

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 8.00pm in Tattingstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Wood [Chairman], Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Self, Cllr. Clark Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Stanger, District Cllr. McCraw, D Cllr. Steer

4 members of the public were present.

Cllr. Wood stated that all proceedings of the Parish Council Meeting could be filmed or recorded.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Gipps.

2. Declaration of interest:

N/A

3. To consider requests for dispensations

N/A

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 6th March 2017

The minutes, which had been circulated previously, were agreed and signed as a correct record by Cllr. Wood.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Mendel

Passed unanimously

5. Matters arising:

Cllr. Mendel asked if any reply had been received regarding the excessive weedkilling in bulb planted areas in the village. None had been received to date.

Action Point: The clerk will follow this up with Suffolk.C.C.

Cllr. Wood is still to liaise with residents of Lemon's Hill regarding the provision of a loading/parking bay for when the Clearway is instated.

12. Playing Field Report [brought forward as relevant to item 17]

Cllr. Self presented his report. [see attached]

He asked for permission to apply for Section 106 money to pay for picket fence across from tennis courts to hedge to fence off the children's play area. This would make it safer for the children and stop dogs fouling the area.

Action Point: Cllr. Self will present the final submission for approval at the next Council meeting.

A member of the committee had complained about a villager's dogs being loose on the Playing Field and allowing a dog to foul in the children's play area.

Action Point: The clerk will write to the man.

17. [Brought Forward] Cricket Club

The Cricket Club have been given two portacabins [18ft] which, subject to planning from Babergh D.C., will be sited next to the current pavilion to provide added facilities for the Cricket Club, the Football Club and for other users. These will be clad to blend with the existing the pavilion. These have arrived today and are being stored on the playing field until planning is granted. Plans are available to view from the clerk. The Council supported the idea of improved facilities at the Playing Field. All expenses are being met by the Cricket Club and whether these will become a village asset will be investigated once planning is approved. Representatives of the Cricket Club and the Playing Field committee were able to join in the discussion and answer Councillors' questions.

The Council ratifies the Playing Field Committee's decision to allow the Cricket Club to apply for Planning Permission to place 2 portacabins on the Playing Field to improve facilities for sport and leisure.

Proposed: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Self

Carried unanimously

8. Open Forum for members of the Public

A resident is worried that a campervan is being used as a residence and it is being parked each night in Cox Hall Lane. She was also concerned that a caravan was being used as a permanent dwelling behind the White Horse Public House.

Action Point: The chairman and the clerk will liaise and investigate the legal requirements for such residency and report back to the meeting next month.

A resident was also concerned about the placement of warning cones outside the village school. Cllr. Wood stated he had already money put aside for '20 is Plenty Zone outside the school which might be an option to alleviate the problem.

Action Point: Cllr Wood and Cllr. Tweedy will visit the headteacher to discuss safety and parking outside the school.

It was also brought to the Council's attention how an elderly villager was nearly conned out of a great deal of money for unnecessary repairs to his chimney stack. Luckily the men were frightened away when the villager's daughter appeared.

Action Point: The clerk was asked to warn villagers by posts on the village website and social media. She would also make people aware at DropIn.

6. Report from District Councillor McCraw

Babergh D. C. Planning Department seems to be in slight disarray at the moment following a judicial review.

The Brantham Rail depot development on the brown field site in Brantham is now under planning consultation. A meeting was held prior to the planning application with villagers meeting Greater Anglia, Taylor Woodrow and St Francis Group. There were very few objections to the depot and it would be one of the largest commercial developments in Suffolk in 50 years.

D.Cllr. McCraw praised the brave actions of D.Cllr. Steer during the recent Westminster atrocity.

Report from County Councillor Wood

There was no report from C.Cllr. Wood this month because of restrictions imposed by the forthcoming election in May.

9.Planning

I. B/17/00240/ TPO

Apple cottage, Tattingstone Park, Tattingtone IP9 2NF

To fell 1 Holme Oak covered by TPO BT 79/G2

This planning application had been refused by Babergh District Council

10. Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the Chairman.

