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Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllr. D Wood, Cllr. A Mendel, Cllr. R Dearing, Cllr. S Clark, Cllr. S Page, Cllr. S Tweedy and D. Cllr. J Gould

Corona virus pandemic. Public notified of meeting via website, notice boards and Facebook. One request was received and invitation details sent but individual did not join meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr D Clarke, Cllr. S. Gipps

2. Declaration of interest. N/A

3. To consider requests for dispensation.

N/A

4. To approve, as accurate, minutes of meeting held on 4th May 2020 held virtually via Zoom. These had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and no amendments received.

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Clark

Carried unanimously

5. To receive Clerk's Report.

- As one would expect, the number of emails received during the month has remained very high. The clerk tries to answer or forward emails within 24 hours if possible
- Last month received notification from our insurers with details on the use of children's playgrounds. The clerk sent details to Mr D Brown, chair of the Playing Field Committee, who has now locked playground and taped up equipment.
- The clerk circulated updates from SLCC. SALC, AONB and other organisations to councillors and if appropriate to Tattingstone Good Neighbours.

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- The clerk forwarded survey details from SALC about recovery for councils from Covid 19. Thank you to several councillors who answered survey.
- The clerk forwarded details of applications for a grant to Mr R Chadburn for Good Neighbours work during Covid 19 lockdown. He has applied for one and good neighbours have been awarded a grant of just over £1000
- The clerk sent AGAR exemption form to LK LittleJohn
- The clerk continues to put items of interest to villagers on the FaceBook page.
- The clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, received a letter of thanks from Clare, Countess of Euston, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk. This also included transcript of HM the Queen's speech on VE day, her speech on 5th April and HM Duke of Edinburgh's message of gratitude. This was circulated and also sent to village recorder for village archives.
- Advice was given about the law referring to bird scarers. The farmer concerned is using all bird scarers within the law.
- The clerk circulated advice from SCC and BDC about arrangements for planning applications during Covid 19. They will no longer put applications in local newspapers.
- The telephone box has now been painted and panes repaired. There has been a query about an electrical supply see item 5.4 in the Sales Agreement:

Following payment, the seller shall be under no obligation to the buyer to maintain, repaint, repair or manage the goods nor shall it be under any obligation to the Buyer to maintain or provide Call box services or telephony services save where then the Buyer has opted for the Seller to be responsible for supply of electricity then the seller shall supply that electricity at the suppliers cost but not beyond to the regional

electricity company fuse box for the operation of an 8 watt lightbulb or similar. where the supplier is responsible for the supply of electricity then the supplier may discontinue to

provide that supply and payment of electricity at any time by giving the buyer notice in writing.

- The clerk reported a water leak by church in Church Road. A technician will attend on 2nd June to investigate.
- The Council may well have to change the provider of the village website as it is difficult to modify it, without costing a lot of money that is not budgeted for, to make it compliant with Transparency Code which comes into effect in September 2020. Cllr. D Hawes is investigating alternatives.
- Mr A Proctor had checked the defibrillator outside the village hall and found the pads out of date. He has bought new ones and they are now installed. The old ones can be used for training purposes. He will be reimbursed see item 10.

6. To consider Matters arising from the minutes.

The newsletter was written and circulated. Councillors have received positive remarks from the public and thanks for keeping them informed on issues during Covid 19. Another newsletter is proposed, many of which will be emailed out and not delivered.

7. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Attached to minutes

8. To discuss, recommend, not recommend or update on Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications this month.

9. Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the chairman.

The Chairman had received correspondence about parking on Lemon's Hill bridge. See item 13

10. Finance: to consider and approve.

- **Bank Balances:** not received by the date of the meeting

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- **To approve payment :**
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £309.05
[expenses £57.49] ○ Mr A Proctor
[defib. Pads]: £50.34 ○ St Mary's
church Tattingstone
[maintenance of graveyard]: £800

Proposed: Cllr. Page
Seconded: Cllr. Dearing
Carried unanimously

Expenditure to date 2020/21 have been emailed to Council members prior to meeting. There were no queries.

The Annual Governance statement 2019/20, section 1 and 2, previously emailed to councillors, was gone through in detail. It was approved by Council and the Chair will provide a wet signature in the next few days so it can be put on the website. SALC was appointed as auditors for 2020/21

This year, the Exercise of Public Rights does not have to include the first 10 working days of July but must now include the first 10 working days in September 2020. The statement will be agreed at the next meeting in July.

11.To consider possibility of a village shop for Tattingstone.

