

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2017 at 8.00pm in
Tattingstone Village Hall

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

4 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

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, which had been circulated previously, were amended:

Item 20: Parish Council should read Parish Plan Action Group

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

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Stanger

Passed unanimously

5. Clerk's Report

A post of one of the dog bins at the playing field had rotted. This has been replaced by Mr Connell-Smith. He was thanked by the Parish Council.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

None

7. Open Forum for members of the Public

Concern was raised by the member of the public regarding the proposal of the Cricket Club to dig up the 'square' in the week before the village fete. This is the responsibility of the Playing Field committee. Cllr. Self will look into it.

8. Report from District Councillor McCraw

On 1st October, Babergh District Council moves offices from Hadleigh to Endeavour House in Ipswich. There will be no public access, although this is still available at Sudbury and Stowmarket.

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan is now out for consultation. He urged Parish Councils and residents to look at it carefully as it will affect planning for the next 20 years. He offered his services to Parish Councils over their response to this document.

Report from County Councillor Wood

He would shortly be in touch with the headteacher at Tattingstone CEVC Primary School about the provision of a 20's Plenty zone y school in Church Road.

The Ipswich Half Marathon will take place on 24th September and this will involve closure of several roads in the Wherstead area. The road closures will not affect emergency vehicles. This is a prestigious event and will bring publicity and tourists to the area.

C.Cllr. Wood is liaising with highways department regarding the state of some of the hedges in the neighbourhood.

9.Planning

DC/17/03388

The Rose House, The Heath, Tattingstone, IP9 2LX
Erection of 9 dwellings

Not Recommended

Grounds:

I. Ingress and Egress onto the site is dangerous. This is an accident black spot: there have been countless accidents at this point on the A137 including a fatality.

II. Although a 30 mph limit, cars and lorries are regularly travelling above this speed as a recent traffic survey confirmed.

Extract from letter from Suffolk Police:

For drivers travelling towards Ipswich, 16.7% of vehicles were captured travelling over the NPCC guidelines of 35mph and above.

For drivers travelling towards Brantham, 24.3% of vehicles were captured travelling over the NPCC guidelines.

III. Visibility splays are completely insufficient.

IV. The road bend at this point is far greater than shown on your maps.
V. The density of housing on the site is too high.
VI. There is no proposed affordable housing.
VII. It is out of character with the development at The Heath which is ribbon development. It is purely back filling.
VIII. For residents to access the rest of the village facilities – bus route, church, school, Public house, residents would have to cross the busy A137. There is no crossing.
Proposed: Cllr. Wood
Seconded: Cllr. Stanger
Carried unanimously

II. **DC/17/04258**
Wheatsheaf Inn, Church Road, Tattingsstone, IP9 2LY
Erection of ground and first floor extensions to public house and landlord's accommodation.
Recommended
Proposed: Cllr. Self
Seconded: Cllr.Mendel
Carried unanimously

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

Notice had been received from SALC about the government's Litter Strategy for England. The council felt this was fortunately not a problem in the parish and litter picks were organised as necessary.

Cllr. P Clark will attend a UK Power Network Roadshow on behalf of the Council in October.

11. Finance: report from R.F.O

- Bank Balances at 31st august 2017
Current account: £7636.19
Savings account: £3167.54
The bank reconciliation was presented, approved and signed by Cllr. Wood.
- The following cheques and associated invoices were presented for approval and signature:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £225.67
 - BDO [Audit fee]: £120
 - Mr D Connell-Smith [post for dog bin]: £3.60

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.
- Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been received from BDO.
It was proposed that the completion of the audit is accepted and the accounts are now available for inspection by contacting the Parish Clerk.
Proposed: Cllr. Self
Seconded: Cllr. Gipps
Carried unanimously.
- The declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator [Pensions Act 2008] has been completed

12. Report from Playing Field representative.

None [no meeting in August]

13. To consider and comment on Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint Local Plan

There is a meeting regarding this important plan on 21st September at Holbrook Academy. Cllr. Gipps and Cllr. Hawes will attend for the Parish Council. This will be followed by an open afternoon for parishioners on 10th October in the village hall 2.00pm to 7.00pm.

There will be a coordination meeting with Cllr. Gipps and Cllr. Hawes after the meeting to prepare the Parish's response so that it can be presented to the Parish Council at the meeting on 6th November.

A notice will be put in Tattingstone News about the meeting on 9th October to urge parishioners to attend to see what is proposed in the village and surrounding area in the next 20 years.

14. To Review progress on Community Led plan

Cllr. Gipps and Cllr. Mendel are anxious for information as to why neighbouring villages are formulating a Neighbourhood Plan or a Community Led Plan. A letter to ask will be sent.

A Community Led plan, although it has very little power to alter planning decisions at District level, is useful document that expresses holistically what is wanted in the way of amenities within the village. It was agreed that the questionnaire be sent out to villagers to begin this consultation.

15. To review Progress on Community Action Plan

This was deferred to the next meeting.

16. To review progress Telephone box.

No progress and deferred until action had been taken

17. To review Progress on the village Fete

Everything is in hand although one of the attractions has cancelled. Cllr. Gipps expressed her concern that the Fete had not been mentioned in Tattingstone News.

20. Other Urgent Village Matters

The Parish Plan Group will meet in late September.

The upkeep of the benches will shortly be carried out.

21. Items for next Agenda

- Community Led Plan
- Community Action Plan

Meeting closed at 9.00pm