- Community Action Suffolk had asked if we wished to renew our membership.
Proposed: Cllr. Mendel
Seconded: Cllr. Stanger
Carried unanimously
- Manningtree level crossing would be closed for rail maintenance between 23.30 and 5.00 on 13th-15th April.
- Church road, Park Lane and the Wonder will be closed for road maintenance 9.00 -15.30 on 10th – 14th April.
- There will be a triathlon at Anglian Water on 8th July 2017

11. Finance: report from R.F.O

The clerk now had the Mandate forms for the new signatories on the Bank accounts. These were signed and filled in and the clerk will arrange for signatories to take suitable means of identification into Barclays Bank.

- Bank Balances at 31st March : statements had not yet been received.
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £225.67
 - HMRC [tax]:£169.20
 - Playing Field committee [swing seats]: £148.38
 - TGC Landscaping: £337.50

Approved and signed

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Self

Carried unanimously.

- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 31st March was presented.
Cllr. Mendel asked about outstanding allotment rents. All had been paid for 2017 baring two.

Action Point: A final demand would be sent to these by the clerk.

13. Defibrillator

Insurers have said that there would be an additional £17.00 on the cost of the Council's insurance to cover the defibrillator. They now recommend an open box one as did the local police. There have been no incidences of theft or vandalism of defibrillators in the county.

Action Point: Cllr. Self will arrange installation of this on the village hall wall and also the installation of a motion activated security light above it.

14. Community Led Plan.

No responses had been received about the survey given out last month to Councillors. The survey would now be put into a suitable Word document and the plan would be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May.

15. Battles Over - 2018

No further update.

16. Community Emergency Plan

Cllr. Clark had put a request for help in April's Tattlingstone News but had received no responses as yet. Cllr. Clark agreed to be Community Liaison Officer and would promote it at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May.

18. Telephone box.

Cllr Clarke has some shelving that might be suitable. Cllr. Mendel will liaise with him about this. Cllr. Wood agreed to continuing cutting the grass around the box and keeping the area tidy.

19. Annual Parish Meeting.

The Tattlingstone Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the village hall on 11th May 2017 at 7.30. After the formal part of the meeting, local clubs and organisations will be asked to have a table to promote the different activities going on in the village. Tea and biscuits will be served.

Action Point: The clerk will write to all the organisers to invite them to participate and produce posters to advertise it and also promote it via Tattlingstone News, the website and social media.

Other urgent village matters.

- Formatting of certain pages on the village website www.tattlingstonevillage.org.uk needs to be looked. The clerk will update this.
- Cllr. Stanger had attended a meeting of Babergh East Police and Parish Forum. The chairman had offered condolences to the Parish and family following the sad death of Cllr. Albert Collins.
- A thanksgiving service for the life of Albert Collins will take place at St Mary the Virgin, Tattlingstone on 11th May 2017 at 3.00pm.

24. Items for next agenda

Residential status of caravans

School Parking

Cricket club

Playing field fence

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

PLAYING FIELD REPORT 30TH MARCH 2017

12 Members present with 1 apology and 2 members of the Parish Council.

It was reported that at long last the pole for the play equipment has arrived.

The cricket club have acquired 2 Porta Cabins (32' x 9') which they propose to put alongside the pavilion on the right one behind the other and clad them to make them look more aesthetically pleasing to fit in with the location. They will be used as changing rooms and later eventually house both toilets and showers. They would then remove the partitioned changing rooms in the pavilion making more room for teas and small social events. The whole of the committee are in agreeance. This is all subject to Parish council approval and if required Planning and building permission. Permission has been granted by committee after consultation with Babergh DC to store the porta cabins on the playing field while this is sorted.

Tennis club Courts looking good and they have 17/18 family memberships

It was reported that the gentleman from No 6 Green Lane was letting his 3 dogs run free on the playing field and watched one dog foul in the children's play area. David Wood asked if Bob Self could report this to the next Parish Council meeting so he could see what action could be taken.

Two estimates for the materials to fence the play area were received, but after discussion it was agreed to increase the height from 3' to 4' for safety reasons. The Cricket Club will erect. Bob Self said he would ask the council if S106 monies could be used for this purpose.

The Cricket club will replace net parallel to bridleway.

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