Cllr. Tweedy is anxious to pursue the possibility of opening a village shop for essentials. 83% of the villagers, in the survey, held in 2018, stated that they would like a shop in the village. The Parish Council is unable to open such a facility themselves but suggested a small working group, outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council be set up to investigate feasibility. Cllr Tweedy and Cllr Gipps expressed an interest in being in the working group.

12. To convene meeting of Performance Management/ Pay Committee to discuss work and pay of Parish clerk.

Details of present and proposed NALC pay scales and Clerk/RFO present salary forwarded to Pay committee for consideration. They will liaise during the month and report back [confidential item] at the July meeting.

13. To Consider Parking and Signage at Lemon's Hill bridge.

Parking on the clearway over Lemon's Hill bridge has been a problem while Anglian Water car parks have been closed because of the Covid pandemic. Councillors had placed advisory notices on cars parked to say they were in contravention of the law. Councillors questioned as to whether there was adequate signage: the signage is the recommended. Parking is now not the responsibility of the police but is now under the jurisdiction of Ipswich Borough Council. They have been informed of the problem.

The Car Parks are due to open on 02.06.20 and hopefully the situation will improve. The situation will be closely monitored.

14.To comment on any other urgent village matters.

- Several villagers have been in touch with the Parish Council regarding the increase in lorries along the A137 which are coming and going from Folly Farm / Collins after travelling along The Heath. The clerk had forwarded the appropriate planning permission documents [July 2017] to the Council. Many of the lorries are belong to a contractor working on a site at Brantham who has been collecting aggregate. After a discussion it was agreed the Clerk would to write to Mr Richmond about this and there will be further discussion at the next meeting. It was also suggested that the Liaison group be reinstated to provide a forum for discussion between the Parish Council, residents along the A137 and Mr Richmond.
- The Playing Field committee had met with a representative of the Alton Belles WI about the possible planting of a tree on

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the playing field. A possible location for a tree was suggested and also variety. The WI will consider this.

- It was reported that a group of young people had been seen smoking an illegal substance on the playing field. The police have been informed via 101.
- The football club has been promoted and the ground will be inspected to see if it meets requirements for the higher league.
- There has been fly tipping up at the Triangle. The authorities have been notified.

Date of next meeting

6th July 2020 via Zoom

20. Items for next agenda.

Village shop
Maintenance of the graveyard
Collins lorries.
Exercise of Public Rights
Report from Pay committee

The meeting ended at 21.00.

Signed minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings are available for inspection by contacting the clerk 01473 327865, 07798 752147 or email: tatt.pc@gmail.com

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<p>Parish Report – June 2020</p> <p>Councillor <i>David Wood</i></p> <p>Triangle Ipswich Road</p>	
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COVID-19 Update

Latest Government advice is available here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Latest SCC information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Further opening of schools

From 1 June it is expected that school will gradually begin to reopen to more pupils, in addition to accommodating children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. The phased opening of schools will start with pupils in nurseries, reception, year one and year six. Secondary schools and other schools such as pupil referral units and special schools will also gradually increase the number of children and young people they can accommodate. For secondary schools this will start with year 10 and year 12.

Suffolk County Council has been supporting schools in preparing for the possibility of increased pupil numbers and have provided all schools with a risk assessment checklist.

Important: It is not compulsory for parents to send their children to school at this time and there will be no penalties for families who choose to keep children at home.

More information is available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/parent-guidanceabout-schools-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

Testing in Suffolk

A regional testing centre for Suffolk and surrounding areas can be found at the **London Road Park and Ride, Copdock, Ipswich**. It is open from 8am to 7pm, every day.

There are also various mobile testing units across Suffolk. In addition, home testing kits can be requested.

More information on how to access a test in Suffolk is available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing-in-suffolk/>

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Changes to pavements/roads to aid social distancing

Suffolk County Council has confirmed that local councils and communities can make some smallscale temporary changes to pavements without needing to seek consent from the county council. These will be local safety measures on pavements that outline queuing areas, social distancing reminders or simple painted markings on pavement surfaces for pedestrians.

However, if the activity that the community wants to carry out requires working on or in the road, then the county council will need to be contacted first. If communities are unsure of where their proposed changes fit, they are encouraged to contact the county council at:

transport.schemes@suffolk.gov.uk.

We have also been encouraging the county council to make more radical changes to the road layout to support cycling and walking. The Department for Transport has announced a £2bn package to boost cycling and walking capacity in the UK, and this is an opportunity for councils to tackle historic congestion problems by encouraging a change in the behaviours of their residents by giving a fairer share of road space to walkers and cyclists.

