

The TPC continues to work hard with all volunteer councilors on behalf of the Tunstall parish community.

The highways department are now involved with Tunstall, trying to help to prevent future flooding in the village and have been doing investigative work as well as some fixes to the poor maintenance of the pipes, gullies and soak aways.

New plans for rerouting and/or bypassing the inadequate and broken pipes are being followed.

There has been an increased frequency of cleaning the gullies to facilitate this process as well.

Cllr's Broomfield and Morgan have taken a lead in following up the developments and are in constant liaison with the highways, to make sure that Tunstall does not slip from their agenda and priority. There have been promises of scheduled works starting this summer, to finalize the solutions necessary to alleviate future problems.

Huge thanks to all in the community who were very proactive in helping during this time and the community volunteers who have stepped forward to offer assistance should a flooding event occur in the future. Residents may be aware that there are now two emergency pumps to aid in case of flooding threat (one in Tunstall and one at the common), and training and instruction on how to operate these has been enabled.

Vigilance and reporting of problems to Highways agency via the online tool is still necessary.

Highways Agency acknowledge now, that when a major disaster like flooding occurs, they will be spread too thinly and will consider provide warning signs to parishes to employ during emergencies (providing health and safety rules are observed, e.g. Hi-Viz attire).

It is with frustration that we observe speeding vehicles and vehicle positioning causing issues especially at the B1069 and B1074 junction, and the recurring damage to the wall around the cottages opposite the School Road junction. The Planners and Highways have now allowed the owners to consider moving the wall inwards, to lessen the likelihood of being hit on the corner of this junction.

There are also speeding drivers near Blaxhall Road and Snape Road near Dunningworth, and there is a local working party looking into possible traffic calming measures.

The speed watch group and the speed display group are established, and we will be seeing more of them during the summer.

It is important for all to be sensible in and around our village, as the traffic congestion and size of the vehicles is increasing due to local infrastructure being built (probably for the next decade or so!).

Residents are reminded that due to the government's call for increased housing numbers, TPC devised and sent around a questionnaire (hand delivered to all the houses in the parish by volunteers). The deadline for completing this is before the end of the month, and I would like to urge all parishioners to complete this, so we can have some good meaningful numbers to present to SCC when needed.

The local elections are tomorrow, and most of the individuals standing in these elections are aware about the issues of flooding/speeding/safety/building of houses and infrastructure/and communication including road signage!)

The Tunstall Hall committee have been working hard with the hall upkeep, there is now access from the outside to separate toilets, when the hall is being used, or closed. Please see the Tunstall Hall Committee's web site on how to book the hall and the MUGA, as even though MUGA is free to residents, the time needs to be booked in advance to prevent any double booking.

The play equipment will be updated before the summer, and we hope to update and replace the broken benches with something that may weather the elements better.

I would like to thank the THC trustees, especially Carol, who has streamlined the booking system and keeps it operational and well supervised, and Steven, who keeps an eye on things and arranges any fixes needed. Also, Mandy looks after the inside of the TCH, keeping it clean and making sure any defects are flagged up to be fixed ASAP. If there are any volunteers that would like to help with running the TH, please come forward, as the committee members would appreciate any help and involvement.

St Michael's and All Angels is now a festival church, which means that it has services on high days and holidays, but is well liked and supported by a huge group of volunteers, who meet regularly to keep the grounds and inside of the church tidy and presentable.

This is due to the plea from the PCC secretary Sarah, who galvanized and mobilized interest in helping by articles in the Tunstall Bulletin. It is a great social occasion when the volunteers come together to cut the grass and tidy in and around the church, whether in small or large groups. Rev Mandy has helped and presided over "Café" church services, which are more informal and enjoyable get-togethers.

Please look at the events calendar and Tunstall Bulletin and Grapevine to see when the next services will be.

Consider also joining the Save Tunstall Church WhatsApp group, to find out when the working parties are meeting.

The quinquennial report by the architect is due any day now. This will highlight the state of the church building and essential repairs needed to keep the church in safe and weatherproof condition, but it all costs money and the PCC are applying for grants and trying to raise funds for essential repairs.

TPC is working hard for the benefit of all Tunstall residents, and All Councilors are volunteers.

Any resident is welcome to come and get involved, and be co-opted onto the council as vacancies become available, so please consider joining and getting involved.

The Parish Council are approachable and welcome members of public to attend any TPC meetings to observe, bring queries or observations to the 15-minute public participation slot at the start of every meeting.

Information about the meetings, including dates, agendas and minutes, are displayed on the website. Dates of upcoming meetings are also published in the Tunstall Bulletin.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our village volunteers, for delivering the Tunstall Bulletin, cleaning the churchyard, managing our community assets, helping and supporting each other, without all of your time and effort this would not be possible.

Above all I would like to thank our parish clerk Tiffany Pollock, without whose help the council could not function. She is the driving force behind all of us, making sure that nothing is forgotten and everything is addressed, even though sometimes parishioners may approach her with some conundrums which are not in her capacity to solve, or outside of her role.

We as the councilors try not to impose on her too much (sometimes without success!), and the complexity and number of issues she (and we!) is evergrowing. Let's continue to work together and keep our community spirit alive.