

# Tattingsstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 8.00pm in Tattingsstone Village Hall

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

25 member of the public was present.

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

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

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

**2. Declaration of interest:**

Cllr. Wood declared an interest in item 14 [Suffolk Local Waste and Minerals Plan] as C. Cllr.

**3. To consider requests for dispensations**

Dispensation granted

**4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Passed unanimously

**5. Clerk's Report**

Cllr. Tweedy and Clerk will attend Anglian Water Users Group Meeting.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

The Grit bin had been purchased and put into place. Cllr. Self asked that a fastening be put on it so that the lid remained closed. The Parish Council response to the Joint Local plan had been finalised and submitted. A letter had been sent to Messrs Abbot thanking them for their work on parish grass verges.

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

A number of residents from The Close attended the meeting to talk about the sudden appearance of telegraph poles in their road. These went up without any prior warning and are considered by many of the residents to be unsightly and intrusive. All other utilities in The Close are underground. The poles are to carry fibre for high speed broadband. Many of the residents are writing to BT to voice their disapproval. The Parish, District and County Councils had not been notified of this installation either. Although BT has a right to erect poles on public property, it is a requirement that notification be given to residents and the appropriate agencies. The Parish Council will write a letter to this effect to BT.

A resident complained about the amount of rubbish on the recently cut verges along A137. He was prepared to de-litter but Babergh D.C. had said this was not allowed as unsafe. Another complaint about the state of the verge be submitted to Suffolk CC.

The Public also commented on other items on the agenda.

## **8. Reports from District and County Councillors**

### **Report from District Councillor McCraw**

See attached

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

- Council Tax for the county will rise by 1.99% although with the Adult Social Care Precept this rises to 4.99%.
- Savings will come from the Adult Care budget and also by savings by cutting the Sheltered Housing Grant.
- Health, Wellbeing and Children's services are expected to make £0.25m
- Suffolk County Council's currently predicting a 10.2m overspend in 2017-18 revenue.
- Home to school transport will be considered in cabinet for a second time.
- Cabinet has agreed to sell West Meadows Gypsy and Traveller site to current residents.
- The cabinet has approved the Education and Learning Infrastructure Plan which identifies future needs for school places across the county. This may lead to the creation of approximately 25 new schools and 25 school expansions in next 20 years.

## **9. Planning**

- **B/16/01046 Land to the north of Hornecroft, The Heath, Tattingstone**

Erection of 13 dwellings [ including 8 affordable dwellings] and construction of associated access road.

Members of the public commented on this application.

Amended plans had been submitted regarding the proposed development of 13 houses including 8 affordable dwellings on the corner of Station Road and A137. The Council did not consider the minor changes that had been made allayed their fears regarding the road safety issues involved. The Council opposes this development at present although would welcome the building of affordable homes as the village needs these.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

- **SCC/0209/17 Folly Farm, Tattingstone IP9 2NY**

Erection of multipurpose building.

This application was received too late to be considered. An extension will be sought and this application will be considered at the Parish Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **14 [Brought Forward] to consider and comment on Suffolk Local Waste and Mineral Plan.**

The Suffolk Local Waste and Mineral Plan was discussed as Collin's Skip Hire [Shotley Holdings] have identified an area of land as a possible extraction site. Several Councillors had visited the site and Mr Richmond was present at the meeting. The proposed site comes very close to residential housing on The Heath and grave concerns were raised about the increase in noise and pollution that such an extension might produce. Mr Richmond assured the council that the building of a bund and increase tree planting would minimise noise and disturbance. There was a lively discussion and the Council decided to oppose this development and would submit their views to Suffolk County Council.

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

- A letter had been received from Holbrook Academy to sponsor an award at their Awards evening. This had been received only a few days before the event so the Council was unable to respond. The Clerk was asked to write to the academy that if sponsorship be sought in future years, it should be requested at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

**11. To consider and respond to letter from Ian Tippet, development officer, Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Council**

A letter had been received from Ian Tippet, regarding the remains of money being held after the sale of Thatched Cottages in Church Road Tattingstone. They said as no sites had become available in the village the funds could be used elsewhere in the District. The council opposed this idea as planning was already in for 8 affordable houses in the development corner Station Road and A137. Once the concerns about road safety have been addressed this development would be built and the remaining monies could be used there. The Clerk to Write to Ian Tippet.

**12. Finance:** report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances : Statements had not been received by the the time of the meeting
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
  - Clerk's wages and expenses: £239.17
  - GritBins.net:£74.39

Approved and signed

Proposed: Cllr.Self

Seconded: Cllr.Mendel

Carried unanimously.

- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was presented.

**13. Report from Playing Field representative.**

See attached.

**14. To consider and comment on Suffolk Local Waste and Minerals Plan**

Brought forward

**15.To consider and comment on Boundary Commission Plan**

Upon consideration, it was thought that the best solution was to create a one seat Alton Ward that encompassed the three villages around Alton Water – Tattingstone, Holbrook and Stutton. It was felt that the village has little in common

with Brantham or with other villages towards the east on Shotley Peninsula. The clerk will respond as such.

