

Tattingsstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.00pm in Tattingsstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Mendel [Chair], Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Self, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Stanger, Cllr. Hawes

5 members of the public was present.

1. Apologies for Absence:

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

2. Declaration of interest:

Cllr. Gipps declared an interest in planning D/17/06128, being a neighbour of the property.

3. To consider requests for dispensations

Dispensation granted

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 4th December 2017

The minutes were then agreed after an amendment to remove the voting results from item 17. These were then signed as a correct record by Cllr. Mendel.

Proposed: Cllr. Hawes

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Passed unanimously

5. Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reminded Council and Public that James Cartlidge M.P. would be holding a surgery on 12th January.
- There was a new code of practice for the reporting and eradication of Japanese Knotweed has come into force [see www.innsa.org for more details.]
- Cllr. Tweedy and the clerk had attended Alton Water User group meeting and presented a report. [see attached].

6. Matters arising from the minutes

The verges along A137 had been cleared by workers from Collins Skip Hire. A letter of thanks from the Parish Council to be put in Tattingstone News.

7. Open Forum for members of the public

A member of the public complained about the overgrown nature of many of the roadsides especially at the White Horse end of the village. Villagers remarked again about the broken and faded road signs and markings. The clerk reported that these had been reported to Suffolk Highways on many occasions and they always came back as not being a priority. The clerk will report again.

8. Reports from District and County Councillors

Report from District Councillor McCraw

The Merger of Babergh D.C. and Mid Suffolk D.C. will now go to referendum. After the resignation of Leader of the District Council, the new leader, John Ward has agreed to the referendum. Members from Mid Suffolk are already attending Babergh meetings. The consultation on the Joint Local Plan is now being considered.

The Ward Boundary report will be published in a couple of months.

Report from County Councillor Wood

The clerk read the prepared report from C. Cllr. Wood. See attached.

9. Planning

- **DC/17/06128**

Laburnum Cottage, Church Road, Tattingstone, IP9 2LY

Erection of residential annex after demolition of existing garage

All the neighbours had been consulted and there were no objections.

It was proposed that this application should be **recommended**.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Passed unanimously

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

Erection of multipurpose building.

The building proposed, being only slightly larger [2m] to the one already agreed, the council agreed to **recommend** this application.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Passed unanimously

- **DC/17/06037**

Land to the north of Woodlands Road, Holbrook, IP9 2PS

Outline planning application [all matters reserved] – Erection of up to 30 dwellings

All members of the Council expressed concern over the lack of infrastructure in the local area. With this and other developments both transport, education and health services would be put under immense pressure. The surrounding roads are very narrow and access onto A137 and B1456 is difficult and congested in peak times.

It was proposed to **oppose** this development because of lack of sufficient infrastructure in the area to support the development. This would impinge on the quality of life in Tattingstone.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Passed unanimously.

- **To review current practices on the Council's consideration of Planning Applications**

Cllr. Mendel agreed to defer this item until the return of the Chairman, Cllr. Wood.

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

- A report on community Speedwatch in neighbouring villages had been received. The councillors commented that Tattingstone does not have a community Speedwatch as when it was proposed several years ago, no volunteers came forward to help run it.
- The monthly AONB report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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

After the Council meeting in December, a letter had been written to Mr. Tippet, insisting that the money Babergh D C is holding from the sale of the thatched cottages be used for affordable/social housing within the village. A response had been received from Mr Tippet. He stated that the affordable housing proposed in the development at the corner of A137 and Station Road would be paid for by

Orwell Housing Association. The money from the cottages was still available. Babergh is therefore still eager to use the monies but not necessarily in the village. The Council once again urged that the monies be spent in the village and a reply would be sent to this effect.

12. Finance: report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances : Statements had not been received by the time of the meeting
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £228.37
 - SALC [training]: £26.40
 - HMRC: £169.20
 - Information commissioner: £35.00

Approved and signed
Proposed: Cllr. Gipps
Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy
Carried unanimously.

- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 31st December 2017 2017 was presented.

13. Report from Playing Field representative.

There was no meeting in December

14. To consider and approve precept request for 2018/19

The budget for the 2018/19 had been agreed at the last meeting. It was proposed that the formal direction on the charging authority for the Tattingstone Parish Precept for £9995 be sent to Babergh District Council.

Proposed: Cllr. Self
Seconded: Cllr. Gipps
Carried unanimously

The relevant forms were signed in the presence on the Clerk.

15.to review progress on Village Survey

The survey was now also complete and a printer had been found. Every household in Tattingstone would receive a copy. The survey would be sent out at the beginning of March 2018 and be required back by the beginning of April 2018. Various collection boxes will be set up around the village. Thanks were given to Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Hawes and Cllr. Mendel for all their work on the survey.

16.To comment on any other urgent village matters.

- Telegraph Poles in The Close: A meeting has been set up between BT and residents of The Close For 16th January at Adastral Park, Martlesham. The clerk will attend so she can report back to the Council.
- The Council agreed to put a note in the Tattingstone News to thank Emma Plumbly for her work as editor. A new editor is being sought. Cllr. Gipps asked who was responsible for the Tattingstone News and its finances. Cllr. Self's understanding is that Tattingstone News is an independent organisation with its own committee. This was questioned as several councillors felt that the accounts should be available for scrutiny as the Parish Council had supported it financially and it is a village amenity. Cllr. Gipps asked for it to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Self resigned from his position as Parish Councillor at the end of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Items for next Agenda

New Parish councillor

The position of Cllr. D Clarke

Representative for the playing Field committee

Defibrillator volunteer

Coordinator for Ice and Snow

Tattingstone News.

Report on the Anglia Water User Group meeting 7th December 2017

1. Wild life:

- Common tern nesting successful – thanks to Alton Volunteers for their work on Tern rafts
- Nightingales – 22 singing males, one returning to Tattlingstone after wintering in the Gambia
- Wildfowl figures lower than last year
- Dormice- - they are continuing the project started and numbers are being maintained
- Reptiles – grass snakes and common newts
- Barn owls – no evidence that any of the nest boxes were used for breeding

2. Cycling: Continues to grow. They hope to develop this and Cycle Hire will be taken in house

3. Sailing:

- Numbers are high.
- Foiling and paddle boarding have been introduced.
- Children's courses were run in the school holidays.

4. Angling:

- This is continuing to grow Season Holders up by 160.
- Fish stocks are up and some carp were put in.
- They work closely with the Environmental Agency.
- There have been trials of night fishing. This assists with policing of the site. All are informed about toileting arrangements when briefed.
- There are hopes to bring in more volunteers to help with youth groups. Look on the Anglian Water FB page which also has links with local tackle shops.
- Boats for fishing are asked not to anchor beyond the green buoy.
- Access to the water is to be increased.

5. Alton Park Lane: Stutton PC wish to close this road to vehicles

6. Alton Water Campsite

- 88 touring pitches for caravan and tents.
- Opening Spring 2018
- The shower/ toilet block will be timber clad with a pantile roof
- 10 male and female showers
- All sites [88] will have electric hook up.
- Waste recycling at the entrance.
- Landscape will be planted and maintained by Anglian Water.
- 24hr warden on site.
- Accommodation at events

7. Alton Water Run

- 1500 runners
- Charitable event of which Tattinstone CEVC Primary school is a beneficiary.

8. Great East Swim:

- 2000 entrants
- 6500 spectators

9. **Triform Triathlon:** in talks about 2018

10. Other ventures:

- Open air cinema
- Scout Camps
- Duke of Edinburgh camps

11. **Gained a Green Flag Award:** the benchmark national standard for publicly accessible parks and green spaces in the UK.

12. Future plans/improvements:

- Cycling will be in house from April 2018
- Electric cycles will be available for hire
- Team building days to be planned with cycling, sailing and rafting.
- Café is closed January and February for refurbishing
- It will re-open with improved opening times
- Hopefully with more appeal to locals.
- A new picnic area to be established.
- A new play area will be in place by April 2018. This will be in clear view of the café, camp site and picnic area.

