

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 at 8.00pm in Tattingstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Wood [chair], Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Hawes, Cllr Mendel, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Dearing

2 members of the public were present.

The meeting began with a minute's silent tribute to Cllr. Peter Clark who had recently died. The chairman spoke of Cllr. Clark's hard work and contribution to the Parish Council

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Gipps, D. Cllr. McCraw, D. Cllr. Steer

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. To consider requests for dispensations

N/A

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 9th April 2018

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

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Wood

Passed unanimously

5. Clerk's Report

- All road and hedge complaints from previous meetings had been logged with Suffolk Highways. Many of these for the multiple time.
- An amendment is going through Parliament to the GDPR bill which will exempt Parish Councils for the need to have an independent Data Protection Officer. This was as a result of intense lobbying from councils and NALC.
- Cllr. Mendel will attend a course on Writing a Neighbourhood Plan
- The clerk received a phone call from a resident of Glebe close, who was very agitated about his health and about the fabric of his home. This was passed to D. Cllr. McCraw, who visited and has expedited the matter with Babergh D. C.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- There were no matters arising from the minutes

7. Open Forum for members of the public

There were no questions or comments from the Public

8. Reports from District and County Councillors

The reports are attached to the minutes.

C. Cllr Wood added is using a substantial amount of money to commission a report into the formation of a unitary council as in other counties.

9. Planning

- **DC/17/06250**

Sommercourt, The Heath, Tattingsstone, IP9 2LX

Demolition of existing building and garage, erection of 4 dwellings and vehicular access, associated garages, landscaping etc. [amendment]

The Council is still waiting for this to go to committee. At the time of the meeting a date for this had yet to be fixed. It is hoped that when the committee meeting occurs a Councillor will attend and Speak about our reasons for non-recommendation

- **DC/18/01386**

Former HMS Ganges site, Shotley Gate, Shotley, Suffolk

Application under Section 73 of Town and Country Planning Act. The full and partial demolition of buildings associated with the redevelopment of the site to provide 285 dwellings etc.

The Council could not see how a development of this size would be supported by the existing infrastructure. The development would put increased pressure on the road network, schools and social support on the whole of the peninsula.

Application was **NOT** recommended.

Proposed: Cllr. Clarke

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

- **DC/18/011450**

Tinker's Hole, Main Road, Tattingsstone, IP9 2NY

Demolition of existing two-storey four bedroomed house and replacement with new two-storey, four bedroomed house.

The Council had received a letter from Dr P Green, who lived next door in support of this application.

The Application was recommended.

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes

Carried unanimously

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

- The monthly AONB report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- There is a meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Tourist Action Group on 12th June
- The Minerals and Waste Consultation resulted in 11 areas, including the ones in the Tattingstone area, being reduced in size. New consultations begin 11th June.
- Suffolk Crime commissioner and Chief Constable are holding a meeting about Policing in Suffolk on 20th June.

Cllr. Wood left the meeting at 8.30pm as he had another meeting to attend in his role of County Councillor. Cllr. Mendel took the Chair.

11. To elect a member to the Personnel Committee and convene Clerk's Performance management meeting.

Cllr. Dearing was proposed to take the late Cllr. Collins post on this committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes

Carried unanimously.

The Committee will meet prior to the next Council meeting. New pay scales have been recommended by NALC.

12. Finance: report from R.F.O. Finance: to consider and approve.

- Bank Balances: Current Account: £12,011.11
Savings Account: £3,169.68
- To approve for payment:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £225.67
 - TGC [ground Maintenance: £337.50

Approved and signed

Proposed: Cllr. Clarke

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes
Carried unanimously.

- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 30th April 2018 was presented.

13. Report from Playing Field representative.

See attached.

14. To review response to the Village Survey

About 60 completed survey have been received. This is approximately 25%. At least 51% response is needed to form the basis of a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to extend the date of completion to 14th June. Reminders would appear in Tattingstone News, village FaceBook page and on the new Parish council website to be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May.

15. To consider applications for Parish Councillor and co-opt Councillor

The Council had received one application from Mrs Susan Clark, widow of Cllr. Peter Clark. Her application was read and Councillors asked Mrs Clark about her experience. It was proposed that Mrs. S Clark be co-opted onto Tattingstone Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes

Carried unanimously

16. To initiate the co-option of a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council still requires one Councillor. Notices will be posted and hopefully applicants will come forward for co-option at July meeting of Parish council.