#### **16.To consider and decide action on the Data Protection Act 2018**

The clerk had attended a workshop on the new act and it was made clear that the Data Protection Officer of the Council had to be independent. This would incur a charge of approximately £300 in the first year and slightly less after all the systems had been put in place. A recommendation of a company that would take on this position had been recommended by SALC. Further details would be put forward shortly upon further investigation. A figure of £350 would be included in the budget.

#### **17.To consider and approve the Budget for 2018/9**

The RFO presented the budget for 2018/9. Most items remained the same, although a sum had been included for Data Protection and also to cover the cost of the village survey. The RFO said there was to be no cap on expenditure this year so a referendum was unnecessary if the rise was above 2%. The budget presented was a 3% increase over last years. Cllr. Self proposed that the increase should be 4% to bring the Parish's reserves nearer to the recommended level of one year's precept value. Cllr. Mendel asked that the increase be 3.5% which would keep the precept just below £10,000.

To increase budget by 4%

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr Stanger

Defeated

To increase budget by 3.5%

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

The proposed budget will be adjusted by £60 by increasing the Village Survey figure.  
Budget Attached.

#### **18. To Review progress on Village Survey**

The survey was now complete and had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The format and questions were approved and Cllrs. Gipps, Mendel and Hawes were congratulated on their work. A price for printed would be sought and

it was hope that the survey would go out to all village residents in early March to be collated in April. Articles would appear in Tattingstone News to give advance notice of its distribution.

### **19. Other urgent village matters**

There were no other urgent village matters.

The chairman, Cllr. Wood wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

### **Items for next Agenda**

Telegraph Poles

Precept

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

ALASTAIR McCRAW, ALTON WARD, BDC

I give my apologies for my absence tonight. An Extraordinary Meeting of Babergh District Council has been called for this evening and it seems unlikely I will be able to return in time. We will be discussing recent legal advice that the Council have received in response to an Opposition motion regarding the Councils approach to merger. Since this affects the very existence of Babergh and directly affects all voters and parishes, I've given it some priority. Broadly, the opposition are united in their wish for a binding referendum/local poll on any merger proposal. We regard the 60% vote of 2011, rejecting merger with Mid Suffolk, to be the closest thing we have to expressing the electorates views, until it is otherwise demonstrated in the same way. I expect this issue to be a continuing one and will keep you informed throughout.

The move to Endeavour House in Ipswich is settling down, but I'm noticing some delays in paperwork being sent on. I apologise if this has any local impact. By January, we'll be in a better position to judge the effectiveness of this expensive move.

The consultation on the new draft Ward Boundaries closes on December 11th. I'll be sending in my own response in favour of separate Brantham and Alton Wards, with Alton comprising of Stutton, Tattingstone and Holbrook. That isn't because I want to stop serving you. I have a lot of friends here. I believe however the wards formed would serve areas with similar interests and concerns. Synergy, as they say. Having worked extensively on these proposals though, I can tell you that Brantham would be slightly on the small size for a ward, although capable of huge growth. Alton would definitely be well over the variance level of

10% that the Commission are seeking. They are quite likely to reject separation on those grounds. In that event, I would do my very best to make a Brantham & Holbrook Ward work for you all. It might even be called Alton!

I continue to monitor and engage with the local consultations and planning applications affecting all three parishes. Please contact me individually or collectively on any concerns you may have. I'll do my best to answer your queries.

Otherwise, I draw your attention to the waste collection arrangements over the festive period. Put simply, collections will be about 2 days later than normal, but check the leaflets and postings for your own area.

Finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2017 has been an event filled year for all colleagues in all levels of local government. I hope, but don't expect, that 2018 will be more settled.

Yours sincerely,  
Alastair

#### PLAYING FIELD REPORT MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2017

12 Members present with 2 apologies.

Treasurer reported no change in the Bank balance; it still stands just short of £1500.

The request for a recycle bin was discussed and estimates looked at. It was decided to await and see what happens with the council's withdrawal of the bin.

The sharing of tasks was discussed and decided that they should be more fairly distributed instead of being left to the minority.

It was decided to a request for a grant for the shower and toilet refurbishment in the Pavilion to be registered with En-Trust.

Dennis Enefer reported that he had had a look at the wooden pavilion and said it was basically sound and waterproof. He only problem was the veranda which it was decided to review when we have fairer weather.

Tennis club were still playing up to a fortnight ago.

Football club have won 3 of there last four games. They were given till the end of season to sell the lawn mower.

Cricket club had a very successful season winning the league. It was said that the new wicket is looking good. They are looking to recruit a few more ladies to start a team. They are also holding a New Years Eve party in the village hall.

Brandon Plumbly will be asked to approach the rabbit problem.

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	2018-19	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18		
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Subscriptions	260	£250		£260		
St Mary's Church	800	£800		£800		
Dog Bins	160	£170		£160		
Audit	260	£200		£255		
Clerk Wages	3500	£3,400		£3,384		
Clerk expenses	150	£250		£150		
General Admin	150			£93		
Lighting	200	£200		£200		
Insurance	475	£450		£463		



	Grass Cutting	1600		£1,350		£1,562	
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	Election Costs	0		£0		£0	
	Village Hall	500		£500		£500	
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	Contingencies	400		£600		£62	Flag 6
							Grit bin 62
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