

Tattingstone Parish Council

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

**Present: Cllr. Wood, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr.
Dearing, Cllr Hawes**

D. Cllr Gould

Ms M Rawlins [Suffolk Record Office]

Ms M Proctor [Tattingstone Speedwatch Trust]

Members of public: 6

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Johnson

2. Declaration of interest.

Cllr. Gipps declared an interest in Item 9, planning as the property being
discussed bordered her property.

3. To consider requests for dispensation.

Dispensation granted.

4. To approve, as accurate, minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2019

Proposed: Cllr. Clark

Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

Carried unanimously

5. To receive Clerk's Report.

- All register of interests now completed and on Babergh District website
for public view
- New classrooms opened at Tattingstone CEVC School

- Rural bulletins, AONB reports circulated

6. To consider Matters arising from the minutes.

- Suffolk Constabulary Local Method feedback – Cllr Wood responded on behalf of council
- Cllr Mendel has not as yet been able to arrange meeting with James Cartledge MP

16.[Brought Forward] To discuss possible uses of the village phone box.

Ms Rawlins from Suffolk Record Office addressed the Council. Land and Shore project had been working with the Village Recorder and other villagers to record memories of the village and the impact of the building of Alton Water. There was a proposal to conduct a feasibility study into converting the phone box into an aural history point, where people could listen to recordings of villagers speaking about their experiences. The Suffolk Record Office would fund the conversion and also running costs for the first 12 months. After that time the Parish council would be able to choose to keep it and fund it themselves or to use the telephone box for a different purpose altogether.

Proposed Cllr. Wood

Seconded Cllr Gips

Carried unanimously.

Ms. Rawlins will report on progress in 2-3 months.

Ms Rawlins left the meeting

7. Open Forum for members of the public.

Nothing was brought up at this point although public were able to comment on other agenda items

8. To receive Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from D. Cllr. Gould is attached to these minutes

Report from C. Cllr. Wood is attached to these minutes.

9. To consider Planning Applications: DC/19/02440

Laburnum Cottage, Church Road, Tattingstone IP9 2LY

**Erection of residential annex following demolition of a garage
[resubmission of DC/17/06128]**

The resubmitted plans included a small skylight and moving the main entrance to allow clearance of land drain.

The council were happy to recommend this application.

Proposed: Cllr. Dearing

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy. Carried unanimously.

Approval had been received on the village hall extension.

An extension had been granted on an application for houses at Rose House, The Heath [DC/19/02617] This will be discussed fully at July meeting.

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

- AONB report had been circulated
- Launch of Suffolk Community awards: if councillors know of anyone whose name we could submit for this, they are asked to submit it to the clerk for inclusion on next month's agenda.

11. Finance: to consider and approve.

- **Bank Balances:** not received by the time of the meeting

- **To approve payment :**

- Clerk's wages and expenses: £257.33 [£245.18+
£12.15]]
- Tattingstone Speedwatch Trust: £250 [see item 14
minutes 13.05.19}

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps

Seconded: Cllr.Deearing

Carried unanimously

These were agreed and cheques signed.

Expenditure to date 2018/19 presented.

Audit at SALC has been arranged for week beginning 8th July. No external audit necessary as council is exempt, having income and expenditure under £25000

12.To receive Report from Playing Field Representative.

There had been no meeting this month.

13. To discuss Road Signage around Tattingstone CEVC School.

C.Cllr. Wood has not yet met with the head teacher of Tattingstone CEVC School to discuss this as there are plans regarding signage and parking outside all County schools with the County Council.

14. To discuss A137 Safety Improvement Proposal to the north of Tattingstone

A letter had been received from the Parish Clerk at Wherstead asking for the Council's views on proposals by Suffolk County Council to reduce the speed limit on part of the A137 to the north of Tattingstone. Although councillors were in favour of a 50mph speed limit for the length of A137 - Wherstead roundabout up to the 30mph sign as vehicles enter Tattingstone, only a short length of restricted speed limit was proposed, reverting to national speed limit for a fair distance before the village. This would just increase problems as traffic speeded up. There was no money in the Suffolk Highways budget for this and the County Councillor for Wherstead was not prepared to fund it. C.Cllr.Wood said he would prefer to spend his allocated budget to benefit the village of Tattingstone [within his ward] in some other way.

The clerk will write to Wherstead with the Council's Comments and ask to be kept informed of developments.

15. To discuss progress on Speedwatch

The organiser reported that training of volunteers was going well. They had been out twice but are hampered because they have to borrow signs etc from a neighbouring parish so could only have them occasionally. She showed the council data relating to speeding which had been gathered over the two occasions. This showed that 6% of drivers were speeding, the fastest speed through the 30mph stretch of A137 was 49mph..She thanked the Parish Council for the cheque and she had also received a donation from a villager.

16. Brought forward

17. To discuss Self Help Highways scheme and its possible use in the village.

The Parish council will register for this and obtain further details.

18. To discuss local farmer's concern over Alton Water.

After a local farmer had received no assurances from the warden at Alton Water about bicycles on footpaths, accessing his land from the permissive footpath around the reservoir, he wrote, on the advice of the clerk, to Head of Parks and Conservation at Anglian Water head office. The manager at Alton has now agreed to replace the stile but the state of the fences is still an issue. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write, on the farmer's behalf, with

photographs, to Anglian Water Head office. The farmer was also concerned that an air rifle had been fired, not only at his signs, but also at expensive new irrigation equipment. The police have been informed.

19. To convene Performance Management/Pay Committee to review work of Parish Clerk.

Cllr. Wood and Cllr. Dearing will meet during the month to discuss. The clerk provided current rates of pay as agreed by NALC.

20. Any other urgent village matters

- The Council agreed that the Suffolk flag be flown on Suffolk Day, 21st June.
- The Tree warden would be asked to buy an appropriate number of trees for planting around the village. The Council will leave it to his discretion.
- The Clerk brought to the Council's attention, the need for a review to be made of village footpaths and rights of way as in the near future any unregistered footpaths might be lost. This will be discussed with the footpath warden and a village volunteer so a survey can be implemented.

21. Items for next agenda.

Signage around school

Speedwatch

Self Help highways scheme

Clerk's salary

Suffolk Community Awards

GDPR statement and policy

Other Policies

22. Date of next meeting

1st July 2019

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Report from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor for Tattingstone Parish Council for meeting on 3 June 2019.

At the first annual meeting of the newly elected District Council on May 22 John Ward was elected leader again.

The Conservatives, who had enjoyed a majority for the last four years, failed to win enough seats to claim power. They are two seats short of a majority but a coalition has now been formed which means four Conservatives, three Independents and one Liberal Democrat will serve on the cabinet.

There was anger among the Green group, we won four seats with 23% of the people who voted, voting Green, and we felt that as one eighth of the council are Green Councillors it merited a cabinet position. I quote our Green leader, Robert Lindsay, who said "I am more than disappointed, I am actually quite angry about it."

The task of working together begins. We are all aware of the issues facing Babergh and will work to find solutions that move us forward in an appropriate way, I am pleased that John Ward says "We have a lot to do and it will, I am sure, be a busy and exciting time. I know that officially Babergh is classed as 'no overall control' however, this should really be 'we are all in control, together'. The will is clearly there to make this arrangement work, so let's do it."

I am on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and The Licencing and Regulatory Committee. I am also representing Babergh District Council

on the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Subcommittee and the Joint Gypsy and Traveller Steering Group.

You may already know that the application to build the single storey side and rear extension to the village hall has been granted, the decision was made on 17 May.

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Councillor

David Wood



New leadership team for LDGI Group

My political group at Suffolk County Council, made up of Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent (LDGI) councillors, has elected a new leadership team for 2019/20. The group will be led by Cllr Penny Otton (Liberal Democrat), with Cllr Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw (Green) as deputy leader.

Ofsted rates Suffolk County Council Children's Services "outstanding"

After a week-long inspection in April, Ofsted have given Suffolk County Council Children's Services an "outstanding" rating, an improvement from the previous rating of "good" in 2015. Suffolk County Council is one of only seven in the country to achieve this rating, and the positive report is testament to the hard-working frontline staff at the council.

However, the council does still struggle to fill social worker vacancies, particularly given it does not pay social workers as much as some neighbouring councils. Staff at the council are hopeful that this Ofsted report will help in attracting social workers to Suffolk.

Furthermore, this is in stark contrast to the inspection of Suffolk SEND services earlier this year, which Ofsted rated "inadequate". Although a SEND oversight board has been set up, this is only meeting four times per year and we do not have a representative on the board.

Rise in the numbers of care-leavers housed in unregulated accommodation

BBC Newsnight has reported a large rise in the number of care-leavers being housed in unregulated accommodation. Whilst this is a national issue, the figures for Suffolk were the fourth largest of all English authorities. Furthermore, in Suffolk the numbers of children living in unregulated accommodation has risen from 24 in 2009 to 113 in 2018.

Children in care may move to supported accommodation once they are over the age of 16, to encourage independent living. There are support workers living on site or paying regular visits, but the accommodation is not subject to the same checks and inspections as regular children's homes.

Poverty motion voted down by Council

At the Council AGM on 23 May, my group proposed a motion asking the Council to acknowledge the findings of the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty following his visit to the UK in November last year, and to set-up a cross-party policy develop group tasked with investigating actions that Suffolk County Council could take to reduce poverty in the county. Unfortunately, the Conservative administration decided to vote against the motion.

The UN report found that 14 million people in the UK are living in poverty. Suffolk has not escaped the national crisis: earlier this month, End Child Poverty published its 2019 statistics which revealed that over 50,000 children (28.5%) in Suffolk are being brought up in poverty.

New "task and finish" groups to scrutinise education

Suffolk County Council has pledged to set up “task and finish” groups to scrutinise education issues, such as home-to-school transport and SEND placements. The council previously had a dedicated Education Scrutiny Committee, but this was dissolved in 2017.

My group has requested that any meetings should be open to both the public and the press, to ensure the scrutiny process is transparent.

New system for funding sponsored bus services

A new system has been agreed for allocating funding to sponsored bus services, following a cross-party policy development panel (PDP).

In the past, decisions on allocating funding were made on subsidy per passenger figures and on the recommendations of officers within the Passenger Transport Unit, with no formal scoring. The new system devised by the PDP sets out a defined methodology for allocating resources, to ensure this process is consistent and transparent.

Factors that will be taken into account include:

1. Average single passenger journeys per day of operation
2. Percentage of English National Concessionary Travel Scheme journeys for both age related and disabled passengers
3. Number of entitled students on bus route (additional weighting of 1.5)
4. Type of service, days operated and consideration of alternative services
5. Integration with bus services that operate on a commercial basis
6. Average cost per passenger journey

Restrictions on recycling

The amount of goods that can be recycled in Suffolk has reduced, with TetraPak cartons and metal items such as pots and pans no longer being accepted in recycling bins. This decision was made by the Suffolk Waste Partnership following a refurbishment of the Material Recycling Facility near Great Blakenham, because the new sorting equipment that is being installed will not be able to separate out cartons.

Cartons and metal items will now need to be taken to household recycling centres. In addition, new restrictions on composting mean that households can no longer put kitchen waste into brown bins.