17. To discuss and consider future of Tattingstone News

Although requested at last month's meeting, Cllr. Wood had been unable to meet with Mr Plumbly about administration of the Tattingstone News. Cllr Hawes, the new editor, was praised for her much improved first edition, however she is becoming more and more frustrated about the administration and finances of the Tattingstone News. The Council expressed its grave concern as the News had received monies from both Parish and County Councils and had been requesting for some time a view of the accounts. Both Cllr. Hawes, in her role as editor, and Cllr. Wood will

request an urgent meeting with the administrators of Tattingstone News to discuss this.

The Council was minded to sever all support of the Tattingstone News and begin to publish its own village news in the near future unless transparency of finances was forthcoming. This will be discussed fully at the next meeting of the Parish Council

18. To consider response to Battle's Over.

The clerk brought to the Council's attention a letter saying funds were available for village events featuring There But Not There figures. Several Councillors found the figures disturbing and creepy and not in keeping with the events planned. Future information will be gathered from the Primary School and PCC to see if events could be co-ordinated. The clerk will report back as she has contacts with both.

16. Any other urgent village matters

- The OpenReach trial of superfast broadband is to come to an end at the end of May.
- Mention was made of the bus parked at The Wheatsheaf. This is for refurbishment to enable another venue for the Bus Shelter organisation that supports rough sleepers. The bus will only stay in Tattingstone while it is refurbished.
- An Unsung hero award was suggested for the village. This will be discussed more fully at June's meeting.
- A request was made that meetings returned to a 7.30pm start for the coming year. This was welcomed by Councillors.

DONM 4th June at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Items for next Agenda

Battles Over

Tattingstone News

Unsung Hero Award

Dates for coming year

Neighbourhood Plan

Village Hall monies -restricted fund
Report from D. Cllr McCraw

Report for Tattingstone Parish Council. 7.00 pm May 14th, 2018.

1. It has been agreed at a Delegation Panel that the Summertime application will be heard by a Planning Committee. I argued that this was necessary on the grounds of consistency in Decision making, with regard to other applications on the Heath and the point was accepted. No date has been set as yet for the Committee meeting, but I will keep the PC informed.
2. There has been recent discussion about the proposed closure of the Tourist Information Centre at Lavenham. The decision may not be final, but alternative provision of Tourist Information is being examined and the Council will receive a briefing on these before the matter goes to Scrutiny Committee.
3. The Community Infrastructure Levy Framework has been agreed. You will have received information on the bidding process and the appropriate 123 regulations. I believe there may be an initial rush of bids. Bids may be more successful if they involve funds (CIL or otherwise) from the Parishes own funds.
4. A Statement of Community Involvement on Planning Issues (that ironically very few people were or are aware) has been reviewed and refreshed and will shortly be out for Consultation. This conveniently supplies information on the Stages of a Neighbourhood Plan, Development of a Local Plan (The Joint Local Plan) and useful information on Planning Applications. I wish I'd known it existed myself, as it would have made the learning curve a little less steep. However I recommend it to all Parishes and Councillors (Tattingstone AND Babergh).
5. The recent meeting at Hadleigh Town Hall on Neighbourhood Plans was very well attended, with representatives from Tattingstone, Stutton & Brantham. The MP, James Cartledge, gave a short preamble as background to changes in Government thinking on these. Effectively, areas with a Neighbourhood Plan which has been 'made' or adopted by Babergh will be able to apply that plan to applications in the plan area whilst only a three year 'Land Supply' exists. Currently a five year land supply seems to be necessary for the Plan to have full effect.
6. Babergh will hold its Annual Council at 9.30am on May 22nd in the St Edmunds Chamber at Endeavour House.

Report from C. Cllr. Wood

Pothole repairs

It was recently reported that Suffolk County Council had repaired 6500 potholes since the start of the year. However, there are still a number of issues with the way Highways carry out their repairs, and this headline figure does not paint an accurate picture of the situation in Suffolk.

The Highways team are currently struggling to keep up with the need for repairs across the county, and so are resorting to temporary repairs which are quicker to complete than permanent repairs. They have recently introduced a more expensive temporary material that is supposed to last slightly longer. However, these pothole repairs will undoubtedly need to be repeated in the coming months as the temporary material deteriorates. Whether this represents value for money for Suffolk residents is an important question.

Suffolk Highways have also stated that they are "blitzing" whole areas of the road at once, rather than making multiple trips to the same area. However, it is important to note that they will only repair potholes that meet their intervention criteria. I have attached a copy of the "Defect Response Matrix" at the end of this report, which outlines the minimum size a pothole needs to be for it be repaired by Suffolk Highways.

