



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 07 April 2026 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr R Abbott, Cllr S Gipps, Cllr J Lee, Cllr A Mendel (Chair) and Cllr S Page and County Councillor Simon Harley (until 19.46).

01 OPENING

Cllr Page declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting, providing permission has been sought from the Clerk and/or Chair. Cllr Abbott recorded the meeting, which he agreed to share with the Clerk.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Cllrs noted and approved apologies received from Cllrs B Plumbly, B Stennett, and District Councillor Potter.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – None.
- (b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – none submitted.
- (c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion – None.

04. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March 2026 –

Cllr Page proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, seconded by Cllr Gipps - aif. The Chair signed a copy of the agreed minutes.

05. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Harley and a copy of this report is available with the meeting papers.

Councillor Harley was thanked for his support of, and efforts for, Tattingstone over his term as Councillor.
- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Potter and a copy of this report is available with the meeting papers.

06. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Actions were noted.



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- (b) To note correspondence received.
- 1) Update on ASB from Police & Parish Forum
For Information Only
 - 2) NSIP Update
FIO (spreadsheet available on request)
 - 3) BMSDC Briefing
FIO
 - 4) SALC NSIP Bulletin
FIO
 - 5) Communication from Brantham re. skatepark
The Clerk will publicise the bid on social media and the PC website.
 - 6) SALC Factsheets – Declarations of Interest
FIO (please read)
 - 7) SALC LGR update
FIO
 - 8) BMSDC letter re. LGR
FIO
 - 9) Message from SCC Leader
FIO
 - 10) SALC News Bulletin
FIO
 - 11) Norwich to Tilbury update
FIO
- (c) - Quote for hedge cutting has been requested but not yet received.
- Memorial benches are now back in stock. Clerk to order and liaise with PFC for delivery & location.
 - De-brief from PPA (notes already sent).
 - SCC contacted regarding the broken metal pole on Church Road and they said it doesn't meet repair criteria. Cllr Harley to follow up.
 - The Play Inspection report has been received and forwarded to the PFC. Only minor issues to resolve – trimming gate bolts, etc. Issues with the ground under the swings will be resolved when swing set is replaced.
 - The issues with FP2 – both ends – are with the SCC Footpath Officer for resolution.

07. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted –
- Residents were in attendance to comment on site HE23716 being submitted in the latest Call for Sites. There was concern over the practicality of access through Chedworth Place and the relatively short term remaining on the rights of access.
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular –
- None.



- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised.

08. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note the balance of accounts as at 31 March 2026.
The balances were as follows:
- Lloyds Account: £3,442.11
 - Lloyds Savings Account: £40,260.62
- (b) To approve the accounts paid since the last meeting and accounts awaiting payment including forthcoming payments together with the receipts received since the last meeting.
Cllr Lee proposed and Cllr Page seconded that the payments detailed should be ratified and agreed – aif
- (c) To consider any requests for financial support received from local people or groups –
None
- (d) Councillors approved the Parish Annual CIL Report and the Annual CIL Reporting Statement to be submitted to Babergh District Council
- (e) Councillors noted the CIL report for April 2026 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year
- (f) Council received the Balance of the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2026
- (g) Council received the budget to actual report for the period ending 31st March 2026
- (h) Councillors noted the internal audit for the year ending 31st March 2026 will be carried out by SALC between 1 June and 7 June 2026
- (i) Councillors noted donations made to date in 2025-26

09. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone:
DC/26/00335
Keepers Farm, Cox Hall Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NS
Householder Application - Extensions, alterations, cladding and new private treatment Plant
Councillors SUPPORT this application
- (b) To note the following decision notices received:
None



10. CALL FOR SITES & LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

- (a) Councillors noted there will be a Scoping Consultation in Spring 2026 and will respond regarding sites in Tattingstone when more information is available.
- (b) Councillors resolved to write to Babergh District Council to request all sites submitted in the Call for Sites are considered in the context of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and to ensure that all appropriate ecological surveys are carried out and assessed.

11. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- (a) Councillors agreed to discuss the possibility of a bus route bid jointly with Bentley Parish Council. Cllr Mendel will contact Bentley and the Clerk will investigate the method and deadlines for submission.

12. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative
Cllr Page provided an update from the Playing Field Committee meeting held on the 27th March 2026. The playground report was received and actions are being investigated, including follow-up with manufacturers of recently installed equipment that does not now meet standards. The condition of the playing field was discussed and re-seeding of bare areas will take place late in the year. Unexpected tree cutting costs were incurred and the PFC have requested financial assistance with this invoice (to be discussed at May's PC meeting).
- (b) Councillors received an update from the Chair confirming the referendum will take place on the 7th May.
- (c) None.

14. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- (a) Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 07 April 2026, 7.30pm
- (b) Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 28 May 2026, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

SIGNED.....DATED..... TATTINGSTONE Parish Council

ACTIONS



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MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Apr	1	Share meeting recording	RA
Apr	6b5	Advertise Brantham skate park on social media and PC website	RBN
Apr	6c.2	Order bench and liaise with PFC for delivery, etc	RBN
Apr	6c.4	Send Cllr Harley reference for pole to pursue with SCC	RBN/SH
Apr	6c.5	Actions from playpark inspection report	PFC
Apr	9	Respond to Planning Application DC/26/00335	RBN
Apr	10b	Write to Babergh regarding Local Nature Recovery	RBN
Apr	11a	Contact Bentley Parish Council	AM
Apr	11a	Investigate bus route bid requirements and timescales	RBN
Apr	12a	Add financial support bid to May agenda	RBN



APPENDIX A – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee