

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 8.00pm in
Tattingstone Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Wood [Chairman], Cllr. Hawes, Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Self, Cllr. P Clark

2 members of the public were present.

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

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Stanger, Cllr. D 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 7th August 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

The clerk reported a computer fault that had disabled the computer; It had now been repaired and the cost had been claimed on her expenses.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

The worn road markings at Station Road/A137 had been reported to Suffolk highways.

7. Open Forum for members of the Public

Mike Ewart, the village tree warden, had attended a conference during which concern was raised over Ash Dieback. If large trees are infected they become weakened and branches may fall in off. This is a worry if they are near highways or footpaths as it could prove dangerous. He recommended a survey to locate the Ash trees in the village and to assess the danger. He asked that councillors report any ash trees in their area to him.

Action Point: The clerk will place a notice on the village FB page and also in Tattingstone News to highlight the danger and to ask villagers to report any trees and their location to the clerk. She will liaise with Mr. Ewart and log these trees on a village map.

8. Report from District Councillor McCraw [deferred see after item 10]

Report from County Councillor Wood

- A Cabinet decision on school transport policy changes has been called in by the scrutiny committee and it was returned to cabinet for further consideration.
- The search for a new Chief Executive continues after no appointment was made after a day of interviews on 11th September.
- The Suffolk Observatory website has undergone a complete overhaul, making it easier to find data and intelligence. It is a one-stop shop for statistics about Suffolk, and will provide easy access to information along with an improved search function. <http://www.suffolkobservatory.info/>
- PCC will not pursue plans to take over the Suffolk Fire and Rescue.
- Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has launched a new safety campaign and website highlighting the importance of fire escape plans.
- A public consultation was launched on 12th September inviting people to have their say on the proposals to build a bypass between Saxmundham and Wickham Market, bypassing four villages, as part of Suffolk's Energy Gateway.
- The first initial point of contact for Parish councils and Public to report Highway faults should be <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

9. Planning

No planning applications were received this month

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

A local villager had drawn to the Council's attention an article in The Sun stating that defibrillators were a pointless expense as the public did not know how to use them.

The Council disagreed as full instructions are given audibly when using this valuable village amenity.

A letter had been received from the Cooperative society after the council's letter expressing concern over the closure of the Post Office section at the Co-op in Brantham. They stated that they had tried hard to maintain it but, according to Post Office, it was unviable according to their strict criteria.

8. Report from District Councillor

D. Cllr. McCraw confirmed that he had requested the Planning Application for houses at Rose House to go to committee but that it was not his decision. The planned move of Babergh District Council to Endeavour House, Ipswich has not gone smoothly. Unions are still negotiating over redundancies. He was uncertain that the move would be cost effective.

He drew the council's attention to the forthcoming meeting at Tattingstone Village Hall on 9th October about the proposed Joint Local Plan. This was an opportunity for local residents to comment on the plan and to correct any inadequacies.

11. To consider and approve insurance for the coming year 2017-2018 – Zurich Insurance YLL2720041953

The clerk explained the terms of the insurance and stated that the computer had been added to the insurance as a separate item. The premium of £462.72 was passed for payment.

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Self

Carried unanimously

12. To consider request and approve funds to St. Mary's Church Tattingstone to assist with the upkeep of the churchyard.

£800 had been allowed in the budget for this financial year for this expense and it was agreed that this amount be funded. The amount would be reviewed at the budget setting meeting as this was a large percentage of the council's precept.

Proposed: Cllr Self

Seconded: Cllr. Mendel

Carried unanimously

13. Finance: report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances : Statements had not been received by the date of the meeting.
- The clerk reported that the second trench of the precept had been received.
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £307.17
 - HMRC [income tax]: £169.20
 - Business services at CAS [insurance]: £462.72
 - St Mary's church: £800.00

Approved and signed
 Proposed: Cllr. Self
 Seconded: Cllr. Gipps
 Carried unanimously.
- The summary of income and expenditure for period ending 31st August 2017 was presented.

14. Report from Playing Field representative.

See attached.

Cllr. Self was asked if progress had been made on securing S106 funds for the fence by the children's play area. This was in dispute at the moment with Babergh D. C. as they say it is not covered by S106 funds.