Further information on the pothole repairs policy can be found within the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan, available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/how-we-manage-highway-maintenance/Suffolk-Highway-Maintenance-Operational-Plan.pdf>

Further National Lottery funding approved for “The Hold” in Ipswich

At the beginning of April, it was announced that the Heritage Lottery Fund had awarded an additional £10.3m towards “The Hold” project, a heritage centre to be built on the Ipswich Waterfront. Building work will begin this spring, with The Hold scheduled to open by the end of 2019.

The total cost of the project is expected to be £20m. Suffolk County Council has pledged £5m for the building, whilst the University of Suffolk has pledged £1m. The Heritage Lottery Fund had previously awarded £538,000, bringing the total lottery funding to £10.8m. Additional funding will come from the Wolfson Foundation and fundraising by the charity “Suffolk Archives Foundation”.

As well as providing public facilities and teaching spaces for the University of Suffolk, The Hold is expected to house the majority of Suffolk’s archival collections. This has been criticised by residents of Lowestoft and the surrounding area, who face losing their local Records Office and the records within it. Suffolk County Council has been criticised for the lack of consultation with residents prior to the decision to close the Lowestoft Records Office. A petition by local campaigners SORO (Save Our Records Office) will be presented to the Council on 24 May, calling on the Council to reconsider the decision to move all records to Ipswich. There is currently no suggestion that this project will affect the Bury St Edmunds Records Office.

Chilton Woods development moves forward

The Cabinet has agreed to proceed with the Chilton Woods development as an “upfront land sale”, meaning land will be sold to developers, either in lots or as a whole, who will then work on the development over a 10 year period.

The development is expected to deliver 1150 homes and supporting infrastructure, including highways improvements and a new primary school. 25% of these homes have been designated as affordable. Furthermore, the scheme includes 15ha of employment land which is expected to provide 1900 new jobs.

The Cabinet agreed to set aside £2.7m of funding for the development, to be released over the next 10 years. Furthermore, they will be seeking Government funding in partnership with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership to enable the delivery of employment as soon as possible.

Cabinet welcomes proposals to extend the Suffolk Coasts & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The Cabinet agreed to welcome proposals by Natural England to extend the current boundaries of the Suffolk Coasts & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. However,

they have suggested some amendments that need to be made to the proposal, to ensure the boundaries are manageable.

Ownership of land remains unchanged within an AONB and there is no restriction on how land is farmed. Whilst there is no presumption against development within an AONB, residents within the new AONB areas will have their Permitted Development Rights modified so that they are similar to those experienced by residents within a Conservation Area.

The Cabinet's comments were included in a submission to Natural England's public consultation, which ended on 20 April 2018. It is hoped that these amendments will be included in Natural England's Draft Designation Order.

Report from playing field representative

The cricket club reported that they were enjoying the start of the season and looked forward to all forthcoming matches. They were disappointed that some members of the football club had taken drinks belonging to them from a locked frig. They intended to write a letter of complaint. The representative of the football club was saddened by this news and sent apologies.

The football club representative sent his apologies for absence.

The tennis club representative had no comments to make.

The question of the lawn mower was raised again. It was stated that although one hundred pounds had been offered it was felt that as it was a Reliant Robin engine it was worth more. It goes on. Perhaps Dell Boy would be interested.

A sum of four thousand five hundred pounds to various village organisations from the Parish Plan, which was closing, was promised. This news was greeted with much approval.

Sheila Tweedy

Matrix C - Potholes

		SEVERITY					
		Extreme	Major	Moderate	Minor	Minor	Negligible
		Road Type 2	Road Type 3a	Road Type 3b	Road Type 3b	Road Type 4a	Road Type 4b
		Strategic 'A' rd Routes	Main Distributer - Major Urban Network and Inter Strategic routes	Main rural secondary distributor roads	Main urban secondary distributor roads	Local Roads	Minor rural roads and urban cul-de-sacs
		400mm dia	400mm dia	400mm dia	400mm dia	400mm dia	400mm dia
LIKELIHOOD	Very likely >100mm	Cat 1 2 hours	Cat 1 2 hours	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 4 10 working days
	Likely 75-100mm	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 2 2 working days	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 4 10 working days	Cat 4 10 working days	Cat 5 20 working days
	Possible 50-74mm	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 3 5 working days	Cat 4 10 working days	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 6 14 calendar weeks
	Unlikely 25-49mm	Cat 5 20 working days	Cat 6 14 calendar weeks	Cat 6 14 calendar weeks	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works
	Rare <25mm	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works	Cat 7 Potential future works

Notes

If the diameter is between 300 and 399mm drop down one category (e.g. Cat 2 becomes Cat 3), if the diameter is between 200 and 299mm drop down 2 categories, if less than 199mm drop down 3 categories.
 Defects under 25mm in depth do not need to be recorded.
 Please note whether joint sealing is required.