



**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on Monday 02 March 2026 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B**

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Abbott, Cllr B Plumbly, Cllr S Gipps, Cllr S Page (Chair) and Cllr B Stennett and Cllr Simon Harley.

**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 Stennett 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 D Clarke, J Lee, A Mendel, 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 – Cllrs Gipps & Page declared an interest in Item 8c as Committee Members for Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme. Councillor Abbott declared an interest in Item 6b.1, 1, as the party cutting the verge.
- (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 – £300 from Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme.

**04. MINUTES**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 –

**Cllr Abbott proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, seconded by Cllr Stennett - 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.
- (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.



- (b) To note correspondence received.
- 1) Anonymous letter from resident regarding verge cutting  
Councillors noted that the daffodils are visible on the roadside and would be less likely to be seen if the grass remained uncut. It was also noted that the majority of the daffodils are on private land and their management is down to the landowner. Thanks were offered to the Abbott family for voluntarily cutting the verge for many years.
  - 2) Invitation to SNWA event  
No-one is available to attend
  - 3) SCC Highways response to Cllrs Simon Harley and Georgia Hall re. A137  
FIO
  - 4) BMSDC Feb Briefing  
FIO
  - 5) SALC News Bulletin (see Highways update)  
FIO
  - 6) SALC Planning Blog link  
FIO
  - 7) SALC NSIP guidance link  
FIO
  - 8) SALC Survey  
Clerk to complete
  - 9) BMSDC Meadow Management  
There are no suitable areas
- (c) - Quote for hedge cutting has been requested but not yet received.

## **07. 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 –  
- 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 28 January 2026.  
The balances were as follows:
- Lloyds Account: £4,203.41
  - Lloyds Savings Account: £40,254.18
- (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 Stennett 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 –
  - It was agreed to donate the cost of re-printing the Welcome to Tattingstone leaflet to Tattingstone Good Neighbour Scheme, at an estimated cost of £300.
- (d) A 3-month accounting spot check was undertaken by Cllr Page and all was found to be satisfactory.

## **09. 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) Councillors noted receipt of the Planning Factsheet from SALC.

## **10. BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTATION**

- (a) Councillors received the updated Local Plan information from Babergh & Mid Suffolk.
- (b) Councillors agreed not to respond to the Consultation.

## **11. JIMMY'S FARM**

- (a) Issues surrounding Jimmy's Farm were discussed, with focus on traffic management for events and bridleway safety.
- (b) The following will be discussed at the Peninsula Alliance meeting with Babergh District Council:
  - The condition of Belstead Road at the turning for the farm
  - Traffic management for large events
  - Bridleway safety for predator enclosures

## **12. ALTON WATER**

- (a) Issues surrounding Alton Water, including (but not limited to) issues with motorbikes, were discussed.
- (b) The following is to be raised at the Alton Water User Group meeting:
  - Inconsistent gate locking practice
  - Poor quality of fences and stiles
  - Changes to ecology – fewer small fish and fewer fish in general
  - Any tree survey results



**13. FOOTPATHS**

- (a) The following issues with village footpaths were noted:
  - Signage for footpath 2, as it passes through Samford Court, is very small and could be clearer
- (b) FP2 is being dealt with by Public Rights of Way, who are discussing signage with the landowner

**14. INTERNAL AUDIT**

- (a) Councillors received the SALC Internal Audit Service Letter of Engagement.

**15. 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. A good number of stalls are booked for the village fete and the second phase of the play park regeneration is temporarily on hold. The football pitch has been rested and will continue to be so until the grass has recovered.
- (b) Councillors received an update from the Clerk, who reported that the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared and the referendum date is likely to be the 7<sup>th</sup> May, with the Suffolk County Council elections.
- (c) Councillor Abbott reported that off-lead dogs often leave private land around Chedworth Place/Samford Court.

Councillor Gipps advised that a resident had contacted her concerned about drones flying over Samford Court. These are thought to be organised by the Chair of Chedworth Place Residents' Association for a guttering survey.

Councillor Abbott and Page both expressed concern about the condition of the verge outside The Wonder, which is used by visitors to Alton Water. This will be raised at the Alton Water User Group meeting.

**14. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

- (a) Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 07 April 2026, 7.30pm

**The meeting closed at 8.31 pm.**

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



**ACTIONS**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>
Mar	1	Share meeting recording	BS
Mar	6b8	Complete survey	RBN
Mar	6c	Chase quote for hedge cutting	RBN
Mar	11b	Report to PPA	RBN/SP
Mar	12b	Report to Alton Water User Group	SP
Mar	13a	Report signage on SCC portal	RBN
Mar	13b	Liaise with ProW re. signage for FP2	RBN
Mar	14a	Book Internal Audit	RBN
Mar	15c.2	Check drone regulations	RBN
Mar	15c.3	Report to Alton Water User Group	SP



**APPENDIX A – List of common abbreviations used.**

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