

# Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 8.00pm in  
Tattingstone Village Hall

**Present: Cllr. Wood [Chairman], Cllr. Hawes, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Stanger, Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Self**

6 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. Clarke, Cllr. Clark, D. Cllr. Steer, D. Cllr. McCraw

**2. Declaration of interest:**

N/A

**3. To consider requests for dispensations**

N/A

**4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Passed unanimously

**5. Clerk's Report**

Traffic cones, which were taken by Anglian Water in error, have been returned.

Planning Application B/16/01046, land to north of Hornecroft, The Heath: the 8 affordable homes will be split 4 for villagers and 4 for people from rest of district.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

A police report had been received to update the Parish council on the antisocial behaviour of motorcyclists around the village. Report attached to minutes.

Cllr. Wood will arrange meeting regarding '20's Plenty' zone by the school as soon as term begins in September.

## **7. Open Forum for members of the Public**

Concern was raised by the member of the public regarding overnight parking in a village layby. Cllr. Wood said this was not a matter for the Parish Council and help should be accessed elsewhere if the matter was unresolved.

## **8. Report from District Councillor McCraw**

D. Cllr. McCraw was unable to attend the meeting but he sent a report which was circulated to Councillors concerning the Boundary Review. The report is attached to these minutes.

### **Report from County Councillor Wood**

Stutton Primary School is in danger of being closed through lack of numbers. There was a large attendance at a recent public meeting. The previous head teacher is back in charge of the school and the County Council has now extended the time to formulate a plan until December 2017. Planning has been received in Stutton for about 100 extra houses which might help the school remain viable.

## **9. Planning**

### **I. DC/17/03631**

Apple Cottage, Tattingstone Park, Tattingstone, IP9 2NF  
Tree preservation order: works related – dismantle to stump level 1 Holm oak and reduce crown by up to 35% with additional reshaping and balancing of Holm oak covered by TPOBT79/G2

Recommended

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

### **II. DC/17/03886 [planning received after agenda released but district unable to give extension]**

Mill Cottage, White Horse Hill, Tattingstone IP9 2NW  
Outline planning application [access to be considered] – erection of 2 storey dwelling, formation of parking/turning area and vehicular access.

Recommended

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Carried unanimously

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

None

## **11. Finance:** report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances at 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Current account: £7867.92  
Savings account: £3167.54  
The bank reconciliation was presented, approved and signed by Cllr. Wood.
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
  - Clerk's wages and expenses: £231.73  
Approved and signed  
Proposed: Cllr.Self  
Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy  
Carried unanimously.
- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 was presented.

## **12. Report from Playing Field representative.**

See attached

Questions were asked about the need to demolish and replace the old pavilion. The old pavilion is very rotten but it contains electrical connections for the field which needs protection. Queries were also made about the debts owing to the playing field from the football club. Bob will raise this with the Playing Field Committee.

## **13.To review Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**

These had been reviewed by the clerk and chairman and circulated prior to the meeting.

It was proposed that Standing Orders be adopted.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

It was proposed that Financial Regulations be adopted.

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

#### **14. To Review progress on Community Led plan**

There is to be an open meeting in November in the village hall [advertise in October] to present options with recommendations, receive feedback and muster volunteers.

A basic questionnaire had been sent to Councillors and this will be refined. Cost for printing approximately £500.

#### **15. To review Progress on Community Action Plan**

Cllr. Clark had put an article in Tattingstone News. Discussion was deferred as Cllr. Clark was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **16. To review progress Telephone box.**

Cllr. Wood proposed to arrange for a local trades person to erect shelving. Cost approximately £100

Proposed: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

#### **17. To consider Parish Plan Group**

The Parish Plan group uses money raised at the village fete to pay insurance for Good Neighbours and pay for the film licence for KidsPics.

According to their constitution they should have a representative from the Parish Council as a member of this committee. Cllr. Wood agreed to be the Parish Council representative.

#### **18. To review Progress on the village Fete**

Plans are all in hand and Programmes will go on sale shortly. The fete will be combined with a fun Dog show.

## **21. To consider information on Boundary review/warding arrangements**

Cllr. Wood put forward the proposition that Alton Ward should reflect the position of villages around Alton Water. The ward should consist of the villages of Holbrook, Stutton and Tattingsstone, returning 1 District Councillor. The size and proposed growth of Brantham should be reflected in that Brantham stands as a ward on its own

It was proposed that Tattingsstone Parish Council recommends that Alton Ward in Babergh District Council consists of the villages of Holbrook, Stutton and Tattingsstone.

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Passed unanimously.

Cllr. Wood will draft our response and submit it.

## **20. Other Urgent Village Matters**

Complaints had been received about a couple of the benches, supplied by the Parish Council in the past, were not being maintained.

## **21. Items for next Agenda**

- Community Led Plan
- Community Action Plan

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

## **PLAYING FIELD REPORT 24TH JULY 2017**

12 Members present with 3 apologies.

Linda Brown is still trying to speak to BDC to obtain a Blue Bin.

Conditions of use for the Pavilion are to be extended to include the Portacabins.

The Old Wooden pavilion is beyond economic repair. David Brown to price for a smaller alternative replacement as it is required to house the electric supply to the Pavilion. David Connell-Smith suggest that the Parish Plan may be able to help with the cost.

Estimates for the pavilion shower and toilet refurbishment have come in at £7,000, after discussion it was suggested we get quotes for the work to be done in two stages.

Cricket club reported that they are still winning matches and several ladies and children are now playing.

Tennis Club reported that they are ticking over and the courts are in use most days.

Football club reported that they have one team in the winter league of fourteen teams.

