

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Wood, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr. Clark, Cllr Hawes, Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Clarke

D. Cllr. Gould

Members of public: 18

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Dearing

2. Declaration of interest.

Cllr. Wood for item 13 as County Councillor

3. To consider requests for dispensation.

Dispensation granted as no pecuniary interest.

4. To approve, as accurate, minutes of meeting held on 5th August 2019

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

5. To receive Clerk's Report.

- Updated the Parish Council's information on Suffolk Link

- Clerk received notice regarding filling of grit bins in the village. The clerk will check each one and its accessibility and action as necessary.
- A local farmer has cut back verges on Church Road for the various events. The Parish Council thanks the landowner for this work.

6. To consider Matters arising from the minutes.

Anything that is now submitted to the village website tattinstoneparishcouncil.co.uk should be in at least font size 14 to adhere to the Accessibility Code.

7. Open Forum for members of the public.

Members of the public expressed their grave concerns about speeding along the A137 through The Heath. This has, this month, resulted in a major accident which has left a resident's house in a dangerous, unstable condition and uninhabitable. The County Council has said the road as it stands is fit for purpose and speeding is a police problem. The County Councillor has met with Suffolk County and requested a road safety audit and suggestions as to what can be undertaken to help prevent further similar occurrences happening.

The village SpeedWatch group will continue to monitor the situation and have been actively fund raising towards a SID. A recent police check along The Heath resulted in 19 infringements in 30 minutes.

13. [brought forward] To discuss progress on village SpeedWatch and to consider possible traffic calming measures on A137

The Parish Council acknowledged that there was a grave problem with speeding along A137 and are eager to work with residents to ameliorate this. A range of possible traffic calming options were discussed. It was suggested a working group be set up of residents and Councillors to look at a range of options that can then be costed. The Parish Council has a limited amount of funds available for such projects and are not allowed, by law, to fund raise. The County Council may be unable to fund any such measures as not enough serious or fatal accidents have occurred on that section of road. The County Councillor has a small amount of money available and will discuss with the County Council how this can be best used.

Mrs Proctor of Speedwatch will co-ordinate.

The public were asked to attend the regular Police Forum meetings to voice their concerns.

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.

Cllr. Wood left the meeting at this point and the chair was taken by Cllr Mendel. [20.20]

9. To discuss, recommend, not recommend or update on Planning Applications:

DC/19/02617 [Update]

Land south of The Rose House, the heath, Tattingstone IP9 2LX

Outline planning has been approved with conditions.

This application did not go to committee in spite of requests both from Parish Council and District Councillor. It was given before the accident on the A137. The Clerk has written a strong letter to Mr Isbell but have not had a reply. Rose House was also mentioned on the Parish Council's submission for the Local Plan.[see item 15]

DC/19/03452

Ceduna, White Horse Hill, Tattingstone IP9 2NU

Installation of combination boiler and oil tank [listed building]

Application approved.

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

- AONB report had been circulated

11. Finance: to consider and approve.

- **Bank Balances:** At 31st August not yet received
- **To approve payment :**
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £260.76 £9 expenses]

- Tattingstone Playing field [repayment of their overpayment of refurbishment paid last month]: £1790

When VAT refund comes this will be reimbursed too.

Proposed: Cllr. Gipps
Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy
Carried unanimously

These were agreed and cheques signed.

Expenditure to date 2018/19 presented.

- **To consider request from the RFO to become a signatory on the Parish Council bank accounts**

The RFO is becoming increasingly frustrated that the bank will not allow her access to the Parish Council accounts as she is not a signatory even though statements are addressed to her. The RFO has no intention of signing cheques unless in an emergency when only one other signatory is available.

If RFO was a signatory, she could get up to date balances immediately and also see a statement of the account at any time so she could check incoming BACs payments [e.g. VAT refund or when cheques had been presented]

Proposed: Cllr Gipps
Seconded Cllr. Tweedy
Carried unanimously

12.To receive Report from Playing Field Representative.

There was not a meeting to report on. It was reported by another Councillor that the new pavilion does not have disabled access. Cllr. Tweedy will bring this up at the next meeting of the Playing Field committee.

14. To receive comments from working group considering the Ipswich Norther Bypass options.

This was briefly discussed at the Local Plan meeting. The Clerk attempted to submit the views of Councillors; however, it is in the form of a survey with lots of details and she was unable to answer the questions to reflect views of Council. A short meeting is to be arranged for a small group of councillors to meet and answer survey together.

15. To consider Council's response to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint Local Plan.

A meeting took place to discuss the Local plan and the clerk submitted this. The responses for the three areas of Tattingstone were read out.

16. To initiate the process for co-option of Parish Councillor

A proposal was made to begin the process for co-option of a new Parish Councillor.

Proposed: Cllr. Clark

Seconded: Cllr. Hawes

Carried unanimously

17.To receive updates on recommendations in SALC audit.

Carried forward to October meeting.

18. Any other urgent village matters

Cllr. Gipps reported back on a very successful Village Fete. Requests for inclusion in 2020 Fete have already been received. The Fete group were thanked for all their hard work.

19. Date of next meeting

7th October 2019

20. Items for next agenda.

Up date on A137

SALC recommendations

Environmental issues [SWT]

Report back on disabled access

Joint Local plan

The meeting ended at 20.50.

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01473 327865 or email: tatt.pc@gmail.com

Report for Tattingstone Parish Council from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor

Meeting date: 2 September 2019

The consultation period is still open for the Joint Local Plan and the proposed Ipswich Northern bypass so there is still time to comment on both or to add to comments already made.

Villages to the north of Ipswich have formed a group called “Stop”, their objective is to stop the northern bypass. I went to a meeting on 29 August to offer support and to show solidarity. The Green Party are the only party who consistently speak out against road building and improvement projects. Much research has provided solid evidence over the last twenty years to show that road schemes actually increase traffic levels, cause permanent and significant environmental and landscape damage and show little economic benefit to local communities. There is a demonstration to express this concern on Friday 13th September, the day the consultation ends. Anyone who would like to join the gathering outside Endeavour House at around 11.30am would be very welcome, you can see the website at <https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/>

Chelmondiston Parish Council is in the process of arranging meetings to discuss actions they would like to suggest before declaring a climate and ecological emergency. This is something other Parish Councils may like to consider as a positive move against climate change.

The Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee have looked at Suffolk County Council’s funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau and will be recommending that the funding stream is reviewed to support the organisation.

Planning

Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) - Erection of up to 4no dwellings and vehicular access. Land South Of The Rose House The Heath Tattingstone Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2LX **Application. No:** DC/19/02617 | Received: Fri 31 May 2019 | Validated: Sat 01 Jun 2019 | Status: Granted

I asked for this application to be dealt with by the planning committee but the delegation panel could find no reason for this to happen. For future applications I thought it might be useful for parishes to know what is needed for an application to be dealt with by the planning committee. At least one of the factors below need to be present -

- significant policy, consistency or material considerations which make a decision on the application of more than local significance
- the clear and substantial planning reasons for requesting a referral
- wider District and public interest in the application

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Hundreds of children still unsure about school transport arrangements

In September 2019, Suffolk County Council's new Home to School transport policy will be implemented. Children moving to a new school will only receive free transport from the council if it is their nearest school and more than 2 miles from their homes. All eligible parents were asked to opt-in and apply for transport, and those who were not eligible for free transport were offered the opportunity to buy a spare seta on SCC school buses.

However, 472 applications for home-to-school transport remained outstanding at the end of August, with families unsure of whether they would be allocated a seat on an SCC school bus in time for the start of the new school year.

First stage of Boundary Commission review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently undertaking a review of Suffolk County Council, to determine both the number of councillors and the boundaries between divisions.

For the first stage of the review, the Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group submitted a proposal to keep councillor numbers in Suffolk at a minimum of 75, with the potential for an increase to 80. This was based on the need to ensure proper local representation and encourage diversity amongst councillors, which consequently requires a more manageable workload. Furthermore, given the predicted population growth in Suffolk and the reduced funding that local government is receiving, it is likely that councillor workloads will only continue to increase in the future.

The Conservative and Labour Groups submitted a joint proposal asking for a reduction to 70 councillors.

The next stage of the review will determine the new division boundaries and will include two public consultations. The review is expected to be completed by July 2020.

My sponsored walk

I'll be completing my sponsored 60-mile walk along the Suffolk coast on 13-16th September, to raise money for Multiple System Atrophy Trust in memory of my wife. If you would like to sponsor me, my Just Giving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/david-wood143>

