

Tattingstone Parish Council

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

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

11 members of the public were present.

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

Cllr. Denise Hawes was welcomed to her first meeting of the Parish council by the Chairman, Cllr. Woods

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Clarke, D. Cllr. Steer.

2. Declaration of interest:

N/A

3. To consider requests for dispensations

N/A

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 5th June 2017

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

Proposed: Cllr. Gipp

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Passed unanimously

5. Matters arising:

The Financial Regulations and Standing orders have been adjourned to the August meeting as advice was being sought from SALC.

6. Clerk's Report

The Suffolk flag had been flown proudly on Suffolk Day.

Babergh District Council now charges a fee for Pre-Application advice on planning.

This is in line with other districts in Suffolk.

7. Open Forum for members of the Public

There is great concern in the village over motorcycles which have been coming to the village on a regular basis and driving recklessly both on and off road. They have caused considerable damage to crops and footpaths. They have also been verbally abusive and threatening to local farmers when approached. The Police have been informed but with their limited resources, the perpetrators have not been caught.

Cllr. Wood will bring up the issue when he has a meeting with the County Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr. Stanger will also report this at the meeting of the Babergh East Police and Parish Forum at the meeting on 5th July.

Action Point : A letter of concern will be sent from the Council to the Police and Crime commissioner, the Chief Constable and our M.P.

The public felt it would also be a deterrent if the reservoir gates were closed daily at an earlier time. Cllr. Wood will speak to the Mr J Taylor at Alton Water.

Concern was also raised that during hot weather, people were still jumping from Lemon's Hill Bridge and swimming in the reservoir. This problem is never going to be eradicated completely. Both Anglian Water and the Parish Council have done a great deal by new signage, tree planting and creating a clearway over the bridge.

Many of the road hedges and verges are overgrown. These are reported to Suffolk County Council but are not seen as a priority by them.

8. Report from District Councillor McCraw

Babergh District Council are lacking a 5 year land supply strategy. Not enough houses have been built in the District to cover demand. In order to help councils get developers to build more homes, the Government have told planning committees to give greater weight to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) when deciding on applications. While it does not mean abandoning Babergh's core strategy, and other policies, it is designed to guide members towards the fundamental aim of giving decisions based on a presumption in favour of sustainable development. We also need to ensure the Government and the County Council do more to get the infrastructure right. We need to ensure things such as highways, doctors' surgeries, schools etc, are taken into consideration and improved in parallel with developments. There also needs to be a better way in ensuring developers actually build when permissions are granted and not just landbank, or wait until the markets are more favourable to them.

The Electoral review is in progress with Babergh District Council cutting the number of wards from 43 to 31. Each ward will now be representing about 2,400 people.

Planning consent has been given for the Brantham Rail Maintenance Yard and work will start shortly.

Cllr. McCraw attended Shanties on the Shore where pupils from local schools, including Tattingstone CEVC Primary school performed an original score from composer John Miles with the City of London Sinfonia s part of the Arthur Ransome programme of events on the peninsula.

Report from County Councillor Wood

The County Chief Executive is leaving and interviewing for this prominent position will take place in September. Suffolk CC will be recruiting a new Financial Officer. Stutton Primary School is in danger of being closed through lack of numbers. The clearway of 730 yards has been established over Lemon's Hill Bridge as requested to try and deter jumpers from the bridge.

9.Planning

I. SCC/17/0092

Folly Farm, Tattingstone, IP9 2NY

Variation of planning permission B/15/01395 to allow vehicles to depart the site between 06.00 and 07.30 hours Monday to Saturday.

Letters have been sent from villagers to the County Council citing breaches of the planning permission in force at present, with concerns about the new application. The Parish Council is unable to comment further as the application was recommended at the 3rd. June meeting.

II. B/17/02126

Birchwood House, Cox Hill Road, Tattingstone, IP9 2NS

Change of use from agricultural to B1 and B8 Business use.

This was recommended with the concern about the narrow access road and concern over what was going to be stored on the premises.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded Cllr. Stanger

Carried unanimously.

III. DC/17/02437

Land to the west of 1 Holly Cottages, Church Road, Tattingstone IP9 2LZ

Erection of new house and garage. Redrawn plans with measurements.

Recommended.

Proposed: Cllr. Stanger

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously.

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

Cllr. Wood had received emails concerning the anti-social behaviour by motor cyclists as discussed in the Open Forum. In addition to the letter being written, a police representative will be asked to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to address the fears of the villagers. An article is also to be put in Tattingsstone News to warn villagers not to approach these people but to phone police.

A letter had been received about the possibility of affordable houses on land adjacent to Chedworth Place. There is no access to this land at present and previous planning applications had been refused.

11. Finance: report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances at 30th June : Bank statements had not been received by the date of the meeting
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £262.06
 - SALC [planning workshop]: £60.00
 - HMRC: £169.20Approved and signed
Proposed: Cllr.Gipps
Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy
Carried unanimously.
- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 30th May 2017 was presented.

12. To Consider the process of on-line banking for the council

The RFO had contacted HMRC and they are happy to receive cheques. The Council felt there was no need to change our current financial arrangements.

13.Reprt from playing field representative

See attached.

14. To Consider S106 application for fence on the Playing Field

Three quotes had been received:

Caldwells: £1101.60

Dodnash: £1424.37

TGC: £1098.00

The quote from TGC also quoted for higher specification fence posts.

The Parish council delegated the decision to the Playing field committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded Cllr. Gipps

For: 5 abstentions: 3 Carried.

15. The emergency o review progress on defibrillator.

The emergency services have been informed that this is now available. Cllr. Self is still trying to arrange some training on its use and on CPR.

16. To review Progress on Community Led Plan

Cllr. Gipps and Cllr. Mendel will meet the next day to work on this.

17. To review Progress on Community Action Plan

Cllr. Clark will put another article in Tattingstone News to ask for volunteers.

18. To review progress Telephone box.

A local resident has come forward to say that she will manage the book exchange. Shelving should be put up shortly

19. to consider setting up a No Cold Calling Zone for Tattingstone

It was also suggested that a short presentation on How to Avoid Scammers was arranged for a DropIn session. The clerk will arrange for September.

20. To review Parking in the village

A letter had been received from the Junior Road Safety Officers at the Primary School. Together with the PCSO, they had left messages for drivers who parked inappropriately outside the school. They asked for better permanent signage around the school to discouraged parking. Cllr. Wood will investigate '20 is Plenty' signs.

21. To consider renewal of membership of Community Action Suffolk

This is a free advice service.

Renewal proposed: Cllr Mendel

Seconded: Cllr Stanger Carried unanimously

22. To consider recent information on Boundary Review/ Warding arrangements.

The council would formulate a response to this importance change. A small working party of Cllr. Stanger, Cllr. Tweedy and Cllr. Self was set p to report back to the next meeting.

23. Other urgent village Matters

Concerns about overhanging trees and state of village verges had already been discussed.

25. Items for next Agenda

- Financial regulations and Standing Orders
- Community Led Plan
- Community Action Plan
- Transparency code
- Boundary review
- Parish Plan Action

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

PLAYING FIELD REPORT 26TH JUNE 2017
IN THE PAVILION

15 Members present, no apologies and no public present.

David Brown is still awaiting third quote for toilet refurbishment.

The Village recorder Jane Kirk has acquired some display boards and asked if we could store them. Cricket club has agreed that they can be stored in the container.

On request by the cricket club it was decided that a kitchen counter be erected to form a U shape leaving access for the water heater. This would also increase storage.

The holes for the goal posts have not been covered and unfortunately a fielder at a cricket match twisted his ankle in one of the holes and was taken to A&E. The committee feel strongly that a second member of the football club attend the meeting to try and maintain discipline to keep the field and property in order.

The old cricket pavilion is in need of repair. Lee Mandley is to ask Dave Allen to take a look. If too costly then we would have to look at a replacement/alternative.
(Houses power feed to main pavilion)

Tennis club is ticking over.

Football club will only have one team in the league.

Cricket club have played 15 and won 11. They won the Tuesday night League. Children's coaching started with 11 now 24 with several from our school. Still working on the portacabins and have cleared a lot of the rubbish from behind the Pavilion. It was agreed that the Square could be stripped on the 16th September and relayed ready for next season. It was asked as to the progress as to the picket fence to which I replied it would be a long task as I had been instructed to go step by step via the parish council and not as previous S106 applications direct once agreed and minuted by the Council, as the rules have changed.

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