- New improved web site
- A new full-time ranger will be employed very shortly.
- Improve disabled access
- Better security with possibility of toilet facilities at Lemon's Hill carpark
- Increase school visits.

Jane Connell-Smith

Parish Report December 2017

Councillor

David Wood

Triangle

Inswich Road



School Travel Consultation launched

Despite parents, governors and councillors voicing serious concerns over proposed changes to the School Transport policy, Suffolk County Council has decided to move the process forward and go to public consultation. This was launched on Tuesday 12 December and will run until 28 February 2018. The consultation survey, along with more information on the proposals, can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel.

A number of workshops have been organised, where the proposals will be discussed and questions answered. You will need to book to attend any of these events. The timetable for these is as follows:

Venue	Room	Date	Time
Kesgrave Conference Centre <i>Twelve Acre Approach, Ipswich IP5 1JF</i>	Orwell Room	16 Jan 2018	19:00-20:30
Eye Community Centre <i>Magdalen Street, Eye, IP23 2DH</i>	Main Hall	17 Jan 2018	19:00-20:30
River Stour Trust - the Visitor Education Centre <i>Dove House, Great Cornard, CO10 0GF</i>	VEC	18 Jan 2018	19:00-20:30
Beccles Public Hall <i>Smallgate, Beccles NR34 9AD</i>	Main Hall	22 Jan 2018	19:00-20:30
Lakenheath Pavilion <i>Eriswell Road, Lakenheath IP27 9AF</i>	Main Hall	23 Jan 2018	19:00-20:30

West Suffolk House <i>Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU</i>	WSH – GFR12 – Meeting Room	26 Jan 2018	5 sessions between 14:00- 19:30
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In addition to the workshops, there will also be a *Have Your Say* event. This is an opportunity for members of the public to present alternative options to a panel.

Venue	Date	Time
West Suffolk House Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3SP	30 Jan 2018	19:00-22:00

To book your place at any of the above events and for full details, visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel or call 0345 603 1842 (Mon-Fri 08:30 – 18:00).

I would strongly urge you to respond to the consultation survey and attend one of the events if possible. If you would like any further information or clarification on the potential impacts of changing the policy, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Suffolk County Council signs the Woodland Trust's Tree Charter

I proposed a motion to Suffolk County Council on 7 December, asking them to sign the Woodland Trust's Charter for Trees, Woods and People. I am pleased to report that this received unanimous support.

The Charter was launched on 6 November to mark the 800 year anniversary of the influential 1217 Charter of the Forest. The Woodland Trust is leading a call with more than 70 organisations from across multiple sectors, and hopes the Charter will bring the discussion of the importance of forests and trees back into public consciousness. There are ten principles which underpin the charter:

1. Thriving habitats for diverse species
2. Planting for the future
3. Celebrating the cultural impact of trees
4. A thriving forestry sector that delivers for the UK
5. Better protection for important trees and woods
6. Enhancing new developments with trees
7. Understanding and using the natural health benefits of trees
8. Access to trees for everyone
9. Addressing threats to woods and trees through good management
10. Strengthening landscapes with woods and trees

Unanimous support for LDGI Group's motion on plastic recycling

Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for the Environment, announced in October that he would be examining the possibility of introducing a plastic bottle Deposit Return Scheme in the UK to improve recycling rates.

At the meeting of Suffolk County Council on 7 December, Cllr Penny Otton (Lib Dem) and Cllr Robert Lindsay (Green) proposed a motion calling on the Council to pledge support for the introduction of such a scheme, and to offer Suffolk as a pilot area should one be needed. This was met with unanimous support. Both the Cabinet Member for the Environment and the Lib Dem, Green and Independent Group will be writing to the Secretary of State, urging him to implement this new recycling scheme in the UK.

Deposit Return Schemes work by adding a small deposit charge to the cost of plastic bottles, which is refunded to the consumer when the bottle is returned for recycling. These "reward and return schemes" are already in place across Europe, including in Germany and Denmark, and evidence suggests they are an effective recycling method. The recycling rate for countries with a Deposit Return Scheme stands at over 90%, whilst Britain currently recycles just 57% of plastic bottles.