EDF submits application for Sizewell C DCO

On 27 May, EDF submitted an application for a development consent order for Sizewell C to the Planning Inspectorate.

I am very concerned about EDF's decision to go ahead with an application during the current crisis, as it will be much more difficult for the public and stakeholders to fully scrutinise the plans and participate in the consultation process.

Domestic Abuse helpline available 24/7

The existing Domestic Abuse Outreach Service, run by Suffolk County Council and Anglia Care Trust, has extended its **0800 977 5690** freephone number to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Anyone with concerns including professionals who may be supporting clients, as well as friends and families who are concerned for loved ones, can access this local support.

Recycling centres reopen with booking system

Suffolk County Council have reopened household waste recycling centres, following weeks of closure due to the lockdown. They are operating on a booking system, to help reduce traffic disruption on roads around the sites and support social distancing on site for staff and members of the public.

Members of the public will need to book a 15-minute slot online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/recyclingcentres or by calling 0345 606 6067. It is not possible to access the sites without a booking.

The following temporary rules apply:

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- No access to site without pre-booking
- Cars, car-derived vans, and pedestrians only – no larger vans, trailers or commercial-type vehicles
- One adult to unload, unless 2 adults needed for heavy items
- No staff assistance to unload vehicles
- Chargeable DIY waste (soil, rubble and hardcore) will be accepted, but payment must be made using contactless cards only
- No trade waste, textiles or re-use items accepted

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor.

To the residents in Orwell Ward

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Some positive news here with quotes that Babergh and Mid Suffolk have received over the COVID 19 period that shine the spotlight on compliments that the incredibly hard working staff have had paid to them.

Our business grants team for their efficient delivery of business grants:

“A big thank you to Babergh for making the grant payment so easy and so quick. Even though I had to go to my office to get the information on the business rates bills, the claim itself and the payment were not only quick but also very much appreciated to help us pay our ongoing commitments.”

“The grant for small businesses which we received from Babergh was done very quickly. It will make a great difference as nobody knows how long this lockdown will go on for.”

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"We are very grateful for the grant and it will be most helpful in getting us back to normal, hopefully, in the not too distant future. I know how much criticism Babergh gets, occasionally from me, but the staff must be working very hard under difficult conditions and they deserve to be thanked."

"Thank you so much for processing my grant so quickly. You will never know the relief I felt when your email arrived with my remittance advice. I really appreciate your prompt support at such a challenging time when you all must be so busy and have a huge workload. I am truly grateful for the lifeline - thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Our council tax team for their support:

"Shout out to the lovely lady who helped me plan my council tax bill in current emergency. Very helpful and friendly despite the amount of calls. Brilliant service."

Our waste team who received several compliments for carrying out essential services in our districts:

"I just wanted to pass on my thanks to your refuse collection teams in Shotley Gate. I am so grateful that they continue to work during these worrying times - they are much appreciated."

"Thank you super stars for all you do. Keep well."

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"My bin was missed yesterday, but after dropping an email to Babergh it was collected this morning. Great turn around in difficult times thank you!"

"Please thank all your staff for the excellent work being undertaken. Keep up the great work."

Update on business grants

The number of applications for the Small Business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants has started to slow down, and we have now distributed almost £40m across both districts which equates to around 85% of our grant funding allocation. Businesses who are eligible can still apply for either of the grants by completing the simple online application form which is accessible on our website.

Launch of Discretionary Grant

The Discretionary Grant to help small businesses in shared spaces, market traders, charity properties and Bed and Breakfast owners has been launched. The Discretionary Grants criteria have been set out by Government to help those businesses unable to claim the Small Business or Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants but have fixed property costs. The grants range between £2,500 and £5,000 depending on the type of business, number of employees and impact of COVID-19 on the business. Applications can be made through our website and businesses will have to provide evidence that they have suffered financial losses due to the coronavirus crisis.

The first phase of funding will close on Friday 19th June, after which, we will review the available budgets and establish whether the scheme can

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be expanded for any other businesses outside the initial Government recommendations.

A Tree For Life

A Tree for Life scheme in Babergh and Mid Suffolk which offers a free tree for new parents is now open for 2020 applications allowing families to apply from home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Recognising that new parents may be feeling more isolated than usual, and looking for something to look forward to with their new arrival, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have now opened their Tree for Life applications. It is open to all families in the districts who welcome a new arrival between 1 January and 31 December 2020, in addition to parents who may have lost a child during the same period, to apply for a remembrance tree.

