Members of the public briefly discussed ownership of Rose Lane and questioned if this did belong to the Baptist Chapel, although it is understood that the Council have not adopted the lane.

A member of the public stated that there had been disagreements with the Baptist Chapel with regards to Rose Lane and the right of way.

Members of the public feel that there has been a lack of community consultation from the applicant and the Baptist Chapel.

A member of the public feels that the application is outrageous, the Baptist Chapel are not community spirited and they are wanting all the funds possible to destroy the small community at Tunstall Common.

Cllr. Morgan noted that there had been 10 objections to this application so far.

Cllr. Silovsky reminded members of the public that if they wish to object to this application this will need to be done directly to East Suffolk Council. Cllr. Silovsky thanked all members of the public for their attendance.

b. Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr. Reid gave a short introduction and gave a summary of his report.

Cllr. Reid asked the Clerk to confirm an earlier discussion she had with Amanda Mays (SCC Drainage).

The Clerk stated that she had spoken to Amanda Mays with regards to the wall being hit on the corner of Orford/Woodbridge Road. Amanda has offered reassurance that the design team will be working on plans for the drainage from the Green Man Pond. It is likely that the preferred route for new drainage pipes would be via Kings Arms Yard, however the wall at the corner may still be considered.

4. To agree Minutes of meeting dated 20th February 2024

Cllr. French proposed the minutes to be adopted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Morgan and all Councillors were in agreement.

5. Planning

a. To discuss and agree response to the following Applications received:

- DC/24/0621/FUL Proposal: Change of use of land from paddock to domestic curtilage. Site address: Rose Cottage, The Common, Tunstall, Woodbridge, IP12 2JR.

Comments: If this application was granted there would be a risk of further development.

Conclusion: **Objection**, proposed by Cllr. Silovsky, seconded by Cllr. French. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk will send the response to the planning department.

- DC/24/0633/OUT Proposal: Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) – Outline planning application for up to two dwellings and access with all other matters reserved. Site address: Land at Tunstall Common, The Common, Tunstall, Suffolk.

Comments: There should be no further development on the peninsular, there are real issues with volumes of traffic.

Creeping development, we need to stand up for our countryside.

There is a housing crisis however this needs to be addressed in places such as Ipswich, using brownfield sites. Councillors agreed with the summary provided by Cllr. Morgan.

Conclusion: **Objection**, proposed by Cllr. French, seconded by Cllr. Ross. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk will send the response to the planning department.

- DC/24/0741/FUL Proposal: Removal of thatch, replacement with clay pantiles, new bargeboards, fascia's and caps. Site address: Thatched Cottages, Blaxhall Church Road, Tunstall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 2DD.

Comments: I am in favour of this as thatched roofs are a fire risk.

Conclusion: **No Objection**, proposed by Cllr. Ross, seconded by Cllr. Morgan. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk will send the response to the planning department.

b. Any other applications forthcoming or planning matters:

The following application had been received after publication of the agenda:

- DC/24/0812/FUL Construction of single storey rear extension with flat roof (following removal of existing conservatory). Site address: 2 The Fields, Tunstall, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 2HZ

Conclusion: **No Objection**, proposed by Cllr. French, seconded by Cllr. Silovsky. All Councillors in agreement. The Clerk will send the response to the planning department.

6. Highways

a) To receive an update for ongoing flooding issues

Cllr. Morgan gave a short update and advised Councillors that he will be attending a meeting on Monday with Cllr. Broomfield, landowners and a resident. This will be to discuss various locations within Tunstall which are prone to flooding and to try find appropriate resolutions. It was noted that soil structure is an issue and that stone had been removed from the land. It was suggested that the resident who had created new ditches on School Road heading towards Blaxhall was approach for their input. A further update will be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

7. To review and discuss Action Log

- **Flooding – The Clerk will continue to chase East Suffolk Planning for a response from the letter highlighting the flooding on School Road next to Alde House. This has been copied to Cllr. Wilson for assistance.**

No further update.

- **Highways – speeding on Woodbridge Road, estimate of costs for the bend on Orford Road**

No further update.

- **Additional post for the SID at Snape Maltings – Decision on exact location to be made, Clerk has contacted the Police for locations**

No further update.

Clerk to add the Quiet Lanes sign to the action log.

8. Recreation Ground/Community Hall:

a. To receive update of the Community Hall Charity/Committee

Cllr. Silovsky stated that the Clerk has contacted the fencing contractor who will install the fence once the ground is drier, the contractor has agreed to hold the quoted cost if the old fence is removed and disposed of. The Clerk will arrange for the fence to be removed.

Cllr. Silovsky advised that there have been some issues with booking the MUGA and that the hall is having re-decoration works.

b. To discuss quote for annual play inspection for 2024

The Clerk reminded Councillors that inspections of the children’s play area are organised and paid for by the Parish Council as per the management agreement.

The quote for the annual inspection for the children’s play area had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting (£120), this was accepted by all, proposed by Cllr. Silovsky and seconded by Cllr. Cresswell.

9. To discuss developing a Neighbourhood plan for Tunstall

Cllr. Silovsky outlined the neighbourhood plan, Cllr. Tim Wilson explained that making a plan is a huge task and can cost up to £14,000, however most of this cost can be covered by grants. Some plans take up to three years to prepare and they are difficult for East Suffolk Council to object to. Cllr. Wilson is happy to support Tunstall with this and SALC may be able to assist.

Councillors agreed that this would be an ideal opportunity to enhance and provide improvement to the village. There is an opportunity to be flexible with a realistic approach.

All Councillors agreed that a neighbourhood plan should be developed, this was proposed by Cllr. Gilbert and seconded by Cllr. Cresswell.

Cllr. Wilson agreed to provide an application form.

10. Tunstall Common/Forest

a. To receive update from Cllr. Ross for Tunstall Common/Forest

No further updates, Cllr. Ross will be mowing before April as well as spraying the birch stumps.

11. Finance Matters:

a. **To receive Accounts as of 29th February 2024**

The Clerk advised Councillors that the bank statement for February had not arrived in time for the meeting.

b. **To discuss moving banking arrangements online**

The Clerk has contacted Lloyds bank who are accepting new applications for parish council accounts and has the application form. Councillors agreed that the Clerk could complete the application, this was proposed by Cllr. Morgan and seconded by Cllr. Spencer.

c. **To authorise the following invoices for payment:**

i. SALC (end of year training) £36.00

d. **To note Payments made since last meeting:**

i. None

Chair’s initials:

e. To note Payments received since last meeting:

i. *None*

f. To note Bank Balances as of 29th February 2024:

i. Barclays Bank (Current Account)	£tbc
ii. Suffolk BS (Tunstall Parish Council)	£6,663.31
iii. Suffolk BS (Tunstall Common Fund)	£80,089.86
iv. Natwest (MUGA Account)	£tbc

12. Documentation – to review and accept where appropriate:

- Risk Assessment – Financial
- Risk Assessment – Non-Financial
- Risk Assessment – Catchment Pit
- Asset Register

Cllr. Silovsky proposed that all the above documentation was accepted by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Morgan, all Councillors in agreement.

13. Meetings – To receive agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Meetings.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16th May at 6pm in Tunstall Community Hall followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to invite representatives from Grace Church, St Michaels and All Angels Church and the Community Police Officer to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed 7.40pm.

Signed:

Date:

Cllr. Karol Silovsky, Chair

Tiffany Pollock

Clerk to Tunstall Parish Council

Chair’s initials: