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TATTINGSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 26 May 2022, 7.30pm held at Tattingsstone Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr D Wood, S Keys (Clerk) and 9 members of the public

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr D Wood

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from County Councillor Simon Harley, Parish Councillors Denise Hawes and Andrea Mendel, Jane Kirk (Village Recorder) and Theresa Vinnicombe (Tattingsstone Primary School)

2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr Wood welcomed all present to the meeting.

3. PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and Clerk for all of their hard work in the day to day functioning of the Council. Whilst on the subject of the Clerk, earlier this year our previous Clerk Jane Connell-Smith decided to hang up her boots and take a well-earned retirement. My thanks to Jane for all of her hard work and dedication. Her boots were filled by Sarah Keys who is also the Clerk for Brantham Parish Council so she was able to hit the field running and bought with her a wealth of experience.

As a council we had our last virtual meeting via Zoom in May 2021 and were able to commence meeting in the Village Hall once again from June 2021.

During the course of the year under the guidance of Councillor Hawes a working group was set up to discuss the viability of a village shop. My grateful thanks to all of the hard work her gallant band of volunteers under guidance of Andy Airey. Unfortunately some of their findings caused some controversy with the village but hopefully that can be overcome.

We also started preparation for a Neighbourhood Plan under the leadership of Councillor Mendel. An enthusiastic band of volunteers have been gathered and the project is well underway. All of the village has had the chance to complete a survey either online or a hard copy, the findings of which have now been entered into a draft report which will be used to guide the text of the plan. Interesting as part of this survey a greater majority of those completing the report were in favour of the Church hosting a village shop. There will be another open day later in the year when the findings of the survey will be up for discussion regards the way forward.

Anglian Water decided to introduce payment and display machines in the three car parks in Tattingsstone during the course of the year, something that has proved to be fairly controversial to say the least. As a result we have witnessed many parking fines issued to those parking illegally on the clearway, whilst the rest of the village has become a car park for those visiting Alton Water resulting in several complaints being received by the Parish Council, unfortunately there is very little we can do and anything we might say to Anglian Water falls on deaf ears. The village can become quite gridlocked at times especially at school drop off and pick up times.

The Parish Council awarded the village Hall a sizeable grant this year towards work it has carried out, we also received our first CIL payment from Babergh District Council. This has to be spent within the next five years so we will be seeking ideas.

The day to day work of the Parish Council continues dealing with planning applications and routine requests. We also host a litter picking event annually and a gallant band of volunteers also pick as and when. Speedwatch also continues to function and the SID is well used in various parts of the village with the intention of slowing down traffic.

Just a reminder that the Parish Council meets on the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is a meeting held in public and everyone is welcome to attend. There is a spot on the agenda where the public can ask questions so please come along.

Thank you.

CLlr Dave Wood

Chairman

Tattingstone Parish Council

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Harley provided the following report by email:

In May 2021 GLI Group becomes Official Opposition

Since last year's County Council Elections, the Suffolk Green Liberal Democrat & Independent Group have been tasked with trying to hold the Conservative administration to account. The Conservatives having a strong majority with 55 seats out of 75, but we have been able to bring forward questions & motions throughout the year and challenge them to do the best for Suffolk.

Annual Budget Meeting: GLI Amendments Declined

Suffolk County Council voted in their budget for 2022-23. Our Group were concerned that the budget relied too heavily on transformation savings, and that the Conservative's did not take the maximum social care precept to fund adult care allowed by Government.

Suffolk GLI Group highlighted the need to invest more in adult social care, as well as an innovative project to reduce the energy bills of those most vulnerable, considering the current energy and cost of living crisis. Both ideas were rejected by the Conservatives, but our Group will continue to champion more investment into our social care and green technology that can lower bills.

No Carbon Budget for Scrutiny

Conservatives brought forward the first Carbon Budget for Suffolk, but it wasn't part of the main budget so wasn't put through the Scrutiny process in the same way. The Carbon Budget is aimed to help us understand the level of emissions the Council are responsible for and helps to achieve the Council's ambition of being carbon-neutral by 2030. It is important the Carbon Budget is scrutinised, as there are many issues with data collection and performance measures that weren't addressed. Our Group raised concerns about this and has been assured that this will form part of the general budget process for next year.

Levelling Up: A Devolution Deal for Suffolk?

The Government published its White Paper on Levelling-Up, within which it has agreed that Suffolk will be one of nine initial 'County Deals' up for negotiation. A new deal will potentially give local leaders more powers to make decisions for their communities for the first time. Our Group welcomes the idea of bringing more power to the communities of Suffolk. However, we are concerned about a potential Mayoral position created in Suffolk and the effect this may have on marginalising districts in Suffolk.

Report into SEND Provision: Review & Recommendations

Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision. The report found severe failings in the delivery of Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plans for children, serious issues in communicating with parent/guardians, as well as an inefficient work environment within the service.

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The scrutiny committee have met since the report to listen to lead officers within the service and parents, debate necessary changes, and submit recommendations for improvement. This included extended training, newly appointed managerial posts, and new accountability structures to help deal with the issues outlined in the previous report.

Bus Back Better: Initiative from the Department for Transport (DfT)

The Bus Back Better scheme was launched this year, aimed at updating, expanding, and improving our bus services in Great Britain. The Cabinet at Suffolk County Council approved a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submitted to Government, while Suffolk County Council still wait for DfT to confirm the final funding. However we have recently been told that the budget for this scheme has been significantly cut by the government. All proposals of the BSIP that were passed by Cabinet can be viewed here: [https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=\(12-10-2021\),%20The%20Cabinet](https://committeeminutes.suffolk.gov.uk/DocSetPage.aspx?MeetingTitle=(12-10-2021),%20The%20Cabinet)

Biodiversity Recommendations to Enhance

Suffolk County Council will be doing more for the county's natural environment, as it confirmed plans to enhance the biodiversity of at least 30% of its land by 2030. Our Group had a major influence in providing recommendations to SCC which are now a part of the Council's ambitions moving forward to enhance biodiversity. Examples include planting more hedgerows, improving highway trees, and developing nature-based flood management solutions. For more information, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/councils-commitment-to-further-enhancing-suffolks-natural-environment>

Sizewell C: Where are we now?

Our Group has asked searching questions regarding this project, arguing the environmental and socio-economic impacts on local communities are far too great. The Government announced their strategy to retain investors, by shifting the costs of Sizewell C onto consumers, in the form of a taxpayer subsidy known as a 'Regulated Asset Base' funding strategy.

Our Group rejected this strategy, and strongly recommended that the Government reconsiders before it puts the burden of cost onto our local communities, and instead looks into investing in cleaner, cheaper, safer and quicker forms of renewable energy available to Suffolk. Suffolk County Council have announced their general support for Sizewell C but have taken up 'important concerns' to the Secretary of State.

New Investment in Drainage and Footway Infrastructure

The Cabinet approved £10m to replace broken pipes and new installations, as well as an additional £10m to increase the maintenance of selected footways in Suffolk.

Lorry Route Map Review in Suffolk: Interactive Map to be Published

Suffolk County Council undertook a review of recommended lorry routes across the county; the first major review of the network since 2011. Suffolk County Council invited parish and town councils for their views, and to provide up to three routes where they believe HGV traffic has the highest impact on their communities. The review will be completed in Spring 2022 where the County Council plan to publish a new interactive Lorry Route map. For further information, please contact lorry.routes@suffolk.gov.uk,

Local Electricity Bill: Suffolk GLI Motion Passed by Council

A motion submitted by our Group ask Suffolk County Council to support the Local Electricity Bill, which is a proposed Bill waiting to be debated in Parliament for its Second Reading, was passed unanimously by the Council. The Bill seeks to localise energy supply, making local electricity cheaper, more reliable, and community based. Details of the motion and Local Electricity Bill can be found here: <https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-briefing-for-councillors>

Councillor's Locality Budget:

County Councillors have a Locality Budget through which they can make recommendations to Suffolk County Council to put funds towards local projects.

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In the last year I have recommended funding for a number of projects across the Peninsula including: Lantra training for power tools, play equipment, speed indicator devices, bench seats, village hall projectors, Repair Café equipment, defibrillator training and a Community Shop venture. Other projects in the pipeline include helping local students with a mental health project.

If you are involved in similar local projects this coming year, and would like to be considered for a grant, please let me know.

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Website - Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council (suffolkgli.wordpress.com)

Annual Report to Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

District Councillor Gould provided the following report by email:

Ward news

I'm sure you're all busy in your villages preparing for the annual meetings; I will get to as many as I possibly can, this report is for your annual meetings as well as your regular Parish Council meetings. I have a new allocation of locality funds so if you have any parish projects you think I can help you with from my budget please let me know; I'm delighted to say that I allocated all of last years'.

Babergh Cabinet

On a personal note, I was pleased to be offered a seat on Babergh District Council Cabinet and have agreed to be the portfolio holder for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Travel. This is the first time a cabinet post has been held by a Green Party Councillor so I look forward to working with the officers and other cabinet members for the last year of this administration. I am, as ever, still available to residents in Orwell Ward for any local issues you may need help and support with. The east of the region is now represented on Cabinet by four of our Ward Councillors, myself, Mary McLaren, Dave Busby and Alastair McCraw. The new cabinet which was announced this week now looks like this-

- Cllr John Ward (Ind Con), leader and cabinet member for Economic Development
- Cllr Clive Arthey (Ind), deputy leader and cabinet member for Planning
- Cllr Dave Busby (Lib Dem), cabinet member for Finance, Assets and Investments
- Cllr Jane Gould (Green), cabinet member for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Transport
- Cllr Liz Malvisi (Ind), cabinet member for Environment
- Cllr Alastair McCraw (Ind), cabinet member for Customers, Digital Transformation & Improvement
- Cllr Mary McLaren (Ind Con), cabinet member for Communities & Wellbeing
- Cllr Jan Osborne (Ind Con), cabinet member for Housing

Subsequent changes will be required to the makeup of all committees and there will be an update following Full Council later this month.

Compost giveaways

The waste team are running some compost giveaway events. Residents can head along to an event to claim two bags of free compost per vehicle, so they can grow delicious veggies and plants at home, supporting our biodiversity, and climate change ambitions by helping to tackle food waste.

- Saturday 7 May - 9am -12pm - Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye
- Sunday 8 May - 9am- 12pm - Morrisons Car Park, Hadleigh Community buildings

This information was in my newsletter last month but I thought it worth repeating; towns and parishes are being encouraged to sign up to a new initiative by Community Action Suffolk, capturing community buildings and village halls across Suffolk. The new website will showcase available facilities as well as putting village hall committees in touch with

each other to share ideas and support, this initiative might be useful to those of you who are working with community buildings in your parishes, it can feel quite lonely sometimes and the chance to network with others in the same position can be a good thing.

This month saw the full route for this year's Women's Tour revealed, which will travel through Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts on Monday 6 June. Some of the locations the world-class riders will race through include: Cattawade, Brantham, Holbrook, Stutton, Wherstead, Tattingstone, Capel St Mary, Bentley, Hadleigh, Bildeston, Stowmarket, Needham Market, Monksleigh, Brentleigh, Lavenham, Cockfield (home of the Cockfield Normans).

Women's Tour

Our communities team are encouraging community and cycling groups and schools along the route to show their support on the day. Please do also encourage your local residents to get involved and give the riders a cheer when they race through in June.

Rent increase notification letter error

Council rents are annually reviewed in April in line with central Government rent policy, and we are required to give our tenants 28 days' notice in writing. This year a 4.1% increase was agreed at the February council meetings from 4 April 2022. Unfortunately, we were advised by the mailing company on 11th April that due to an error on their part, 1050 Babergh tenants and 1334 Mid Suffolk tenants did not receive their rent increase notices. There is a financial impact for the Councils due to this error as we will not have been able to increase the rent for the affected tenancies, resulting in a loss of 9 weeks of the 4.1% increased rent. A letter with the correct notice will be sent to all affected tenants week commencing 2nd May, with the rent increase for them coming into effect on Monday 6th June 2022.