The initiative offers parents with a new born or newly adopted child the chance to mark their arrival by planting a tree. It aims to benefit families, communities and the environment by boosting tree coverage across the district.

This year's relaunch follows a bumper 2019 scheme with over 400 trees given away earlier in the year, ahead of the coronavirus outbreak. Tree collection events were held in Stowmarket and Hitcham, where expert help was on hand to advise families on their tree choice and aftercare at home.

Open to all including those without a garden, a selection of trees were also planted with families at key locations in the districts including Needham Lake, Shotley Golden Wood, Broom Hill in Hadleigh,

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Gallowsfield Wood in Haughley and Sproughton Millennium Green.

In Babergh, where the Tree for Life scheme launched for the first time in November last year, there were 196 applicants. According to the Office for National Statistics, that means around 30% of families with newborns in our districts applied for the scheme, but now the council is encouraging even more people to claim their free tree this year.

Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi, Babergh District Council's cabinet member for environment, said:

"While we are in uncertain times, I hope that by opening applications now we can give our new families something to look forward to over coming months.

"I'm proud that in just a matter of months, Tree for Life in Babergh has blossomed beyond expectation providing a unique opportunity to benefit our environment and support the county-wide climate ambitions, while also giving families a reason to spend time in the garden planting and nurturing their tree for the years to come.

"I would encourage as many people as possible to claim their free tree."

Families can apply for their tree on the councils' website with 2020 applications closing on 17 January 2021. Any applications and queries received about the scheme will be processed and responded to later in the year. The trees must be planted within the two districts and eligible applicants will be invited to choose and collect their tree at a tree giving event expected to be in early 2021.

Council meeting arrangements

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All full council, cabinet and committee meetings will be held virtually until at least September 2020 in accordance with the existing schedule of meetings. All non-public meetings with councillors (briefings/working groups/panels etc) will be held virtually. We are using Micro Soft Teams rather than Skype to conduct formal public meetings.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committees are resuming their regular meetings by holding them virtually. The Chairmen of both committees have reviewed the Committee's work plans, ensuring that the councils continue to have a robust scrutiny process.

The Climate Change Task Force group have been meeting regularly since Babergh declared a Climate Emergency this time last year. They are now in a position to make recommendations to Cabinet. We are looking at many ways we can make the workings of the council carbon neutral by 2030 and ways communities can be supported to work to the same time target. I will give more details as they emerge.

Domestic abuse support is now available 24/7 in Suffolk

A domestic abuse helpline run by Suffolk County Council and the Anglia Care Trust extended its opening hours on 22 May, enabling support to be offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The helpline, which is free to call on 0800 977 5690, provides assistance to those who may be at risk of abuse at home - especially during the lockdown. Anyone with concerns can access this local support, including professionals who may be supporting clients, as well as friends or families who are worried about loved ones.

If it's difficult for you to talk on the phone, a live web chat service can be accessed Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

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Alton Water

Please see the letter that grant Tuffs has sent with information about the reopening of Alton Water. Some of you have circulated this already, thank you for that but to some of you it may be new information.

We would like to thank you for your support since Alton Water has been closed, and while we've been making plans to reopen safely. We know this has been a long and frustrating period for us all and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding. What makes us love doing what we do, is seeing and experiencing the pleasure all our visitors get from their experience on our parks. Being closed has been very uncomfortable for all of us but necessary in our combined struggle to get through this pandemic together.

Pleasing all of our varied communities during this time was always going to be a difficult task, but we have tried to do the right thing by our employees and by residents, living nearby. We know many have been looking forward to getting back on the local trails. As we are now confident our reopening preparations are all in place, we're very happy to let you know we will be reopening Alton Water from Tuesday 2nd June.

However, there will be changes across the park to make sure social distancing can be maintained, to protect visitors and our colleagues. For example, The aquapark will be closed and water sports will be limited (day launch only, no hires). The mini golf and children's playgrounds will be closed and the cafes will be offering takeaway food and drink only, but toilets will be open. Please check our webpage for full details:

<https://anglianwaterparks.co.uk/alton-water>

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It is clear that there is still a long road ahead in respect of living with Covid-19 and it'll come as no surprise that, as with all walks of our current lives, things will look a little different for some time to come. We will be monitoring the Government's advice and the situation at our parks as the summer progresses, and will keep you updated on any changes we need to make.

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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