

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting of Tunstead and Sco-Ruston Parish Council held at the Horse & Groom, Tunstead on Thursday 26th March 2026 at 6:30pm.

Present: Chris Oakes, Chairman
Rob Hetherington
Gilly Foulds
Nick Nelson
Rob Cole (*from 19:06*)
Jimmy Miller, Clerk (*remotely*)

Also present: Louise Cornell from *Collective Community Planning*.

The meeting started at 18:42.

1 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Powell, Place, North, and Coston, and Nigel Dixon. The apologies were accepted.

2 Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations

None.

3 To review responses received by the council to the consultation regarding Tunstead and Sco Ruston Neighbourhood Plan and determine the council's views on including them in the Neighbourhood Plan and if so how.

Louise Cornell said that residents and other stakeholders had responded to the draft plan. She said that the responses did not propose any changes that fundamentally change the Plan but it was more a case that they provided more clarity.

The proposed changes were discussed. After the discussion, Cllr Hetherington proposed to accept the revisions and allow the Plan to go forward to the next stage; seconded by Cllr Nelson; unanimous decision in favour.

4 To agree a proposal for the council to purchase the storage container currently based at the recreation ground instead of continuing to pay monthly loan fees.

Cllr Hetherington proposed to agree to purchase the storage container; seconded by Cllr Oakes; unanimous decision in favour.

5 To discuss a proposal to make an interim interest free loan to Tunstead Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity of £1,500 to be repaid within 6 months to cover costs arising until new banking arrangements are established.

Cllr Hetherington proposed that TPC loan Tunstead Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity to be repaid within 6 months; seconded by Cllr Foulds; unanimous decision in favour.

Meeting closed at 7:28pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 21st April 2026