New annual resident survey

We recognise that we need to develop a more strategic approach to our engagement and communications. The need to improve our resident engagement was also identified by the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge that took place in March. One of their recommendations is to deliver an annual resident survey. A resident survey will also help us baseline some of the customer and community measures in our new Outcomes Framework that was agreed in January 2022. The Framework creates the golden thread between the corporate plan, the six strategic priorities and our service plans to ensure we are delivering the right activities for our residents and communities. We want to hear from residents about their personal and community resilience and about how our councils are performing and how we can improve our customer experience. Our new annual resident's survey will enable us to measure some of our short-term outcomes such as resident satisfaction, feeling informed, influence, communication preferences, personal wellbeing, community resilience, and feelings of safety across our districts. The survey, delivered by an external research agency, will be representative across Babergh and Mid Suffolk and at a district level and the results benchmarked where possible. We are using a mixed methods design combining online and telephone responses which is now standard for these types of survey. The agency we are commissioning will approach residents directly to take part in the survey. The sample will be weighted for key groups across both districts. We aim to start fieldwork in June 2022 for two months. Results will then be analysed and shared later in the year through our performance reports. We will also use these results in the end of term performance report in Autumn 2022 and we will share the results across the councils to maximise value from the procurement and to inform improvement. The approach we are taking is shared across local government with examples of similar surveys from Norfolk, Surrey, Cornwall, and the London Boroughs. It will also be benchmarked to the national survey delivered by the LGA where possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues that you think I can help with and all the very best to you all.

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6. REPORTS FROM LOCAL GROUPS

6.1 CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT FROM ST MARY'S TATTINGSTONE TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We have had a year of ups and downs.

We have been happy to see the success of immunisation allow relaxation of rules over 2022 as Covid has become less of a threat, though it did cause disruption and cancellation to our Christmas services in 2021. Since Easter we have returned to a service pattern of monthly communion services and alternate month family services. There are also regular on line services and prayer groups, and of course other services held around the Benefice.

We are conscious that over the years (but worsened by Covid) there is a continuing decline in attendance and donations to the Church so that it is a very real prospect that we will not be able to continue to keep the Church functioning as it has been.

We were pleased to be part of an initiative from the Shop Steering Group as a response to the village's need for a Community Shop. Surveys showed 75% in favour of the shop actually being sited in the Church and a lot of work was done by many people to try to take this project forward.

Unfortunately, it has recently been decided that the shop project is no longer viable and the Steering Group is due to formally close this project, with no other sites identified either.

The Parochial Church Council will have a period of reflection following this decision and then look to see how we can better integrate Church and village Community as we realise that though many people are not church goers they still value the Church in the village and we believe that the Community should be able to use the Church for a wider range of activities than it is used for at present. This would be a valuable resource for the village, enhance the mission of the Church in serving the Community, and help to preserve the Church for future generations.

I finish by thanking all those who have been involved in the Church over the last year and helped us with our work in serving the people of this village.

Simon Harley
Church Warden

6.2 VILLAGE RECORDER'S REPORT

Annual Village Recorders Report

For personal reasons and because time spent on other projects got in the way, I am only now finishing my 2020 report.

Recorders Conference

I attended the first Recorders Conference since 2019 in April this year. It was very well attended and there are now a record number of recorders in the scheme. The Shotley Peninsula is well represented with recorders in Harkstead, Holbrook, Stutton, Woolverstone, Tattingsstone of course and I believe Wherstead; and in the Samford benefice, Bentley, Belstead and Capel St Mary.

My other local history activities

Suffolk Archives

I continue to be a volunteer for Suffolk Archives through my local history research and submit my hours spent on a quarterly basis.

Hidden Histories of Alton Water

The long awaited launch of this project finally took place on Friday, 11 June 2021. Because of the Covid restrictions at the time it was a low key event by invitation only. However it was well attended and much appreciated by those who

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were involved. Although two of the contributors had passed away since recording their memories, both their families were extremely grateful that their loved ones memories live on in this way.

I was approached by a researcher for Radio Suffolk in the autumn to record a short piece on the project that was used in a Jon Wright programme in October 2021.