15. To review and approve action on bin on Playing Field.

The tidy bear bin by the children's play area on the playing field is proving inadequate. Cllr. Self asked for Council's approval for a larger bin to be provided. This was given.

16. To approve and appoint Data Protection Officer.

Under new registration the council is required to have a designated Data Protection Officer. It was proposed that the clerk, Mrs. J Connell-Smith becomes the Data Protection Officer and undergo the necessary training.

Proposed: Cllr. Self

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes

Carried unanimously

17. To consider and comment on Babergh and mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

Cllr. Hawes and Cllr. Gipps attended a meeting about the plan proposals. The council must formulate a response to the plan by 10th November. It was agreed that

a proposal be brought to the next meeting on 6th November. A small working party will meet to decide this response. Cllr. Wood would contact other councillors towards the end of the month. D.Cllr. McCraw agreed to forward Brantham's discussion points which could prove a starting point for our response. All councillors were encouraged to attend the roadshow on 9th October at the village hall where details of the Joint Local Plan would be on display.

18. To Review progress on Community Led plan

The Community Led plan has no teeth regards planning decisions but it would be useful to know the views of inhabitants as to what amenities and resources they would like in the village. Perhaps a different style survey was needed as it is a long time since the one completed for the Parish Plan.

19. To review Progress on Community Action Plan

Cllr. Clark had met with Cllr. Wood and a basic framework had been drawn up. There is now a need to fill in several blanks to identify vulnerable people in the village. This may have Data Protection issues. Cllr. Clark will follow up several avenues such as UK power Networks Priority Service Register and Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. A note will be placed in Tattingstone News as a follow up.

20. To receive report on this year's Tattingstone Fete

Cllr. Gipps reported that the fete had been a great success. Funds were still coming in and a final figure would be announced shortly. Interest for next year's fete had been expressed from many of the contributors to this year's. The council expressed its thanks to all those who had worked so hard to make the fete such a success.

21. Other urgent village matters

- The clerk said she had been offered a very good used A3 printer for £50. With planning applications now online she said if she needed to print out architect plans etc A4 was not big enough. It would also mean that she would not have to use her own printer. The council agreed that she purchased this on behalf of the Council.
Proposed Cllr. Wood
Seconded Cllr. Self
Carried unanimously
- The grit bin by the Wheatsheaf needs replacing. The clerk would find out price and this would be considered at the next meeting.

Items for next Agenda

Grit bin
Response to Joint local plan
Village plan
Community Action plan

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

PLAYING FIELD REPORT 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017

14 Members present with 1 apology.

The question as to who cleaned the Pavilion was raised. The Chair stated that it was the responsibility of the users to leave it in a clean state after use. A periodic deep clean is to be added to the next Agenda.

Treasurer reported that the bank balance is £1500 and very little change to report.

Bob Self reported the Parish Council questioned the Football Clubs arrears.

David Edevane (Football Club) asked if the billing for electric and water could be charged on a pro-rata as it used to be each season, this was agreed and the standing charge and insurance to be shared.

It was agreed that the Capel Plough FC could play occasional matches on a Saturday morning.

Several villagers have complained as to the state of the toilets in the Pavilion, we are trying to get estimates for this. It was also asked if there was any asbestos in the pavilion, to which David Brown replied only in the floor tiles.

Cricket Club reported that they won both the Tuesday and Sunday league. They have 28/29 children registered for next year.

Tennis club are still active playing when weather permits. They had two stalls at the Fete raising money for club funds.

Football club have started and are busy marking out the pitch. They have also got sponsorship from LJH Electrical.

A broken drain cover behind the pavilion has been reported, as these are old and no longer available a second-hand replacement will be sought.

The committee has been asked if we could get rid of the tidy bear as dog poo and nappies are put in or left by the bin and create a foul smell for tennis players. It was also said that it was small and difficult to empty as it often overflowed between the inner and outer bin. It was suggested it be replaced with a larger black bin.

Gwen Lynch stated that Open The Box will start in a couple of months as the monies are being collected.

DONM Monday 30th October 2017 7-30pm.