

# Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

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

7 members of the public were present.

The meeting began with 2 minutes silence in memory of Mrs. Rita Wood, wife of Cllr. Wood, who had died suddenly.

A certificate was presented to Cllr. Clark for completing her Parish Councillor training.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

None

**2. Declaration of interest:**

None

**3. To consider requests for dispensations**

N/A

**4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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

Proposed: Cllr.Gipps

Seconded: Cllr.Tweedy

Passed unanimously

**5. Clerk's Report**

- Fly tipping of mattress on School Road reported: it has now been removed.
- 30MPH signs replaced on entrance to village on A137
- Damaged swing on playing field reported to D Brown. Swing now taken down and awaiting delivery of new shackles so it can be fixed
- 89 offenders caught speeding on A137 by cameras since July 1<sup>st</sup>, fastest travelling at 52mph.
- Aqua Park at Alton Water will not reopen this year as Anglian Water has been unable to rectify the Blue/green Algae problem.

- Letter received by many people in village from a social media company, Nextdoor which is causing concern. It offers to provide a free forum for local issues, requests and concerns. This is an American company, who want people to register with name and address and may have a number of privacy issues.

The community officer has been informed and also it has been referred to Trading Standards to see if this is a legitimate company.

- The Openreach trial in The Close will end during September.

#### **6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- The bells will be pealing out on Armistice day.
- Cllr. Dearing will arrange meeting to write the council's response to the Joint Housing Strategy Consultation Paper later this month.

D. Cllr. McCraw arrived [7.45pm]

#### **7. Open Forum for members of the public**

- The Community Speedwatch coordinator has found at least six people who might be willing to work with this initiative in the village. A meeting will be arranged with the Speedwatch team, volunteers and Cllr. Wood to discuss this more fully. There is a possibility of the Parish Council receiving a grant from Suffolk County Council towards the cost of this.
- A member of the public asked about providing a footpath from the Wheatsheaf to Glebe Close as walking, especially with young children, was difficult. The Council said the cost was prohibitive, about £750,000 and the road was not wide enough to allow for it.
- The Locking of Anglian Water carparks on Lemon's Hill Bridge has reduced antisocial behaviour this summer.

#### **8. Reports from District and County Councillors**

A report from D. Cllr. McCraw is attached to these minutes.

A report from C. Cllr. Wood is attached to these minutes.

D.Cllr. McCraw left meeting at 8.00pm

#### **9. Planning**

Received on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

- **DC/18/03492**

Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission DC/17/03886

Erection of detached two storey dwelling, formation of parking area and vehicular access.

Land south west of Mill cottage, White Horse Hill, Tattingstone

After discussion this was recommended by Council with the recommendation that materials and colours used in the construction were sympathetic to the position of this house overlooking Alton Water.

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps  
Seconded: Cllr. Clarke  
Carried with 1 abstention

**DC/18/02195** - Birchwood house - Approved

**DC/18/01386** - Shotley Ganges development - withdrawn

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

- Letter received from Mr C Thomas regarding verge and trees by Rose House. Cllr. Wood will take this up with County.
- PC Dave Wright is our new Community Engagement officer. He has a Facebook page, Ipswich west and Hadleigh area, and seems very active and responsive to messages.

**11. To receive report from R.F.O. to consider and approve.**

Accounts now back from PKF Littlejohn, all in order. The AGAR [Annual Governance and Accountability Return] can now be posted on our website.

**To consider and approve.**

- **Bank Balances:** Not received by date of meeting
- **To approve payment :**
  - Clerk's wages and expenses £256.29 includes £11.11 expenses
  - SALC training for Councillor Clark £123.60

- M J Connell-Smith £89.00 [bin labels bought on own PenPal account]
- Mr G McShera [demolition of bus shelter] £180.00
- **Expenditure to date 2018/19**
- **To discuss insurance renewal and level required and if our asset register should be revised.**

Cllr Wood and Cllr. Tweedy will review policy and update cover amounts for assets.

Proposed to renew insurance on a 5 year undertaking as the premium each year would be reduced.

Proposed: Cllr. Hawes

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

#### **12.Report from Playing Field representative.**

There was no meeting in August.