Village Hall – 100 years 2020

My efforts to pull this project together have been slow to standstill partly because of the other history work I've done and partly because of a lack of interest in the village to provide photographic material. The lockdown situations haven't helped as it's been more difficult to engage with people on a one to one basis. As a result this project is still very much work in progress.

Tattingstone Remembers ... World War Two

To mark the 80 year period since World War II, I am continuing research into what will be a series of articles on the men from the village who died and anything else of significance that affected the village.

The Tattler

I've regularly contributed stories and articles for The Tattler parish magazine as follows:

February 2021 – the story behind a wedding photo from 1925.

April 2021 – an article about the former pest house at St Mary's workhouse.

June 2021 – an update on the telephone box project.

August 2021 – the background to the naming of Chedworth Place.

October 2021 – as above and to coincide with Remembrance Day in November, I looked into a village myth that a Spitfire had crash landed near Road Farm. After much research and help from local residents and experts on the subject, the mystery was solved and the plane was in fact a target tug that had crash landed in Bilners Field, nearer to the Rookery Farm.

December 2021 – a history of the church bells in St Mary's.

February 2022 – the story behind a postcard of Tattingstone, sent from the village in 1907.

April 2022 – the history of shops in the village.

Neighbourhood Plan

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan working group, my input is to provide historical information about the village and its heritage. I prepared some material for the Open Event last August and I was part of a site visit walking around the village in early May pointing out places of interest for the draft plan.

Welcome Booklet

I wrote two pieces for the Welcome to Tattingstone booklet – an introduction called "Time Now in Tattingstone" and "Time Was in Tattingstone" about the history of the village.

Village Community Shop Project

I provided some historical information about St Mary's church to the churchwardens for their application for re-ordering as well as some background information to the working group on the history of shops in the village, particularly The Orange Box.

Museum of East Anglian Life

The museum's Collections and Interpretation Manager approached me to help with background information about the Alton watermill that was moved to the museum when the reservoir was built and we met in the village in July 2021. The museum was restoring the mill and looking for material for new visual displays. Despite providing a lot of images, etc without my prompting nothing was acknowledged.

Anglian Water

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I was approached by the local Anglian Water Park Manager John Taylor last August to help him put together a visitor information display room about the history of the Alton valley at the Visitor Centre. We had a very long and like minded conversation and I had several ideas and contacts for his project. However, after following it up in writing and expressing my wish to be paid a modest fee for my input, I never heard back!

Local History Enquiries

I continue to receive the occasional request for information from people researching their family history or the history of their house, often passed on to me by the Parish Clerk. This year has been fairly quiet and from memory there were only two - both about houses.

Jane Kirk
Village Recorder
June 2022

6.3 TATTINGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2022

I would firstly like to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the Governing Body to the staff and families of our school. The current pandemic has impacted on everyone of us in many different ways. Thinking positively, we too have learnt many new skills and ways of working to ensure that as governors we have been able to continue our roles.

With this in mind, I would like to welcome two new governors recruited during the pandemic, Mr Jak Blackwood and Mr Jerome Ateba. We also welcomed two new members of office staff, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Evans, all recruited whilst dealing with Covid restrictions.

The school's priority areas for the academic year are outlined below:

Priority 1 – All teaching, learning and assessment across the school, including in the foundation subjects, to be consistently good or better in order to accelerate the learning in all subjects ensuring that *all* current pupils make rapid progress from their starting points so that aspirational attainment targets (are achieved and all pupils are meeting leaders' high expectations (i.e. eradicate the small variations in the attainment and rates of progress of a small number of pupils).

Priority 2 - To achieve the Religious Education Quality Mark.

Priority 3 - To achieve the Arts Mark (objective over 2 years)

A lot of work towards these priorities has already been undertaken to achieve the goals set out in the School Development Plan. Governors have been able to talk to subject leaders, pupils and the Headteacher using Zoom meetings and emailed questions. We are very much looking forward to being able to resume physical visits to the school.

