

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Wood, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Dearing.

D.Cllr. McCraw

3 members of the public were present.

Cllr. Wood welcomed Cllr. Kay Johnson to her first meeting of Tattingstone Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Mendel, Clark and Hawes

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. To consider requests for dispensations

N/A

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 5th November 2018

The minutes were agreed and then signed as a correct record by Cllr. Wood.

Proposed: Cllr.Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr.Dearing

Passed unanimously

5. Clerk's Report

- New electoral register is being published 17.12
- Council Tax Base for Tattingstone from BDC is -0.4% to £226.71 difference of 91p
- Incidence of fly tipping in Lemons Hill car park. Reported to John Taylor at Anglian Water and was cleared that day
- Received Annual Play equipment report and was forwarded to D. Brown for Playing field committee
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6. Matters arising from the minutes

- Cllr. Tweedy attended Awards Evening at Holbrook Academy and presented the prize funded by the Parish Council

8. Report from D. Cllr. Mc Crow [brought forward]

- He reminded the Council to submit their response to the BMSDC Home Strategy and Homeless Reduction Strategy Consultation.
- The village were commended for the way Armistice Day had been remembered especially the lighting of the beacon at the Wheatsheaf Public House and the Poppy Tea.
- Planning is now in for 53 dwellings at the former Council buildings at Hadleigh.
- The schedule for rubbish collections over the festive season has been published.

7. Open Forum for members of the public

- Ms Proctor reported on the meeting about establishing a Community Speedwatch in the village. 12 residents had come forward who wished to help with this. Training would be free and there is a possibility that Norfolk CC could loan equipment. The majority at the meeting wished for Speedwatch to cover the whole of the village. It may also be supported with a Locality grant from our County Councillor. Application would now be made. The Council thanked Ms Proctor for all her hard work.

8.Reports from County Councillor

A report from C. Cllr. Wood is attached to these minutes.

9.Planning

None received

Decision notice relating to planning application - DC/17/03388

The Rose House, The Heath, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2LX - refused

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

- Urgent action to establish local green spaces forwarded email to all councillors. This will be an agenda item in January 2019
- AONB report [circulated to councillors]
- Letter from Citizens' advice advising of the removal of the grant by Suffolk County Council. The Council felt that Citizens Advice was an essential service to all residents. Tattingstone residents tend to use the Ipswich branch rather than the branch at Sudbury. A letter will

be sent to Nicola Beach at Suffolk CC. in support of Citizens Advice and the essential support it gives to residents especially the poorest members of society. Clerk will action.

11. To receive report from R.F.O. to consider and approve.2018

To consider and approve.

- **Bank Balances: For 30th November** - not yet received
 - **To approve payment:**
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £254.18
 - St Mary's Church Tattingstone [graveyard maintenance]: £800
 - TGC [grass cutting - playing field]: £1012.50
- Proposed: Cllr. Gipps
Seconded: Cllr. Dearing
Carried unanimously
- Expenditure to date 2018/19 - presented

12.Report from Playing Field representative.

Cllr. Tweedy read her report [see attached]

Cllr. Wood clarified the status of both the Playing Field Committee and the Trust of the village hall. The construction of the fence at the Playing field by village volunteers has commenced. Grants have been received to fund the refurbishment of the toilets in the pavilion.

Planning will shortly be applied for an extension to the village hall to house the chairs and tables.

13.To review response to the Village Survey

Cllr Gipps reported that all the analysis had now been completed and quotes were being sought about the cost of a small publication of the results to be forwarded to each house in the village.

14. To consider and approve budget for 2019/20

Cllr. Wood and the clerk had meet and considered the budget for next year. This was presented to Councillors. [see attached]. An additional item was put into the budget to cover election costs in May if this was contested. If this money was not used and the Council was elected unopposed, the money would be used to fund maintenance on the infrastructure in the village which would no longer be supplied by County and District Councils. Other items have been increased in line with inflation. It was proposed that the budget be increased by just under 10% to £10,990

Proposed: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

15.To report on Commemorative Poppy Tea on 11th November 2018

The event had been a great success with over 70 residents, from very young children to our oldest centenarian, attending. Many residents had donated cakes. It was suggested that this became an annual event in the village. Proceeds of nearly £100 had been collected for the British Legion. Cllrs. Tweedy, Clark and the clerk were thanked for their hard work in organising.

16.To approve Council's response to BMSDC Home Strategy and Homeless Reduction Strategy consultation

Cllr. Dearing and the Clerk had worked on this and Cllr Dearing read the proposed response. The Council supported the submission [see attached] and the clerk will submit this.

17.To approve grant to partially fund printing costs of Tattingstone Remembers

Over 100 copies of the book had been sold. Printing had been funded from a Locality grant and it was proposed that the remainder of the costs for printed being a grant of £214 from the Tattingstone Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously.

Over £1000 will now be donated to the British Legion, being the whole of the proceeds from book sales.

18.To review progress on replacing the bus shelter at the White Horse.

Work has now commenced and as soon as the invoice is received this will be forwarded to the Insurance Company. A new rubbish bin has to be sourced for the shelter. Clerk to Action.

19.To comment on any other urgent village matter

None

Cllr. Wood wished every on a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

DONM 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm

Cllr. Wood gave his apologies for the January and February meetings

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Items for next agenda

Precept request

Establishing green spaces

Bus shelter

Item 8 Report from C.Cllr. D Wood

Proposed budget cuts for 2019/20

On 22 November, the Scrutiny Committee discussed proposals for the 2019/20 budget. These will be finalised and presented to the Cabinet in January, before being debated by the full Council in February.

Council tax will increase by a total of 3.99% in 2019/20 - this will be made up of a 2.99% increase in general council tax and a final 1% increase for the Social Care Precept.

The proposed “tactical savings” total £11.2m. These are spread across the Council’s directorates (as shown in the table below), with Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Adult and Community Services, and Health, Wellbeing and Children’s Services seeing the

Table 8: Summary of Savings Proposals

	Adult & Community Services (ACS) £'m	Health, Wellbeing & Children's Services (HW&CS) £'m	Fire & Rescue Service and Public Safety £'m	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure £'m	Corporate Services & Central Resources £'m	TOTAL £'m
Cost reduction	1.0	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.1	3.3
Grant reduction			0.4			0.4
Maximise Income		1.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.7
Service reduction	1.0	0.1		1.7	0.0	2.8
Staffing reduction	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.5	1.2	3.0
TOTAL	2.1	2.6	0.7	4.2	1.6	11.2

greatest cuts.

The proposals for tactical savings include:

- Remove the full Citizens Advice Grant - however the Council have since announced that this will be phased in rather than immediate, with 50% of the grant being cut this year and the remaining 50% being cut in the 2020/21 budget

- Staffing reduction (totalling £3m) across all directorates
- Reduce Housing Related Support and the provision of hostel beds
- Negotiate care pricing
- Stop displaying bus timetables at the roadside
- Reduce spend on sponsored bus services
- Reduce out-of-hours stand-by service and winter support fleet for Suffolk Highways
- Stop road sign cleaning and only maintain mandatory road markings
- Turn more streetlights off overnight
- Cease accreditation of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme (the scheme will continue, however organisations will license themselves directly with the charity rather than through SCC)

Unfortunately, I have not been informed of the savings associated with each of the above proposals, and instead have only been told how much each directorate is expected to save in total. The final proposals, along with the savings associated with each of them, will not be made available until January.

U-turn on support for period poverty

In October, a motion asking for a commitment of £15,000 in the budget to help tackle “period poverty” was unfortunately rejected by the Council.

However, the administration have since announced that they will be undertaking an audit of the services in Suffolk that are aimed at tackling period poverty, to identify gaps and assess how provision can be improved.

I am cautiously hopeful that this review will result in proper support and funding for those amazing voluntary organisations that are currently providing free sanitary products. They cannot provide that service all on their own, and a commitment of funding from Suffolk County Council will be vital to ensure we eradicate period poverty across the whole county.

Decision on Upper Orwell Crossings delayed

Work on the Upper Orwell Crossings in Ipswich has been suspended since August 2018, due to concerns that the costs of the project were no longer sustainable.

In October, the administration announced that they would need an additional £43m of funding in order to continue with the project. It was agreed by Cabinet that officers and councillors would have until December to try and find this additional funding. However, this deadline has now been pushed back to January 2019. We are therefore expecting an announcement in the new year about the future of the project.

Significant increase in insurance pay-outs for cars damaged by potholes

Data published under Freedom of Information laws has shown that, between 1 January and 16 October this year, Suffolk Highways have already paid out £67,819.07 for vehicle damage (including insurance pay outs, costs and legal fees). This is a significant increase from the previous year, when pay-outs for the whole of 2017 totalled £26,004.63. The number of claims has also more than doubled, from 598 in 2017 to 1,265 so far in 2018.