LJH Electrical are there sponsors this year. The first home game is on the 16th September.

DONM 18th September

No meeting in August.

Reprot from D. Cllr. McCraw

We are asking local people and organisations for their help to draw up new ward boundaries across Babergh. The Commission has also announced that it is minded to ...

The difficulty of this type of exercise is that you're usually just supplied with raw data and then faced with a lot of work. To this end I attach 5 maps and Analysis for 5 different Ward structures, so you can consider some of the likely possibilities. I also include a map showing the expected electorate that forms the basis of these figures.

The 30 member & 32 member models are those being considered as Babergh's own submission, but any resident or Parish Council can make a response. I hope this will help you to do so. As you can see there are considerable differences to the patterns affecting Brantham, Stutton, Tattingstone, (and for that matter Bentley & Holbrook). Please feel free to circulate these documents within and without your Parish Council. This should be an open access matter.

Babergh & Mid Suffolk have published their End of Year report.

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/features/council-looks-back-at-hard-work-in-201617/>

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Councils Look Back at Hard Work in 2016/17. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have published their End of Year Report 2016/17, a look at the work done and the goals met in the ...

It contains some video links embedded in it, but I attach the pdf as well. It is worth a look if you can find the time.

Finally Babergh & Mid Suffolk have just completed the initial Consultation Document for the new Joint Local Plan. This will shortly be out for Consultation. It's pretty big, but organised in a much more logical structure than before. When it is fully published, I intend to contact you all again to arrange whatever help I can provide, from myself and perhaps officers, to approach it. The Last Local Plan, The Core Strategy saw a very confused Consultation that I believe served no-one in the communities. I am keen to avoid that this time round. The Full process will take us to the Spring of 2019, but an early understanding of the terms can only help later. I'll be in Touch with links etc soon.

If anything fails to reach you due to file size limits, please contact me.

Best wishes to all,

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Police Report for Tattingstone Parish Council Meeting.

Dear All,

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your meeting this evening.

I understand that you would like an update on the issues surrounding illegal and antisocial motorcycle use in the Tattingstone and Wherstead area, together with the associated issues linked to this.

As many of you will be aware, this is a long term seasonal issue that comes to head from time to time with different generations. Historically the issues of antisocial off road motorcycle use tended to be generally isolated to the Bobbits Lane area.

This year there is a new site that was started to be used by the illegal off road motorcyclists. The people using this site are accessing it via Belstead village,

Thorington Park and linking bridleways. This new site is very remote and difficult to access by vehicle, making managing the issue all the more difficult. I therefore arranged a joint meeting with the company responsible for the site, the land owner of the site and farmers whom were being affected by the anti-social off road motorcycling. This meeting identified the source of the motorcyclists attraction that was encouraging them to move further afield from the historic Bobbits Lane site.

This in turn highlighted further and linked issues, including youths endangering their own lives by jumping off Lemons Hill bridge and attracting unwanted behaviour in the Tattingstone area.

I have spent a lot of time on the issues raised, not just in the Tattingstone, but also the surrounding area and doing a lot of work behind the scenes. I have been very impressed with the support I have received from local residents and people affected by this anti-social behaviour. The results I have achieved have only been possible with the information that has come direct from people in the community. The scale of the problem was fairly evident from the outset, leading me to create a Tactical Action Plan, overseen by our Inspector and I have been in consultation with the PCC's office.

From the various incidents reported and information provided to me, I was able to identify three of the youths using the new site and issue each of them with a Section 59 notice. This warns and deters them from their behaviour and advises them of the consequences of their actions should they ride their motorcycles off road in an anti-social manner again. In short, if they do, once the Section 59 notice has been issued, we can seize their vehicle or any other vehicle they may be riding / using. The Section 59 applies to both the person in charge of the vehicle and the vehicle itself. These youths then spread the word to their friends and associates, which in turn deters others from participating in anti-social riding.

I was also able to identify a suspected ring leader to the off road riding, whom also appears to be encouraging and promoting antisocial motorcycle behaviour. This person does still need to be formally spoken to regarding outstanding incidents / investigations, so I cannot go into any further details. I am however able to advise that following an unfortunate accident on their motorcycle, this person is currently in hospital and in a serious condition and it is not known if he will be able to ride a motorcycle again. Thankfully, nobody else was involved in that incident. Never the less, this will not prevent this person being interviewed and dealt with for any offences they are suspected off.

With regard to preventative work on this issue, you are aware of the work I have done with the local landowners, tenants, farmers, community, PCC's office etc. I have also been working with our crime reduction officers to design out the crime on specific sites and am working with The Greenways project responsible for Belstead Meadows. I have had a fairly productive meeting with the head of Anglian



Water Alton Water reservoir, where plans were put into place to deter congregation of youths on the bridge at Lemons Hill and adjoining car parks. Youths were identified and personally spoken with by myself and my colleagues, advising them of the dangers. This should however be blatantly obvious to them, due to the number of memorials and testimonials of others whom have died at this location in the past.

There is a monthly multi agency tasking meeting where SNT priorities are set and Hadleigh SNT currently have both the off road anti-social motor cycles and Lemons Hill bridge as two of their three priorities. This means that the whole team are focussing on these problems with myself as the single point of contact.

I am pleased to report that all of our combined efforts appear to have led to a decrease in the number of incidents reported to police, despite being expected to have increased in the summer holiday period. I would again like to thank everyone for all their support and the invaluable information they provide to assist me and our team to resolve your issues. I would also ask that no matter how small an incident of antisocial behaviour, local residents report it at the time it is occurring either via 999, 101 or our online reporting system via the following link.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>