As governors we continue to support the School Council who have again this year been very proactive. On two occasions they joined forces with the Eco- Council, firstly to organise a sale to re-sell once loved clothing and to donate any remaining clothing after the event to 'Cash 4 kids' and secondly, to do a litter pick on the prom at Felixstowe. The children behaved exceptionally well and passers-by commented on their enjoyment of doing their bit for the environment. The School Council have also provided a number of events to raise money for St Elizabeth's Hospice. They have written letters to companies and Parish Councils as well as the Friends of Tattingstone School. Together they created a child friendly Safeguarding Policy and posters for the school, ensuring the information was accessible to all. This included images they created, word maps and sign language. This is the first policy of its kind for the school, a Collective Worship policy is now on their radar.

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The Eco-Council are working with a local business to provide recycling bins across the school. They were again invited to the Greenest County Awards run by Suffolk County Council where they won a Highly Commended award. The Eco-Council have teamed up with The Repair Shop in Holbrook and contributed to their Little Hoot on a recycling theme.

Last term the Junior Road Safety Officers were very excited to become a part of both the nationwide greener transport competition and the Keep moving Suffolk 'Walk to School Week'. This term to help promote greener travel they have asked students to create their very own greener transport logo with as much colour as possible! The best logos from the school will be entered into a nationwide competition. The school will also be taking part in 'Walk to School Week'.

As always, the school is constantly busy. The children are given many opportunities outside their normal curriculum to enrich them, such as skiing, visits (to the School Farm and Country Fair and Colchester Castle) and Forest Schools for each class. Mrs Cocksedge is going to train as a 'Wild Beach School Leader' in preparation for our whole school trip to Walberswick at the end of term and visits to Holbrook bay and Harkstead beach in the future.

Singing at Young Voices at the O2 was again a great success. We would like to thank Mrs Cocksedge who arranges this, mostly in her own time and to the children for the weeks of practise they put in learning the songs and to the parents who transported the children to the O2 Arena, making it affordable for our children to take part.

The school buys into the Suffolk County Council Whole Class Ensemble Teaching program; this year pupils in Kingfisher class (Years 3 and 4) are learning the clarinet and will be taking part in the WCET Festival with several other schools later this term. We will also welcome a new peripatetic music teacher for all age groups across the school in the near future.

The children's art work is displayed in Wings and shows progression of work from Reception pupils to Year 6. When the display is changed the work is then displayed in Tattingstone Church for the rest of the community to enjoy. We would like to hear your feedback as the children are very proud of their work.

Our new Forest School area is now being used by all pupils following feedback from Year 6 pupils in their leaving questionnaires stating how they would have liked to continue doing Forest Schools beyond Key Stage 1. The area has also been used for training by our Forest School leader to a group of Trainee Teachers from the Colchester Teacher Training Consortium; feedback was very positive.

Trips and external activities are beginning to resume and we look forward to a full program again soon. Sporting events along with school trips are also back on the school agenda. Four groups of children entered the Cross Country event at RHS. Our Year 6 boys came 10th and our Year 6 girls came 5th. Well done to everyone that took part. In the summer term pupils in Grebes class have the opportunity to enter a swimming gala; pupils in Kingfisher class can enter the Quadkids athletics event; and pupils in Puffins class can enter a Dodgeball festival.

The whole school has taken part in a science day; on this occasion children and staff dressed as mad scientists and children took part in a range of scientific activities and challenges throughout the day. I would invite you to look at the pictures on the website as they are great.

There have been several school clubs, including maths, skiing, reading and gymnastics. Our Early Bird facility continues to be very useful for busy working parents, and our after school provision, Night Owls, is enjoyed by many children who attend out of choice, rather than parents necessity.

Currently the school is running a campaign to increase numbers. Unfortunately, the pandemic stopped our annual Open Day when prospective parents could visit classrooms and see the school in operation. Nationally there is also a low birth rate affecting pupil numbers in many schools. The campaign is currently being run through social media sites with fliers and posters coming soon.

As always please take a moment to check out the school website as there is so much more that we do that isn't included in this report - <http://www.tattlingstonecevcpschool.co.uk>. It is kept up to date with events, pictures and news of almost everything that goes on.

Our vision is that 'We can do all things through Him who strengthens us' (adapted from Philippians 4:13)

Theresa Vinnicombe – Chair of Governors.