#### **13.To review response to the Village Survey**

Analysis is being carried out and it is hoped to have some results by the October meeting

#### **14.To consider work to be carried out on Telephone box**

Deferred to October meeting

#### **15.To review village response to Battles Over including production of commemorative booklet**

- The tea party is being planned and Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Clark and the clerk will meet the following week.
- The commemorative book is about to go to the printers for an initial run of 100. It will be sold at £7.99. A letter will be sent from the Parish Council to C.Cllr. Wood requesting money from the locality grant to help fund the printing. All profit will go to The Royal British Legion.

#### **16.To consider future action on replacing the bus shelter at the White Horse.**

The bus shelter has now been demolished and wood and tiles taken away and are being stored. It is hoped to reuse the tiles. Quotes are still being

sought. Once received. The clerk and Cllr. Wood will make decision over builder and inform the insurance company.

#### 17. Any other urgent village matters

- Cllr. Gipps asked for volunteers to help with the village fete on 8<sup>th</sup> September
- The signpost to Stutton is still down and the one on the other side of the road overgrown. Cllr. Wood will discuss this with highways at a forthcoming meeting

DONM 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Items for next agenda

Telephone box

Survey

Clearway

Battle's over

Bus shelter

#### Report from D Cllr McCraw

1. The Pop up Customer Service Point for BDC continues every Monday from 1-4pm at Shotley Village Hall. By all accounts, it has proved useful and popular.
2. The round of Meet the Leader & Deputy Leader events continues. John Ward & Jan Osborne will be doing Q & A sessions from 10-12am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Brantham Village Hall, and at the same times on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at East Bergholt High School.
3. Stars of Babergh & Mid Suffolk nominations close at 12.00 midnight on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. There are 17 categories covering Businesses, Groups and Individuals. In Tattingstone, I intend to nominate the team of magnificent fundraisers at the Wheatsheaf for a Group award, and for their individual efforts (not least the **Petanquathon which raised over £5,000**) **Saisha and Airavata. Anybody can nominate. Supporting nominations can't hurt. The nomination itself is way to say Thank You.**

#### Report from C Cllr Wood

### **“Staying Close” scheme launched to support care leavers**

Suffolk County Council have been awarded funding by the Department of Education for a three-year pilot scheme to support young people leaving care in Suffolk. The “Staying Close” scheme was launched on Thursday 9 August.

The aim of the scheme is to help young people from the age of 15 start planning for independent living with the assistance and support of residential care workers. This planning often only occurs close to the time a young person is due to move-out, causing unnecessary anxiety and distress. Early intervention and detailed planning from a younger age should help to alleviate this.

Young people will also continue to receive emotional and practical support from their children's home and residential workers after they have moved out and started living independently.

The pilot scheme is being delivered in partnership with The Ryes Children's Home in Sudbury, to test how this move-on care can be provided for young people who want to remain living close to their home.

### **Review into the Upper Orwell Crossings**

On 1 August, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council, launched a review into the cost of building the Upper Orwell Crossings in Ipswich.

The project is still in the planning stages, but an internal review of costs has forecast that the total cost of completing the Crossings could be significantly higher than the original calculation of £97m. The Department for Transport committed to fund approximately three-quarters of the original cost, but if the total cost increases it is unlikely that they will provide any more funding. The additional funding would therefore need to come from local sources.

Work on the project has been temporarily suspended whilst the review is undertaken, with an outcome expected by the end of 2018.

### **Reduction in recycling rates harm "Greenest County" ambitions**

Recycling rates in Suffolk have dropped over the past 4 years, from 51% in 2013 to just 47% in 2017. Meanwhile, over 50% of waste in Suffolk is incinerated - much higher than the national average of 38%.

Although incineration may be a better option than landfill, it is still less environmentally-friendly than other methods of waste disposal. Furthermore, there are concerns that the level of harmful particles released by incinerators could pose a serious threat to public health.

The Suffolk Waste Partnership, as part of the Greenest County Partnership, set a target of recycling at least 60% of municipal waste by 2020. These latest figures suggest we are moving further away from this target. If Suffolk County Council truly wants Suffolk to be the "greenest county", we need to start focusing on environmentally-friendly methods of waste disposal and ways to increase recycling levels in the county.

