

**Minutes of the Meeting of Tunstead and Sco-Ruston Parish Council held at the Horse & Groom
on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7:30pm.**

Present: Chris Oakes, Chairman
Rob Hetherington
Julie North
Neil Coston
Robert Cole
Tim Place
Jimmy Miller, Clerk

Also present: One member of the public and Nigel Dixon.

1 Public Forum –15 minutes for comments from members of the public

TPC were informed that TVH's work with their solicitor is now complete so that TPC can set up as sole trustee for the village hall and recreation ground. TPC were informed that the constitution for the organisation running the village hall and recreation ground doesn't need to be amended according to their solicitor.

TVH has a public meeting at 7:30 on 8th April in the “village hall” to discuss their plans.

2 Report from Nigel Dixon, NNDC

Nigel gave an update on local government re-organisation.

A question was raised regarding the “Tunstead Nursery”. The Clerk will contact NNDC to see what is happening regarding the potential planning breach.

3 Report from Norfolk Constabulary

None.

4 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Powell and Foulds.

5 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

None.

6 To approve minutes of 18th February 2025

Cllr North proposed approving the minutes; seconded by Cllr Hetherington; unanimous decision in favour.

7 To receive and note the Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

The Clerk will contact Network Rail to see if TPC can get their data from their traffic measuring equipment by the level crossing.

8) Planning

Cllr Hetherington mentioned that there had been an application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a property called Kismet on Market Street. On the application form it stated that work has not commenced but, in fact, work has progressed significantly. TPC was concerned about where the surface

water would be going. The Clerk will contact NNDC regarding this.

Cllr Hetherington also spoke about NNDC classifying Tunstead as a “growth village” even though there is a lack of amenities in the Parish. He said that NNDC appear to be very keen to classify things in the Parish to enable it to be classified as a “growth village”, such as classifying the village hall as a fully functioning village hall, even though it is far from that.

a) Applications received

None

b) Applications received since 13th March 2025

None.

(c) Planning decisions

None

(d) Planning Decisions received since 13th March 2025

None

9 Correspondence – To consider and respond to the following correspondence:

Correspondence list to be issued

An e-mail from a parishioner regarding the Church Lane level crossing and the possibility of opening it was discussed. The Clerk will forward the contents of the e-mail to Network Rail for a response.

10 Finance

- a) To note Bank Reconciliations
- b) To note Accounts

Cllr Cole proposed that the bank recs and accounts be approved; seconded by Cllr North; unanimous decision in favour.

- c) To approve items for payment:

Payee	Item	Amount
J. Miller	Salary for March 2025	£249.28
J. Miller	Home office March 2025	£13.00
J. Miller	Mileage (meeting March 2025)	£15.30
CC Planning	Neighbourhood plan support (invoices 0710, 0711, 0712, 0713, 0715, 0716)	£6,936.00
Tunstead Village Hall	Grass cutting	£720.00

Cllr Cole proposed that the items be paid; seconded by Cllr North; unanimous decision in favour.

- d) To approve payment of invoices received since 13th March 2025
- None.

11 Signatories on Santander account and Barclays account

To add signatories to accounts

FINAL

Cllr Hetherington proposed to close Santander account; Cllr Cole seconded; unanimous decision in favour.

12 To subscribe to Norfolk ALC, 2025-26

A discussion took place regarding the changes that have recently taken place at Norfolk ALC. Cllr Place proposed that TPC not rejoin for the year 2025-26; seconded by Cllr Coston; unanimous decision in favour.

13 Tunstead Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Nothing was mentioned here.

14 To review and update standing orders and financial regulations

It was agreed to put this on the agenda in May.

15 Flooding and drainage

Nothing was mentioned here.

16 Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing was mentioned here.

17 Agenda items for meeting in May 2025

Standing orders and financial regulations.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 20th May 2025