6.4 ALTON BELLES REPORT 2020-21 (WI)

During the year many of our monthly meetings have been via the internet on Zoom. The committee have used Zoom for many of their meetings but when, within covid rules and considering personal safety, they have been able to meet in person; they have done so in gardens or indeed garages. During the summer, coffee and tea socials were offered to members, again in member's gardens.

We have continued to keep our members up to date with information from both regional and national federations. Members, who do not access e-mail, have continued to receive the monthly newsletter by post. Our Bi-monthly magazine 'Jam and Jerusalem', which began last year, has continued to arrive on our doormats. This has contained interesting articles, poems, quizzes, and recipes contributed by members for all to enjoy. It has included short reviews of committee members' lives, suggested by one of our members, as she was perturbed about learning interesting things about people too late at their funerals!!

January 2021 saw consideration of the proposed resolutions for the year. Individual committee members presented each resolution for discussion. At our February meeting we learnt about the origins of the WI from Barbara Lawson-Reay. In March our member Lisa Butler treated us to an insight into "How to Murder People", her paid hobby in writing murder mystery games. At that time, she had written games that could be accessed on-line by the public. In April, Emma Woollard gave an informative presentation "Wills, Trusts, and Tax", as well as taking us through the challenges of Power of Attorney.

In May, we were challenged to a quiz; we divided into teams via rooms on Zoom. The four quiz rounds were great fun with a significant amount of laughter. The SEFWI AGM was also in May; a member attended this Zoom meeting as our delegate. At the SEFWI meeting, Tamzin Howell was recognised for her presidential efforts as Committee Chair during the pandemic. In June we welcomed Gill Spearman and Duchenne Gulsen for their talk on 40's and 50's fashion. Our July presentation was "Not an Ordinary Marriage" by Elizabeth Newman-Earl; she described the many and varied facets of life as a military partner.

August saw our members' outing to Snape Maltings, a pleasant day although wheelchair access was quite challenging. This was followed by Susannah Robirosa in September, talking about the Active Gardens charity which began in Ipswich in 2008. Our October meeting was the first in the year where members were invited to attend in person in the Village Hall. This was a major challenge for us all as the pandemic was ongoing. It involved asking members to complete lateral flow tests, plus wearing a face covering. Eleven members felt able to attend, with Karon Kenny describing how to create a "Lasagne Planter" of bulbs. She also judged our challenge from earlier in the year of growing a plant from something you had eaten.

November was our AGM. Tamzin Howell stepped down as president after nearly a decade. We owe so much to her. She will continue as a committee member. Jane Connell-Smith is our new president. After the AGM, Annette Kilworth helped us to master the rudiments of Chinese painting. We made cards decorated with a picture of bamboo. Christmas, we were back on zoom, and we enjoyed a magician with amazing tricks. Since the turn of the year, we have again discussed the resolutions for this year; the one the national Federation is taking forward is about Women and girls with ASD and ADHD being unidentified, under diagnosed, misdiagnosed, un-supported. In February we listened to a fascinating talk about the making of Dad's Army and in March, all about the new home of Suffolk Archives, The Hold.

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Our membership has held up well and we have been pleased to welcome a few new members. We always welcome visitors to our meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. You can find out more by contacting Jane Connell-Smith on 07798752147 or mjanecs@yahoo.co.uk. We also have a Facebook page.

Jane Connell-Smith
Alton Belles WI

6.5 SPEEDWATCH REPORT

At the last APM the SID had just been installed. We have now had this for a year and it has continued to work well and given us some interesting data.

Frustratingly, due to personal circumstances and moving away from the village, I have not been able to coordinate regular Speedwatch sessions. The group are very happy with the speed reduction methods which are now in place for the regular speeding issues Tattlingstone have. With thanks to the Tattlingstone Speed reduction working group and Cllr Wood last year. As a further speed reduction method, Tattlingstone now have white gates at the entrance to both ends of the village on the A137. These are used to highlight to drivers that they are entering a village.