Item 16 Council's response to BMSDC draft Homes Strategy and Homelessness Reduction Strategy 2019 - 2024

Following review of the BMSDC draft Homes Strategy and Homelessness Reduction Strategy 2019 - 2024 we have the below formal points to highlight:

- You make reference to the 'shrinking public purse' but so much of what you outline will require an enhancement in funds to achieve.
 - o There is little to explain how this funding will be sourced.
- You speak of Excellent connectivity by rail and road
 - o This is questionable with rail services often delayed and or the A12 and A14 struggling with the amount of traffic that use them.
- The number of affordable homes in Babergh [214 by 2022] will not be enough.
- Very positive news to hear about a more joined up approach to services for resident in rural areas and alike.
- Rural community bus services are poor
 - o You speak of reduced car usage but this is not possible when services in to towns and back to the villages are few and far between, often delayed!
- The SHMA [Strategic Housing Market Assessment] highlights a need for 73 new affordable homes
 - o We believe this is far too low
- Very pleased to see a recognition of people wanting to live in the community they have grown up / lived in all their lives.
 - o There are many positives for all residents at all aspects of their life for this.
 - o However, cost and or types of homes can and are often a barrier to this.
 - o Look at the need for low cost affordable bungalows in rural areas and not just affordable family homes.
- Most new builds are of a larger executive nature
 - o We are pleased to see that you state a more balanced approach, however in reality most new homes built in Tatingstone are not applicable to your aims ie affordable, ageing population friendly.
 - o Pleased to see support towards self-build and custom build options are outlined. These option free up properties behind them.
- Rough sleeping and homelessness
 - o Simply more support needed but where will funds come from

- We believe that more social housing of the correct type to the specific area is required. A generic approach cannot resolve this.
- o We believe that scraping the right to buy clause should be looked into as this decreases stock of social housing.
- o At the same point more help should be provided to council tenants to buy but not social houses.
- Sudbury and Babergh
- o These are large local towns but surely there are other areas as well
- Making Private Renting more affordable will in turn help people onto the housing ladder as they will be better placed to save for deposits.
- We believe that the timeline of the Planning process needs to be improved as delays are often incurred that have a knock on effect.
- We are pleased to see specific care and consideration / consultation with local residents is given over Gypsy and Travel sites.
- Rural communities do not in many cases have the ability to be connected to gas
- o Investment in the infrastructure and or eco solutions such as Air Source is good to see.
- o Investment in connectivity between services ie better bus services and or community led schemes to aid in these.

In summary, the paper is a very promising highlight of aspirational todo's around the social housing subject. However we find it challenging to understand how this will become reality based on reduced central government funding. Are you looking at considerable council tax raises to fund both the housing and interconnected service options you outline? The public's personal purse is pinched as well after all! If this is not the case then we would like to understand how this is to be funded? The idea of joined up communications around services such as health / OT's and other council housing services is excellent and we look forward to the points raised becoming a reality. Overall the approach looks good, however there is a lack of detail in certain areas. In reality, we believe that this will be a case of wait and see what aspects of this approach gain momentum, funds and ultimately happen.

Item 12 Playing Field Meetings

26th November 2018

There were no members of the public present.

The cricket club representative stated that they had had a good season and we're pleased with the seasons matches. He stated that this was his last meeting as rep and a new person would take over his duties in 2019. He was thanked for his service and wished well.

The football club representative said they were enjoying a good season so far and were hoping to be playing in a higher league by end of season. He also asked if they could put advertising on the new fence surrounding the children's play area. It was stated that as the fence was now not being erected by them this was no longer an option. He asked if some advertising could be hung on the front of the pavilion during their season and the cricket season. It was agreed they could. However only in the appropriate season.

A party of the village Hall trustees would start work on the erection of the fence on Friday 30th November. It is hoped to be completed within two weeks.

The Tennis Club were happy with their season and looked forward to new members in the coming season.

The lawn mower was discussed again and it is still hopefully being sold.

A sign advising dogs must be in leads is to be replaced as the present one beyond repair.

Sheila Tweedy

Item 14 Proposed Budget 2019/20

TATTINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL SUGGESTED BUDGET 2019-20

	Sugge sted Budg et 2019- 20	Budget 2018-19	Predict ed Spend 2018-9
Hall Hire	250	230	240
Subscriptions	350	260	342
St Mary's Church	800	800	800
Dog Bins	200	160	166

Audit	160	260	142
Clerk Wages	3800	3500	3678
Clerk expenses	150	150	150
General Admin	200	150	120
Lighting	200	200	150
Insurance	560	475	560
Grass Cutting	1600	1600	1350
Training	200	200	309
Maintenance	250	250	50
Election Costs	800	0	0
Miscellaneous	750	250	1000
Contingencies	400	400	0
Village Survey	150	250	150
Data Protection	50	350	35
Capital Expenditure	120		
	<u>10990</u>	<u>9485</u>	<u>9242</u>

Increase of 9.95% over last year's
precept of £9.995

Misc to date

Bin Labels 89

Bus shelter
demolition 180

Commemerative
Books 514

Donation Holbrook
Acc 30

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