Suffolk County Council to write letter in support of WASPI women

Cllr Caroline Page, the Lib Dem, Green and Independent Group Spokesperson for Women, seconded a motion asking the Council to offer support to the 35,000 WASPI women in Suffolk who are suffering from changes in state pension age. Once again, this received unanimous support, and the Interim Chief Executive will be writing to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions calling on the government to reconsider transitional arrangements for these women.

Women Against State Pension Inequalities (WASPI) is a national campaign, which highlights the unfair impact that state pension age changes have had on women born in the 1950s. Many women expected to receive a state pension at 60 and were not properly informed by the government of the age increase, leaving them stranded without income or forced to delay retirement plans. WASPI agrees with the equalisation of state pension age, but does not agree with the unfair way the changes were implemented – with little or no personal notice, faster than promised, and leaving no time to make alternative plans. If you would like more information, please visit: <http://www.waspi.co.uk/>

Potential Ipswich City Bid

The Leader of the Council, Colin Noble, proposed a motion calling on Suffolk County Council to work with Ipswich Borough Council, Ipswich Vision and other partners to support a bid for Ipswich to gain city status. This was passed, although not unanimously, with some councillors expressing concerns over the costs that may be involved in a bid.

There are currently no opportunities to gain city status, but Cllr Noble anticipates that there may be one in the near future to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. He stressed the need to be fully prepared should the opportunity arise.

Review of Autism and ADHD Strategy

The Labour Group called on the Council to improve the delivery of high needs services for children and adults with autistic spectrum disorders and ADHD. The Council agreed to this unanimously, and proposed that it should be a priority piece of work for the newly-formed Care, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Committee.

This will involve: refreshing the Autism & ADHD Strategy and developing an action plan to implement the new strategy; exploring the possibility of developing a centre of excellence in diagnosing ASD and ADHD conditions; inviting bids to develop a school in Suffolk specifically for those with ASD/ADHD conditions; and exploring ways to limit the number of out-of-county residential placements.

Council requests extension of Adult Social Care Levy

Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, called on the Council to lobby government to extend the National Adult Social Care Levy and explore other mechanisms to support social care.

Although we supported this motion, and agree that social care requires an urgent funding review, we questioned why the Cabinet Member had not already been lobbying the government. The challenges facing social care are not new.

Suffolk chosen as pilot scheme for 100% Business Rates Retention

In the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, released on 19 December, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government announced that Suffolk had been chosen as a pilot scheme for 100% business rates retention for the 2018-19 financial year.

Suffolk is one of only 10 pilot areas announced. Both the county council and the district/borough councils will be part of the scheme. However, until more information is released from the Department for communities and

Local Government, it is not possible to say exactly how much additional income this could generate into the Suffolk system.

Primary School application deadline approaches

Parents and carers have until Monday 15th January to make their application to secure their child's place at a Suffolk Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle school for September 2018.

Any child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 is due to start primary school from September 2018. An application for a full-time school place must be made, even if a child is already attending a nursery class in an infant or primary school, a pre-school or a children's centre next to a school site.

Information to help parents and carers make their application is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Proposed Extension

You will all be aware of the proposed extension on the Southern side of the River Stour and other areas on the Peninsula. At last Natural England have confirmed the formal consultation will commence on 26 January 2018 for a 12 week period, finishing on 20 April. Papers outlining the proposed extension can be obtained from Natural England and from www.citizenspace.com. They will be available from the 26 January.

There will be a chance for Parish Councils to discuss this with Natural England at the Venture Centre Lawford on the morning of 12 February. On the 13 February at the same venue there will be a session for Special Interest Groups in the morning and Local Businesses and Land Owners in the afternoon. There will also be drop in sessions for members of the general public at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club Woolverstone on 20 February and at the Venture Centre Lawford on 21 February. These will be all day events.

Please make every effort to attend one of the consultation events and a letter of support would be greatly appreciated.