There are ongoing additional issues with road noise and speeding along the A137 when the A12 is closed as the A137 is the main diversion route. One of the Speedwatch team, Clive Whiting, alongside other residents, has worked very hard liaising with Highways England, Suffolk Police and SCC to try and get the issues resolved. Highways England have also inspected the poor road surface along The Heath and are understanding that this is contributing to the noise issues. I hope in the near future we may get the Speedwatch sessions up and running again, but I am pleased to say that the SID looks like it is being an effective measure to remind drivers to slow down and with the addition of the gates we hope moving forward we will see an improvement.

I'm just going to leave you with some data from the SID. We have large volumes of data so we have just got a few bits together.

"Speeding" includes the 30-34mph bracket

"Vehicles" includes bikes

Stats are from "vehicles" going Northbound (Manningtree to Ipswich)

December 2021

One week in December 2021, the highest number of speeders were doing 30-34mph. The next highest number were those traveling 35-39mph. Those doing higher speeds of 55-59mph were sadly a mixture of during the day and early morning.

- The highest speed captured was in the 50-59mph bracket
- Over 22000 vehicles passed during the 7 days
- Over 18000 records of speeding during 7 days
- Over 80% of all traffic was speeding – that is going over 30mph

April 2022

Looking at the first week of April this year, numbers of traffic have increased and we can assume that this is due to the A12 road closures, however, speeding has reduced.

- The numbers in the 35-39mph have reduced by 36% and those 50-55mph have reduced by 16.5%
- The highest speed was captured in the 55-59mph bracket
- Nearly 35,000 vehicles passed during the 7 days
- Almost 7000 records of speeding during 7 days – that is those going over 30mph. This is 38.5% more vehicles than December last year

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- Close to 30% of all traffic was speeding
- There was an increase of 13000 vehicles one of the weeks the A12 was diverted through Tattlingstone.

If anyone has any questions or is interested in finding out more about the SID data please contact Mandy Proctor 07760 277888.

Mandy Proctor, Tattlingstone Speedwatch Co-ordinator

6.5 PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank Ian our Treasurer for looking after the accounts, Linda our secretary for keeping all the necessary paperwork up to date and the committee for their support and attending meetings when possible due to covid. I would also like to thank Brandon Plumbly for looking after the grass cutting and keeping the hedges cut. Another thank you goes to Rick who has kindly replaced broken wooden pickets around the play area and erected the wooden fence at the entrance to the playing field.

Throughout the pandemic the playing field was kept in good order all the necessary safety procedures and covid rules were carried out including closing the play area for a while. An up-to date risk assessment, a policy document on safeguarding children and venerable adults was placed in the pavilion. Fire extinguishers have been serviced and the yearly pat testing carried out.

Earlier this year safety work was carried out on the boundary trees where several branches had to be removed which were overhanging the pavilion. A new signpost has been put up for the playing field with help from Rick and his wife.

Lastly but not least, a big thank you to Bob Self who we co-opted on to the committee who is looking after the safety of the play area. He is busy looking for ways to fund the repair of the existing or replacing the items for new in the children's play area.

6.6 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to start by thanking Ian our Treasurer who has carried out an amazing job for the village hall accounts, obtaining all the available grants and sorting out our electric account getting the cheapest rate available, Linda our Secretary for her hard work behind scenes and the Committee for their support throughout the Covid Pandemic, attending meetings when we were allowed. It has been a busy year behind the scenes keeping all paperwork up to constantly moving Covid regulations, to enable us to keep the hall open as much as possible for our regular users. During this year we have finally managed to get the storage extension built which is now in use. Several regular users now find it much easier to access the tables and chairs, lifting them off the stage presented a health and safety issue for both the young and elderly. The stage is always now accessible for entertainment or future productions.

Several minor maintenance jobs have been carried out, the fire alarm system has been serviced along with the emergency lighting, the fire extinguishers and annual pat testing. The notice board has been refurbished.

We are now actively obtaining quotes for the replacement of the roof covering and consolidation of the area around the new extension, which is part of our on-going maintenance programme. We are also in the early stages of planning a celebration of the 100 years of the village hall which was due during Covid.

7. **QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS**

None received

8. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed