



TATTINGSTONE

Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 01 December 2025 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr R Abbott, Cllr S Gipps (after Co-Option), Cllr G Mark, Cllr A Mendel (Chair), Cllr S Page, and Cllr B Plumly.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Simon Harley.

01 OPENING

Cllr Mendel 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.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Cllrs noted and approved apologies received from Cllr B Stennett, Cllr J Lee 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 3rd November 2025 –

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

05. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

- (a) Councillor Page proposed the co-option of Candidate A, with Councillor Mendel seconding. Councillor Plumly proposed the co-option of Candidate B, with Councillor Abbott seconding. After a majority vote, Councillors resolved to co-opt Sue Gipps as Parish Councillor.
- (b) Sue Gipps signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed and signed by the Clerk, and joined the meeting as Councillor.
- (c) Cllr Gipps declared no interests under Agenda Item 3.



06. 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. Cllr Harley provided an update on Local Government Reorganisation and encouraged everyone to complete the Government Consultation.
- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Potter and a copy of this report is available with the meeting papers.

07. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Actions were noted.
- (b) To note correspondence received in September/October 2025.
 - 1) BMSDC Update
For Information Only
 - 2) NSIP Update (spreadsheet available on request) with drop in information
FIO
 - 3) SALC link to Mayoral website
FIO
 - 4) Landscape grant information
FIO
 - 5) SCC link to Government LGR Consultation
To re-visit in January
 - 6) Minutes of Police and Parish Forum, 24th Sept
FIO
 - 7) SALC Communication re LGR
FIO
 - 8) SALC News Bulletin
FIO
 - 9) SALC NSIP info
FIO
- (c) - Village sign – Cllr Plumly updated that the sign should be completed once further works have been carried out to the existing base, which was more secure than first thought.
 - Infographic sign has been completed and been picked up, will be installed during dry weather.
 - Registration of the playing field: the solicitor has the paperwork and has advised the process will now take several months.
 - Peninsula Alliance updates:
 - o We met with Babergh to discuss planning and policy, with several actions for each side. Notes available on request.
 - o Jimmy's Farm traffic will be raised with the farm and Suffolk Highways after problems on the A137 because of the Christmas Fayre.
 - o Contact information has been provided for the Highways engineer covering Tattingstone.



08. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted –
 - None
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular –
 - A resident noted that the church restoration is progressing well and the recent wreath-making workshop was well attended. The wall will be repaired in the spring.
 - A resident asked whether the rose bushes would be re-instated in front of the church. They will possibly be replaced.
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised.

09. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note the balance of accounts as at 26th November 2025.
The balances were as follows:
 - Lloyds Account: £8,164.68
 - Lloyds Savings Account: £40,187.35
- (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 Page proposed and Cllr Abbott 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 –
 - Councillors approved a £50 donation to the Royal British Legion
 - Councillors noted a £10 donation was made to Tattingstone church for the Christmas lights
- (d) Councillors considered the draft budget for 2026/27, agreeing a budget of £18,425.52.
- (e) Councillors considered the precept for 2026/27, agreeing a figure of £18,040.52. This is a 5.73% increase from the previous year.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone
None
- (b) To note the following decision notices received:
None
- (c) To note the following Public Inquiry:
AP/25/00054
Land At Grove Farm And Land East Of The Railway Line, Bentley
Full Planning Application - Construction of a solar farm (up to 40MW export capacity) with ancillary infrastructure and cabling, DNO substation, customer substation and construction of new and altered vehicular accesses.
Councillors agreed that Cllr Abbott will represent Tattingstone at this event - **aif**



11. VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative

Cllr Page summarised the meeting held on the 21st November 2025, highlighting the second phase of the play Aare upgrade being well underway and a new agreement & playing schedule to be set up with the Holbrook Hornets to use the playing field for football matches.

Cllr Page also provided an update on the Village Hall renovations (meetings usually closed to the public). The roof has been replaced and all asbestos removed and disposed of, there are two new EV charging points that await software installation and will have overnight parking restrictions.

Regarding a tribute for Sheila Tweedy, the school and Playing Field Committee will manage their own tributes while Councillors agreed to use CIL funds to purchase a bench, with commemorative plaque, for the playing field – **aif**. The Clerk will liaise with the Playing Field Committee.

(b) Councillors received an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Representative that the Neighbourhood Plan is still with the independent examiner.

(c) Councillor Abbott reported that there are often flyers and notices left up in the village past the date of the advertised event – this includes an aged PC agenda. Clerk to post on social media reminding people to take them down promptly and remove any outdated PC items.

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

(a) Employment

Councillors resolved to pay the Clerk's Working From Home Allowance, including backpay from her start date of December 2024.

(b) Correspondence

Councillors were updated on an item of confidential correspondence and agreed next steps.

13. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

(a) Parish Council meeting – Monday 05 January 2026, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

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



ACTIONS

MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Nov	5a	Provide Cllr Gipps with email address, RoI form and other documents welcoming her as a new Councillor.	RBN
Nov	5a	Book Cllr Gipps onto Councillor training	RBN
Nov	6a	Complete Government LGR Consultation individually	All
Nov	7c	Provide update on village sign progress	BP
Nov	7c	Install infographic sign	AM
Nov	9e	Return Precept form to Babergh	RBN
Nov	10c	Represent Tattingstone at planning inquiry	RA
Nov	11a	Liaise with PFC and purchase bench	RBN
Nov	11c	Post on social media reminding people to remove flyers	RBN
Nov	11c	Remove outdated PC paperwork	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
BMIC	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
Clr	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