



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 02 December 2024 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr R Abbott, Cllr D Clarke, Cllr J Lee, Cllr G Mark, Cllr A Mendel (Chair), Cllr S Page and Cllr B Plumbly

Also in attendance: J. Hazlewood (Minutes) District Councillor D. Potter and 2 members of the public.

01 OPENING

Cllr Mendel declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is on the Council's [website](#).

02 MINUTE TAKER: Councillors **noted** that Jo Hazlewood was present to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of a permanent clerk.

03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Cllrs noted and approved apologies received from Cllrs D Hawes & B Stennett – **aif**. County Councillor Simon Harley also sent his apologies

04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – no declarations were received
- (b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – none submitted.
- (c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion – none requested

05. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 4th November 2024 – **Cllr Mark proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, seconded by Cllr Abbott - aif.** The Chair signed a copy of the agreed minutes.

06. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Harley and a copy of the November and December reports are attached to the minutes
- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr Potter and a copy of his November and December report is attached to the minutes Cllr Potter highlighted some areas of his report and invited questions – there were no further questions.

07. PUBLIC FORUM



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- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted – no matters were raised
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular – nothing raised
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised

08. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) To note correspondence received in November 2024: correspondence had been received expressing concerns about the Neighbourhood Plan (Paper 4 on the Agenda). The Chair has referred the issues raised to Ian Poole and it is planned to arrange a meeting with Robert Hobbs Head of Strategic Planning for Babergh about the NP as the next step.
- (b) To consider/agree next steps as necessary: to arrange the meeting referred to in (a).

09. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 30th November 2024. The Chair had successfully opened a Savings Account with Lloyds and a letter has been written to Barclays to start the process of closing the account. Bank charges are being introduced at Lloyds, although the details had not yet been received. The balances were as follows:
 - Lloyds Instant Access Savings Account: £5,000
 - Lloyds Treasurer's Account £43,592.52
 - Barclays Current account: £205.60
 - Barclays Deposit Account: £3253.21Approval of the above balances was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Lee - **aif**
- (b) To note any accounting spot check undertaken by Cllr Page – no checks undertaken
- (c) To approve the accounts paid since the last meeting and accounts awaiting payment including forthcoming payments together with the receipts received since the last meeting, **Cllr Lee proposed and Cllr Mark seconded that the payments detailed on Appendix A should be ratified and agreed – aif**. Subsequently it was **proposed and agreed** that a contribution of £10 be added to the payment schedule to help fund the external Church lights. **aif**
- (d) To consider any requests for financial support received from local people or groups – no requests had been received
- (e) To consider process and principles for setting the 2025-2026 budget and precept. Councillors noted that the request for the precept for 2025/6 must be submitted to Babergh District Council by 31st January 2025. It was agreed that the budget would be based on the current level of expenditure whilst factoring in percentage increases, It was noted that Employers' NI was likely to go up, due to the threshold for liability reducing to salaries over £5,000. Other items for inclusion: bank charges, an estimate for playing field costs and a budget for £2,000 for cutting back hedges. Following a discussion about who to approach to carry out hedge trimming, it was agreed that it would be helpful to contact other councils for suggested contractors and Cllr Abbott suggested Livertons in Ardleigh could be approached for a quote. It was agreed that issues with hedges, potholes and ditches need also to be reported on the reporting tool.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone **DC/24/05017** West Maine, The Heath – re-application for two new houses in the garden of this address: The PC objected to the previous planning application and, following a discussion, it was



agreed, proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Abbott that Cllr Page would lodge a statement to say that the Council’s opinion had not changed. **aif**

11. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative – no meeting had taken place, but Cllr Page reported that the Committee will be discussing the budget required for maintenance as well as plans for the Fete next year.
- (b) To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Representative – see Minute 8(a)

12. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS at Tattlingstone Village Hall:

- (a) The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 6th January 2025.

13. STAFFING ISSUES:

To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item 13, due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed – Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Lee seconded the resolution to hold this item in private with members of the public excluded – **aif**
The meeting closed to the public at 8.17 p.m.

- (a) To receive an update on the appointment of a new Clerk: the Council were updated on the outcome of the recent interviews for a new clerk. The personnel committee recommended:
 - to appoint Rachel Belcher-Nairn as Clerk/RFO with immediate effect
 - to issue a contract (with a 6 month probationary period) for 12 hours initially at Scale 16 on the National Public Services Pay Scale, with the possibility of reducing the hours to 9 per week in the future

The appointment on the above terms was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Lee **aif**

- (b) To consider/agree next steps as necessary: to issue a contract on the above agreed terms.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

SIGNED.....DATED..... TATTINGSTONE Parish Council



ACTIONS

MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Dec	8(a)	To arrange a meeting with Robert Hobbs, head of strategic planning at Babergh DC	AM
Dec	9(e)	To prepare a draft budget	
Dec	10(a)	To comment on the re-application DC/24/05017	SP
Dec	13(b)	To issue a contract to the new clerk	AM



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APPENDIX A

PAYMENTS AGREED/RATIFIED AT THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2024

PAYMENTS MADE

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Microsoft	Subscription	Direct Debit	8.60	1.72	10.32
Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting	BACs	50.00	10.00	60.00
Holbrook PC	Clerk Services	BACs	175.20		175.20
Community Action Suffolk	Email – 10 mailboxes (1 year)	BACs	240.00		240.00
Places for People	Prep and attendance at PC Meeting 4/3/24	BACS	171.50	34.30	205.80
GiffGaff	Mobile Phone	Direct Debit	8.34	1.66 -	10.00
Tattlingstone PC	Transfer from current to new savings account	Transfer	5000.00	-	5000.00

INCOME RECEIVED - None

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

Holbrook PC	Clerk Services	BACs	87.60		87.60
Village Hall Hire	Hire of hall 10/10(NP, 11/11 and 12/11 (Clerk interviews)	BACs	46.50		46.50
St Mary's Church	To fund external lighting	BACs	10.00		10.00

Countersigned by.....Chair of Parish Council

All payments authorised under The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

Note: Council resolved at the 2023 Annual Meeting that it met the eligibility conditions, and this continues right through until the next relevant annual meeting which will be May 2027. This is regardless of whether the Council continues to meet those conditions for the duration, (para 7.12 of the Explanatory Memorandum to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 refers.



APPENDIX B – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee



County Councillor Simon Harley's November and December reports to Parish Councils

November Report

For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit:

[Cost of living support | Suffolk County Council](#)

Latest SCC COVID information is available here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email: refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk or ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

the Council are actively looking for new households who could host one or more refugees.

Cost of Living Budget Survey – SCC Open up for your thoughts

SCC has released a survey to local residents, asking for their thoughts on the upcoming 2023/24 budget. A summary of responses will be considered when deciding how to spend your money. With inflationary pressures, our Group expects government to seek spending cuts – meaning public services could be cut and council Reserves may have to be used.

I asked a question at Full Council in November as to whether services would have to be cut and the answer was that it was likely as the Council is expecting a significant deficit next year (well over this year's deficit of £12M).

Please share your thoughts on how the Council should spend their money, as well as highlighting issues in your communities.

For a link to the online survey, click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7BQY0J/>

Cost-of-Living Leaflet: Updated to Show Support

Over 85,000 leaflets, highlighting information and guidance during the crisis, were distributed amongst Suffolk communities. The leaflet shows all the help Suffolk offers with finances and household expenses, as well as how to stay warm this winter. Anyone vulnerable please have a look at how Suffolk can help.

For a link to the leaflet, click here: <https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1>

There is a lot of useful information on Suffolk Infolink: [Suffolk InfoLink | Cost of living support in Suffolk](#) and if you are in a position to help others (e.g. by donating food, clothing or furniture) there is a link here to organisations you can contact.

Suffolk County Council's Launch of 'Winter Matters' Campaign

SCC have launched their Winter Matters campaign, which aims to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents. This is a signposting campaign that centres around five key themes: Finances, Safety, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, and Highways.

For more information and advice on how SCC can support you during winter, visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters



Full Council – 20th October – GLI Motion

Suffolk GLI submitted a motion calling for Suffolk County Council to reject the idea of an “Anti-Growth Coalition”. The term, coined by a former Prime Minister, suggested anyone who criticised the government’s economic policy was part of a coordinated group against growing our economy.

Our Group wanted Suffolk County Council to denounce this term and acknowledge the importance in different opinions – including the view that growth should consider social responsibilities, community voices, sound financial policy, and environmental limits. Something we believed this government was not adhering to and should do.

The Conservatives voted against our motion, however we still feel it is important that our local authorities reject untruthful and divisive claims.

Cabinet Meeting – 11th October

The Cabinet met for the first time since the summer political recess. The Cabinet agreed to spend £2m on new care provision for Children and Young People in Felixstowe. In addition, SEND services received £10m to provide more specialist units in Suffolk. We are in support, as we want to remove the pattern of families travelling cross-county for support.

The Suffolk Local Access Forum submitted their annual report, which included their concerns about Sizewell C and its effect on green networks and Rights of Way. Our Group have strongly campaigned in support of the Forum’s position, and we will continue to voice concerns over the effects of constructing new nuclear power facilities on our coastal landscape and the wildlife that lives there.

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Twitter - [Suffolk Green, Lib Dem & Independent Group \(@SuffolkGLI\) / Twitter](#)

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/suffolkgli_group/

Facebook - Search ‘Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group’

Website - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](#)

December Report

Flooding Investigations and Prevention

At Cabinet on Tuesday 5 November, a decision was made by the council that it would allocate £1.5m from its reserves to deal with the recommendations which have come out of the flood investigation (Section 19) reports following Storm Babet last October. The money will mostly be used for highways flood mitigation and drainage work but some will be put aside to develop longer-term schemes and accessing funding for further flood protection for the county. The money will not fix all problems with flooding in the county and the £1.5m relates only to the recommendations from the reports published so far (10 reports out of the 48 commissioned). The works funded via this decision will be carried out between now and March 2026, and additional funding is required because the council would ordinarily only carry out three or four investigations a year – Storm Babet means that nearly 50 will be needed. Flood investigations are prioritised in locations where five or more properties have been flooded, or flooding to major infrastructure for 10 hours or more.



This page on the SCC website gives information on the locations that will be subject to flood investigations as a result of Storm Babet: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/storm-babet>

This page contains links to all of the flood investigation reports published so far by the council (not just for Storm Babet reports from 2024, reports from previous years are also included): <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/flood-management-in-suffolk/flood-investigation-reports>

Please see links at the bottom of this report on how to protect your property from flooding and advice on how to deal with the aftermath of flooding.

Loft Insulation Offer for Suffolk Residents

For the second year running, Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders are providing funding to help Suffolk residents make their homes warmer and save money on their energy bills by providing discounted loft insulation - an uninsulated home can lose up to a quarter of its heat through its roof. The Suffolk Loft Insulation Offer enables homeowners in Suffolk to receive a 50% discount (up to £200) and free delivery on orders of 200mm or 370mm wide eco-friendly thermal insulation rolls from High Loft, the UK's leading eco loft insulation brand. Last year, the project enabled the insulation of over 5,000m² of roofs in Suffolk, and this year the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership wants to double that figure. The offer is open to anyone in Suffolk and will only close once the allocated funding has been spent. Visit <https://highloft.co.uk/pages/suffolk-council-200-loft-insulation-contribution> and fill in the form to receive your discount code.

More Home Energy Efficiency Schemes

The council's new £3m fund for interest-free loans to residents wishing to undertake home energy efficiency upgrades that was mentioned in last month's parish report is now active, and applications can now be made at <https://www.lendology.org.uk/warm-home-suffolk-loan>. Energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, solar panels, batteries, glazing, or heat pumps are possible with loans from £2,000 to £15,000 to be repaid over a maximum of seven years at 0% interest.

A Suffolk Retrofit Assessment Voucher Scheme is also launching, funded by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders, whereby homeowners in Suffolk will be able to apply for a voucher that covers the cost of a professional retrofit assessment on their home property. These assessments are the first step towards making their home more energy-efficient, lowering their bills and reducing their carbon footprint. Residents who own a home with an EPC band of below C can take up the offer of a voucher to claim an assessment from a PAS 2035 Retrofit Assessor who will identify the best measures for their home, for example insulation, draft proofing, ventilation repairs, low carbon heating or solar panels. The assessment report will also incorporate analysis of the cost vs benefit of implementing the suggested improvements. The assessment is free for those with properties smaller than 98m², with a maximum additional charge of £30 for larger properties bigger.

Homeowners can check to see if their property has an existing Energy Certificate with an EPC band and record of their property size at gov.uk/find-energy-certificate. They can apply for the vouchers by visiting suffolkenergyassessment.co.uk. Applications are open now, and vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Council Budget Consultation

Suffolk County Council has launched a public consultation prior to decisions on the budget for the next financial year, 2025-26, which are due to be made in the next few months. This is an opportunity for



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residents and businesses to share their views on proposed Council Tax changes and spending priorities, as well as giving information on how the council manages its finances, the cost-saving measures already in place, and how the council might generate more money to support essential services. The council can increase its budget in two main ways: by receiving more funding from the government or by increasing Council Tax. The survey asks residents which council services they use and to indicate which council services they consider most important to them. The consultation will close on Monday 16 December, and if you want to participate, visit www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2025_26_budget. The results of the consultation will be included in a final report when the council sets its budget is set in February 2025.

Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

I wish all the residents of the Peninsula Division a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Joyful New Year

Simon Harley Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division



APPENDIX D

District Councillor Daniel Potter’s November and December reports to Parish Councils.

November Report to Parishes

Earlier this month Babergh DC held its Town and Parish Liaison meeting at Pinewood Community Centre, the presentation included an informative account of the district’s budget across 3 years which demonstrated the gaps from 25/26 to 27/28 which will prove significantly challenging as those enter the domain of the council’s ability to balance its annual budget further forwards.

There was also an AI presentation on housing targets set by Government which from a Babergh perspective requires a target rise from 416 new homes per annum to 763 marking an 82% increase. There will in light of this be an altered buffer to housing supply to accommodate these new housing targets although it cannot be understated that Babergh does not have a wide range of brownfield land and will find that a limiting aspect in any targeted new builds.

A Babergh response has been submitted to the Government referring to housing targets and also there is a disagreement towards the approach to affordability in the formula that has been set by national government.

There is also currently a lack of clarity in how communities will figure into any new housing planning at present and uncertainty how the Joint Local Plan parts 1 and 2 can be compatible with the national targets, a method of tilted balance for localised planning seems inevitable if many houses remain unbuilt.

There are also clear considerations which should be made in respect to Neighbourhood Plans ongoing throughout the district and the advice from Babergh Planning is to continue to push on with these plans rather than wait for any government response.

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils are due to propose an increase of fees and charges in the new year. This is clearly in direct response to the critical financial position that Babergh in particular faces going into the new financial year and beyond, this will be discussed at joint cabinet level and separate cabinet meetings next week Nov 5th. Babergh already faces a predicted £1 million deficit for next February to an overall £6.7 million gap. The proposed fees if to be approved would generate an income increase of £1.42 million (37%).

In full council on Tues 29th Oct, a proposed motion from Babergh opposition Conservatives to consider changing the current governance structure from Cabinet to a Committee System was debated and ultimately a proposed amendment put forward to have a constructed timeline on a full debate early next year. Currently Babergh is facing huge challenges some of which have already been illustrated here in this report, and to make any proposed change now or in the near future to the governance system would prove hugely disruptive to the work officers are already undertaking to make a legally required balanced budget by February.

This amended motion was passed through Council by 19 votes For and 10 Votes Against.

In ward news, I recently approved locality funds for information boards to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day held of course on the 6th June at the Ipswich High School in Woolverstone, due to the General Election and



funds not being able to be dispersed immediately during this period I was pleased to ensure this funding was ultimately made possible.

Holbrook Repair Café has successfully managed it's move to new premises at Freston Village Hall holding its second repair café on the 25th October, as previously mentioned in last month's parish report it is continuing to gain support within the local community with many who held stalls at Holbrook now able to provide those at Freston. I am in contact with them to offer any further support as needed to ensure it continues to thrive at its new location in the Orwell Peninsula.

December Report to Parishes

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk following full council at their respective meetings agreed new planning guidance to ensure local housing needs are met and future agricultural development is sensitive and sustainable.

The two supplementary planning documents (SPDs) adopted at both Babergh and Mid Suffolk, set out clear expectations of those looking to develop within the districts.

The Housing SPD lays out more detail on the number and type of new properties required by each district on sites, ensuring the right mix to meet housing need, including adequate provision of affordable housing.

The Intensive Livestock and Poultry SPD puts measures in place so intensive farming can sensitively coexist within the districts' rural communities as a valued part of our economy.

The new planning documents follow the adoption of Part 1 of the councils' Joint Local Plan last year and has since become the blueprint for the future development in the districts.

The SPDs support the implementation of the Joint Local Plan, which enables the councils to spell out the detailed steps that planning applicants need to take in order to be considered for planning approval within Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Further delays to the overall repairs for Kingfisher Leisure in Sudbury will mean the leisure centre which is part of the Abbeycroft Leisure Group, will now take up until February to resolve fully.

Initial repair work relating to a damaged roof, which led to the pool's closure at the end of August, has been completed on schedule, and it was hoped swimmers would return on the 11th December.

However, Babergh District Council, which owns the leisure centre, has been taking the opportunity to carry out additional repairs and surveys on the pool while it is empty.

This revealed a further new problem which requires additional structural work to the pool. This further work is expected to be finished by mid-February, with a new opening date to be confirmed as soon as possible.

All other facilities currently operating at Kingfisher, including the gym, remain open.

On the 27th of November, in my capacity as Chair of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership, which is an outside body from Babergh DC, I attended the PCC Grants Panel in Martlesham Heath Police



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Headquarters alongside the other CSP chairs from other local district councils to discuss how the grants panel can help provide funding pots available to CICs and ongoing projects and meets on a quarterly basis.

These vary between ensuring vital voluntary work is carried out for young people from all social backgrounds increasing their practical skills supporting their strengths and honing in on any weaknesses. parents, carers, vulnerable Adults, young offenders, homeless people, those on drug rehabilitation and those struggling to gain employment are around the specifically targeted groups among the 12 project organisations and CICs that submitted applications to the panel for funds.

Although it's recognised that not every project can be helped the panel can at the very most be critical in the support they're able to give.

Finally, it is now the time of year some villages in Orwell are holding Christmas Fairs and markets normally in village hall settings and I recognise the time, resource and planning that needs to be undertaken. Therefore, with that in mind I will aim to attend as many as I am able to over the late November and December to fully support these over this current busy period which requires volunteers to come forward otherwise they simply could not take place.

Councillor Daniel Potter - District Councillor for Orwell

Date: 31st December 2024
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Motions Passed at Council

At Council on Thursday 12 December, three motions were passed more or less unanimously by councillors. The first was a Conservative motion opposing government's changes to Agricultural Property Relief, which mean that from April 2026, Suffolk farmers will only have relief from inheritance tax for up to £1m of combined agricultural and business property. Above this £1m, they will have to pay inheritance tax at half the usual level (20% rather than the usual 40%). The change has inspired protests since it was announced by the government, including farmers driving hundreds of tractors into Westminster and in Suffolk, along the A14 from Ipswich to Felixstowe at 5mph. The Conservative motion also opposed industrialization of the countryside by major energy projects, including solar farms.

The motion brought by my group also related to solar farms, specifically the need to prioritise rooftop solar over solar farms and lobby for changes to planning so that new housing and commercial developments have solar panels, and priority is given to retrofitting solar to buildings or brownfield sites over new solar farms which take good quality farmland out of food production. For example, in France solar panels are often mounted on canopies above car parks to maximise space. As well as contributing to the country's net zero targets, solar panels could significantly reduce energy bills for Suffolk schools and libraries.

The final motion was tabled by the Conservatives on knife crime and proposed that a knife crime action plan for Ipswich be discussed at the next meeting of the Safer, Stronger Communities Board in March 2025.

Suffolk Economic Strategy

At Cabinet on Tuesday 3 December, a new economic strategy was tabled which followed the creation of the Suffolk Business Board earlier in 2024. The Board produced a strategy for the county for the next five years, listing the areas which are most important to the Suffolk economy, including clean energy, agriculture, tourism, and ports and logistics. It also outlined how the Board hopes that digital innovation, AI and robotics can help drive improvements and growth in these areas, along with plans to support start ups, provide business mentoring and skills projects with young people. My group asked questions about the impact of Sizewell C on the tourism industry, and the competition for workers where Sizewell was offering wages that local hospitality businesses, for example, would be unable to match. We also expressed concern that the strategy barely mentioned arts, heritage and culture, and that no arts or cultural organizations were represented on the Board. The plan was approved by the council's Cabinet, and the Suffolk Business Board will now finalise how it plans to deliver the strategy, and will report back to Cabinet every year on their progress.

Children's Services Improvement Plans

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met on 5 December to review the plan for improvement following the Ofsted inspection of the council's children's social care provision earlier in the year. The Ofsted report was published in August 2024 and the council learned it had

dropped two grades, from being rated Outstanding in 2019 its current grade of Requires Improvement. The council had to produce an action plan for improvement which it has submitted to Ofsted and the Department for Education. The Cabinet member for children's services and officers from the department attended the committee meeting to outline the actions they have taken so far, including recruitment of extra staff members to drive improvement, and arranging peer reviews with other councils. There will also be a new Strengthening Services for Children and Families Board, which will be chaired by the council's Chief Executive, Nicola Beach. The council particularly needs to improve services for care leavers and consistency of practice and quality assurance - this means reviewing interactions with children and families to make sure the council is doing the best it can to help them. This work is separate to the council's improvement work for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), which is subject to a separate inspection process by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Devolution and Council Reorganization

Following the new government's shelving of the previous devolution deal for Suffolk, the Government has published a white paper outlining the approach they wish to see in reforming local government, including the abolition of district councils. Elected mayors and large (500,000) unitary authorities are the goal for the largest local government reform since 1972, when the two (three including parish councils) tier local governance structure was introduced.

While there are obvious benefits to having a 'one stop shop' for all things local government, if this is to be introduced without losing the 'local' from local government the minimum resident number needs to be more flexible. With the recommended figure in the paper being a minimum 500,000 residents per council, this means for the whole of Suffolk (760,000 residents) the 4 District Councils currently are at threat of being taken over by the Unitary Authority and very significant changes as a result. It is possible that a merger with Norfolk could also take place in some areas.

We will know more about how this reorganization will happen over the coming months, but at present there are signs that the County Council elections due for May 2025 may be postponed until the new local government structures are in place. This has led to obvious concerns about the strength and accountability of local democracy as your Councillors are normally elected for a 4 year term before coming up for re-election.

Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

Wishing you all a safe and prosperous New Year

Simon Harley Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Email from Anglian Water detailing works in 2025
- 2) Email from Andy Proctor with recommendation for new defibrillator case
- 3) Email from Suffolk Police re. crime
- 4) Letter re. street lighting
- 5) Devolution update from SALC
- 6) Confirmation of village hall CIL funding for solar project

Good morning,

We at Anglian Water wish you give you formal notice of our planned works which are carded to take place on two separate occasions.

25.10.2025 – 26.01.2025 between the hours of **09:00 – 17:00** each day (Saturday & Sunday working only)

08.02.2025 - 09.02.2025 between the hours of **09:00 – 17:00** each day (Saturday & Sunday working only)

We will be engaging in Collaborative working with UK Power Networks and you can view this on One.Network ([Causeway one.network](#)) under our permit numbers EC30018344166 & AD01310755258

To further give you an insight to our works- The traffic management agreed with Highways is to be carried out with 2-way lights under a convoy system with a TTRO (Temporary Traffic Regulation Order) for speed reduction.

This will involve a vehicle leading traffic past a worksite, first in one direction and then the other. Traffic is brought to a halt in advance of the works and is then led slowly in single file past the works by an appropriately signed works vehicle. This system is being used due to the width of the highway for us to carry out our works in compliance with Health & Safety. Attached is a plan of the Traffic management for your perusal.

At the end of each day at 17:00 the Traffic management will be off hired and the roads will be clear after being Reinstated.

Advance Warning Signs and letters are being implemented from the 27th December 2024 for the first part of works and then further signs will be placed w/c 27th January 2025 for the second part of works.

All parties directly affected – business and properties will be letter dropped to advise of works on both instances also from the 27th

If you would like to discuss works further or have any queries or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with us via email Dsschedulingsouth@anglianwater.co.uk or via phone 0345 6066 087.

Kind regards,



[REDACTED]
IMRDS Planner (Developer Services)
IMRDS

Contact: 0345 6066 087 (option 1)
07977 594 819

Anglian Water Services Limited

Enterprise House, Witham Park House, Waterside South, Lincoln,
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Good morning,

Nice to meet you,

This is the current best deal - https://www.medisave.co.uk/products/ipad-sp1-aed-carrying-case?currency=GBP&variant=44837586960667&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cp&utm_campaign=Google%20Shopping&stkn=34c6ddfaad06

Shall I order it, and get a receipt and claim it back?

Or, if anyone wants to get this, have it delivered to my house and I will install it.

Andy Proctor,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many thanks,

Andy Proctor.

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To : All Towns/Parishes within the policing area covered by community police officers PC 1293 Niall Johnson and PC Katie Jarrett.

Dear all community contacts,

I am hoping this email reaches most of the people I need it to, those being parish councils or councillors for areas which myself or PC Katie Jarrett look after. The copied in recipient emails were taken from the internet, publicly accessible, but the list I took it from may be out of date for some. Fingers crossed not too many bounce back and I hope this ends up in your inbox rather than junk and not read for many months. The email has been sent to PC Jarrett so you get her email address as well (if not already known).

Police need to alert you to a burglary/theft crime series that is occurring across our policing patch (and beyond). I have put a screenshot of map of offences below, this will be more up to date than what you can currently see on the Suffolk Police website, you can see a glow around the square marks in Nayland, that means more than one offence in that specific location. I have some crime prevention tips that we would like you to pass onto as many people in your parishes as possible, **feel free to copy and paste the advice between the lines below and share on to members of the public.** Burglaries have included some house burglaries, where the offender will simply walk around the back of an address, try the back door, let themselves in and take whatever they can get their hands on in the first room/s, such as handbags/phones etc, this happens when the person is at home and has been occurring typically in the evenings. Some vehicles have been broken into, with items such as wallets and cash stolen. In addition to those type of offences, various sheds, outbuildings, garages etc have been broken into, with items stolen ranging from quad bikes to power tools.

Four individuals were arrested recently **and a lot** of suspected stolen property recovered, police are working through the lists and examining what has been seized, trying to match it up with crimes that have occurred and return the items to their owners. Despite the arrests, some offences are still continuing. Police are continuing to patrol in an effort to prevent/detect these offences. In addition to the patrols, other policing activity and tactics has been implemented which led to those recent arrests and recovery of property.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE – SHORT VERSION

Lock your back door in the evening, even when you are at home. Do not leave valuables on display in vehicles, do not leave valuables in vehicles at all. Consider getting CCTV, even if just a video doorbell (police now recommend the defender video doorbell available here <https://defendersecurityproducts.co.uk/> as no subscription fee). Get an alarm for outbuildings, even if it is a cheap battery one that is attached with fishing wire to one item of value, so when moved an alarm goes off and the offender/s will likely flee. Take photographs of your items of value, make a note of colour, make, model and the serial number. Consider security marking up your items, with either UV pen or for power tools even scratching or embossing something identifiable on it. Those final tips are invaluable for when police recover items.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE – LONG VERSION

HOUSE SECURITY

On your front door, have a door chain or door bar and viewer (spy hole) * Front boundaries should be less than 1m high (your neighbours and passers-by clearly should be able to see the front of your property) * Rear boundaries should be 1.8m high with locked gates (to prevent easy rear access - also remove climbing aids) * Remove tools/bricks from the garden that could be used to force entry * Always lock garages, sheds and outbuildings * Have dusk to dawn lighting at the front and back * Always lock your doors with the key and keep your windows secure, even when you're at home * Install an alarm * Install CCTV * Leave lights on timers * Create layers of security * Mark your property with UV pen (I have these available at my monthly events) * Avoid keeping cash at home * Hide car keys *

You can now buy TV light simulators as well, which flash lights as if there is a television on in your house, I would recommend one of those, they are around £10-15. The video doorbell that police now recommend is called a Defender Video Doorbell which can be purchased here <https://defendersecurityproducts.co.uk/> and is £100, it has no subscription fee, if you are not installing full CCTV consider one of these at the front and potentially one at the back of your property if/when you can afford it. There are tech sales on right now with large reductions on full CCTV systems. I have recently purchased a Blink CCTV system which seems good, the cameras are wireless and with the use of a USB memory stick put into the device inside your home, you do not need a subscription either.

SHED AND GARDEN SECURITY

* Always keep your shed or garage locked * Use dusk to dawn lights * Use coach bolts to fasten hinged and hasps and staples or pad bar * Fit anchor points to secure items to * Fit an alarm and use it * Avoid storing high value items in the shed * Cover windows in the shed * Use two good quality closed shackle padlocks to secure the shed door * Always lock internal doors between the garage and house * Add ground mounted locking bars to enhance security on 'up and over' garage doors * Use two good quality closed shackled padlocks or a 5 lever mortice and rim lock (BS3621) to secure garage doors * Lock all garage windows * Try to have it covered by a CCTV system *

VEHICLE SECURITY

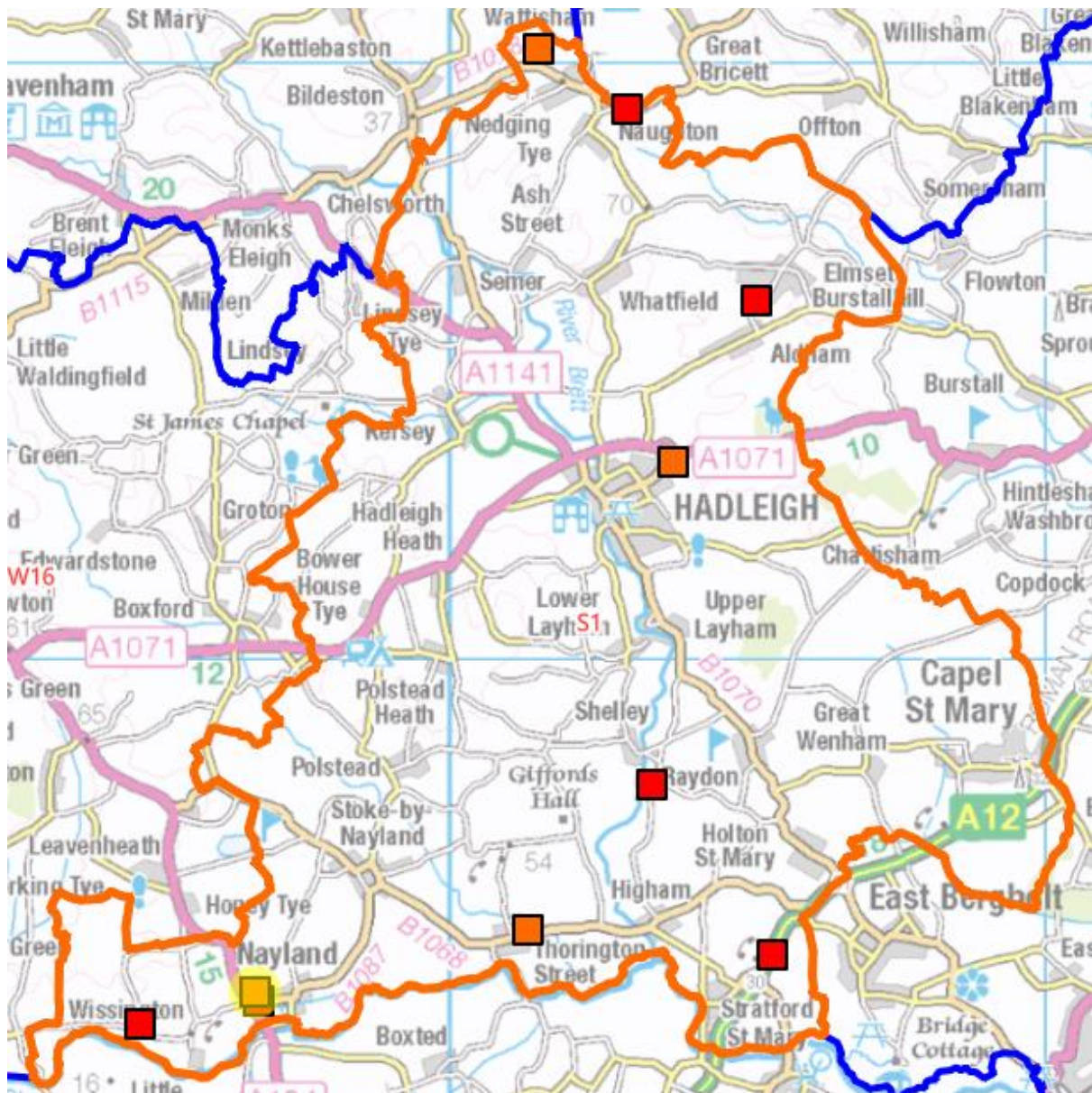
* Most importantly, avoid keeping valuables in your vehicle and do not leave any on display - including sun glasses and charging cables * Always lock doors and shut windows and remove the key when the vehicle is unattended * Always set an alarm if your vehicle has one and act if you hear an alarm * Park in a garage or secure well-lit area covered by CCTV if possible * Use a physical security device such as a steering lock and/or wheel lock * When you park away from home or work, try to use 'Park Mark' approved car park * Use Secured By Design (SBD) accredited products to add extra security to your vehicle (link here www.securedbydesign.com) * Use a Faraday pouch to securely store entry fobs for keyless entry vehicles *

RECORDING / MARKING

Sometimes when searches are made, police recover suspected stolen property, but due to no security markings or due to the victim not reporting the theft (so police have no record of it) the property is hard to return to the rightful owner. For that reason, you should always report burglaries and also keep a note of any expensive property, record the description, make, model, colour and serial number. Personally, whenever I get a new item of property that this is worth doing with, I take a couple of photographs on my phone including the serial number then simply email the images to myself and keep that email safe. It is also worth registering your items on the immobilise website here www.immobilise.com

Burglary Offences in the Hadleigh and surrounding parishes area

PC 1293 Johnson's patch. 1/11/24 – 22/12/24.



Burglary Offences in the East Babergh area

PC 582 Jarret's patch. 1/11/24 – 22/12/24.



Please remember not to report individual crimes directly to either myself or Kate, as we only investigate specific crime types. Instead, the public should use 999 in an emergency if they think a crime is in progress (or about to be committed), 101 or online via the Suffolk Police website if the incident has already happened and the risk is reduced, or sometimes the Live Chat function is available on the Suffolk Police website as well. Feel free to share any community intelligence about criminality with us directly though and we can offer advice on various police-related issues. If anyone has any public events throughout the year, let us know about those as well, as when they fit with our shifts and

commitments we can attend with advice leaflets, UV marker pens, colouring sheets, stickers and uniform for children to try on.

I apologise for all the doom and gloom and being the bearer of such news. But prevention and target hardening can make a real difference and can certainly reduce the likelihood of crime happening to someone if they follow the above advice. Please remember to follow the Hadleigh and East Babergh Facebook page to see community related posts from myself and Kate and encourage your residents to do the same.

Finally (and well done if you have read everything and made it here) both myself and Kate wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope everyone has a good New Year.



1st January 2025

Dear Andrea,

REQUEST TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON COMMUNITY STREET LIGHTING IN TATTINGSTONE

1. I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of the Tattlingstone Parish Council. My letter is an advance on our discussions from early December 2024 about street lighting in the village.
2. Upfront, I must extend to you my thanks in two areas. Firstly, I am grateful for the work that you and your Parish Council colleagues tend to on behalf of all residents. It goes without saying that leadership in public office is seldom without its difficult decisions and its need for diplomacy. Secondly, I must extend my thanks to you for directing me to the Village Plan and the Residents Survey of 2022. These have been most helpful in the formulation of this letter. I must apologise for being unable to attend our Parish Council meetings in person and it is regrettable that a video teleconference is unsuitable. Nevertheless, I hope that this letter is an appropriate opening engagement to you and your colleagues.
3. Whilst I don't tend to live in the village during the week, I do own a property here with my partner, whom is the fulltime occupant of our home. Since moving to Tattlingstone in April 2022, we have been fortunate enough to enjoy the company of its well natured people and its peaceful character - the allure for many, I am sure. That said, since our arrival, I have been concerned by the distinct lack of street lighting and therefore would like to give some of my time to the development of a solution that caters for all. This concern extends beyond the well being and safety of my partner, but to our many friends in the village also.
4. Propelled into action from our initial email correspondence, I decided to look through the survey results of 2022. Whilst I and many others were not villagers at the time of the survey, I recognise that you must work with the most up to date information that you can from these types of sources. However, when you said that there was: "...*little appetite for more street lighting in Tattlingstone, in fact that contrary is evident*", based on the results of the survey, I must disagree. From what I can tell, question 3.14 of the Residents Survey¹, informed the *TATT11 – Dark Skies policy*². The aforementioned question reads: "*The night sky is an asset to the village due to low light pollution*". Despite being a terribly leading question, I can't help but miss its relevance to street lighting. I would absolutely agree that the night sky is a well enjoyed spectacle for us in the village, but speaking frankly, enjoyment of the night sky does not have to come at the cost of safety. I therefore think that we would be foolish to think that as villagers, we must compromise on our safety for the occasional stargazer.
5. Neatly, a solution that would appease all, already exists. Solar-powered motion-sensor streetlights can be purchased and affixed to existing infrastructure in the village. These are not only environmentally friendly, but also only illuminate when they detect motion. The significance of this is threefold: firstly, light pollution is minimised to the times that pedestrians are transiting our streets in the dark; secondly, pedestrians can view their surroundings as they transit our pavement-lacking roads; and finally, these streetlights will only illuminate when someone or something is moving beneath them. This means that nighttime walkers or residents in their homes can see others and potential threats beyond their immediate proximity.

¹ Tattlingstone-Neighbourhood-Plan-Residents-Survey-2022-Results, pages 13-19.

² Draft-Tattlingstone-Neighbourhood-Plan-JAN2024WEB, page 28.

6. This type of device may also reduce concerns mentioned across some other parts of the 2022 survey, notably:
- a) **7 out of 10** of people thought that pedestrian safety was a concern³.
 - b) 63% of people thought that is not possible to safely travel to some parts of the village⁴.
 - c) Nearly **3 in 5 respondents** thought that our footpaths are unsafe for the disabled or those with children⁵.
 - d) **91% of people** thought that any new building in the village should be energy efficient and use environmentally friendly technology⁶.
 - e) 1 in 5 under 16's said that it was too dangerous to walk or cycle to after school activities⁷.
 - f) Over 71% of under 16's who have problems meeting friends outside the village cite the danger of walking or cycling as a reason⁸.
7. I have been fortunate to work in security for some years now and have experience and qualifications in developing safe and secure options for either public or private clients. Street lighting is just one way that we can improve safety and security for villagers, especially at night. I highlight this for a couple of reasons; the first being because the rate of burglaries in our area has increased over the twelve months leading to September 2024, when compared to the previous 3 years as a whole⁹. Whilst some crimes have reduced in frequency, *burglary*, *possession of weapons*, *vehicle crime* and *theft from the person* have all increased. Street lighting might help reduce some of these crimes by reducing freedom of movement for criminals and increasing their risk of identification.
8. In addition to my experience in security, I have also worked hard at the national and international level to fund multimillion-pound projects. Were the Parish Council to be supportive but unable to financially resource additional street lighting in the village, I would be delighted to pursue this further through other means. However, as a starting point, I note that there appears to be a consistent underspend on street lighting maintenance in the village¹⁰. I am uncertain as to the actual frequency of publication; but I have noted a persistent 37% saving on street lighting maintenance when budgeted and actual spends are compared. Albeit I am unsighted to the ways this money may have already been reinvested elsewhere, this equates to c.£343 – enough to purchase 1 or 2 solar and motion sensor streetlights.
9. Pending the Parish Council's agreeable stance on the matter, I feel it worth outlining the next steps. Once you are happy to pursue this further, I would propose a draft geographical laydown of lighting options with graduated viability and capability before proposing the plan to residents via your channels. From here, we could determine the financial resource requirements and subsequently seek funding from whichever sources we deem most appropriate.
10. I am exceptionally grateful to you and your fellow councillors in considering this issue and I look forward to working with you all on the matter.

Yours Sincerely,
Tim Reynolds

³ Residents Survey results, Q4

⁴ Residents Survey results, Q4.

⁵ Residents Survey results, Q4.

⁶ Residents Survey results, Q12.

⁷ Residents Survey results, Youth Survey Q5.

⁸ Residents Survey results, Youth Survey Q9 and Q10.

⁹ Date sourced from Suffolk Constabulary on crimes in the vicinity of Tattingstone. 63 of the 175 burglaries in the 3 years leading to Sept 2024 took place between Sept 2023 and Sept 2024.

¹⁰ Summary-Receipts.Payments-to-31.03.24, as well as to 31.08.23, 30.09.23 and 31.12.23. Published on the Parish Council Website.

Dear all

On behalf of the team here at SALC and the Board, I would like to wish your council a happy new year. It seems there is already a lot on the agenda for us including the topic of devolution.

Following our December newsletter, I wanted to provide an update on activities so far following the publication of a Government White Paper "Power and Partnership: Foundations for Growth".

We have now set up a [dedicated information page on our website](#) and will use this to consolidate information for reference purposes along with a timeline of activities to help save everyone time and keep on track.

The team at SALC have also been in touch with other counties so that we can learn from others and avoid reinventing the wheel and, if possible, highlight initiatives that have not worked so well from a town and parish council and parish meeting perspective.

I have also received confirmation from Suffolk County Council that they will include SALC and town and parish councils in their engagement plan and keen to work with us as they did with the, now withdrawn, 2024 County Deal. I did expect this and it is good news.

I have also written to Babergh/Mid Suffolk, East Suffolk and West Suffolk Councils to offer to work with them on keeping parishes informed from their perspective.

I have also been endeavouring to meet with new MPs since last Summer and hoping arrangements will be finalised early in the new year. In any event I will be writing to them to ensure they are up to date and informed on the views of Suffolk town and parish councils and parish meetings and our activities on your behalf.

I would like to draw your council's attention to the fact that Suffolk County Council have arranged an extraordinary meeting of full council for Thursday 9th January starting at 2 pm followed by a extraordinary meeting of Cabinet at 5 pm. The papers, published on 30th December 2024, are self-explanatory, and the meeting is being live streamed with a link available on the respective agendas. [Here is a link to our news blog today about this and how to access information.](#)

Sally Longmate, CEO

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) SUCCESSFUL CIL BID - NOTIFICATION

Infrastructure Team

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Ref - B24-02

02 January 2025

Successful Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Bid - Notification

Dear Sarah

We are pleased to inform you that a recent CIL bid for funding from the District Council CIL fund has been successful.

This CIL bid is in the parish of Tattingstone

The project details are as follows:

Project Name - **Tattingstone Village Hall Tye Green Solar Project**
CIL Ref - **B24-02**
Parish - **Tattingstone**
Amount of CIL funding - **£8,625.00**
Applicant - **Tattingstone Village Hall**

Should you wish to receive further details of this project for your information, please do not hesitate to contact the Infrastructure Team.

Kind regards
Julie Hammond
Infrastructure Officer

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PAPER 8.b

PAYMENTS AGREED/RATIFIED AT THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2024

PAYMENTS MADE

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Microsoft	Subscription	Direct Debit	8.60	1.72	10.32
Holbrook PC	Clerk Services	BACs	87.60		87.60
Tattingsstone Village Hall	Village Hall Hire	BACs	46.50		46.50
GiffGaff	Mobile Phone	Direct Debit	8.34	1.66 -	10.00
Community Action Suffolk	Website Hosting	BACs	12.22	2.45	14.67
Geosphere	Parish Online annual subscription	BACs	54.00	10.80	64.80
Tattingsstone PCC	Church lights	BACs	10.0		10.0

INCOME RECEIVED - None

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

Medisave	Replacement defibrillator case	BACs	82.70	16.54	99.24
A. Mendel	Expenses (stationery, phone contract, key cutting)	BACs	75.41		75.41
R. Belcher-Nairn	Clerk salary Dec 2024	BACs	490.60		490.60
HMRC	P30 Q3	BACs	122.60		122.60

Countersigned by.....Chair of Parish Council

All payments authorised under The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

Note: Council resolved at the 2023 Annual Meeting that it met the eligibility conditions, and this continues right through until the next relevant annual meeting which will be May 2027. This is regardless of whether the Council continues to meet those conditions for the duration, (para 7.12 of the Explanatory Memorandum to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 refers.



TATTINGSTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2024-2037

Further Focused Consultation

You may remember that in January 2024 the Parish Council consulted you on its draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. When complete, it would be used by Babergh District Council for making decisions on planning applications. Thanks to everyone that submitted comments.

Having considered all the comments, the Parish Council has decided to carry out a further, focused, consultation on one matter, the proposed Settlement Boundary at The Heath. We are providing you with an opportunity to comment on some changes to the Settlement Boundary compared to the one we consulted on this time last year.

The details of the proposed changes and how you can comment are set out in this leaflet.

**TATTINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 2025**

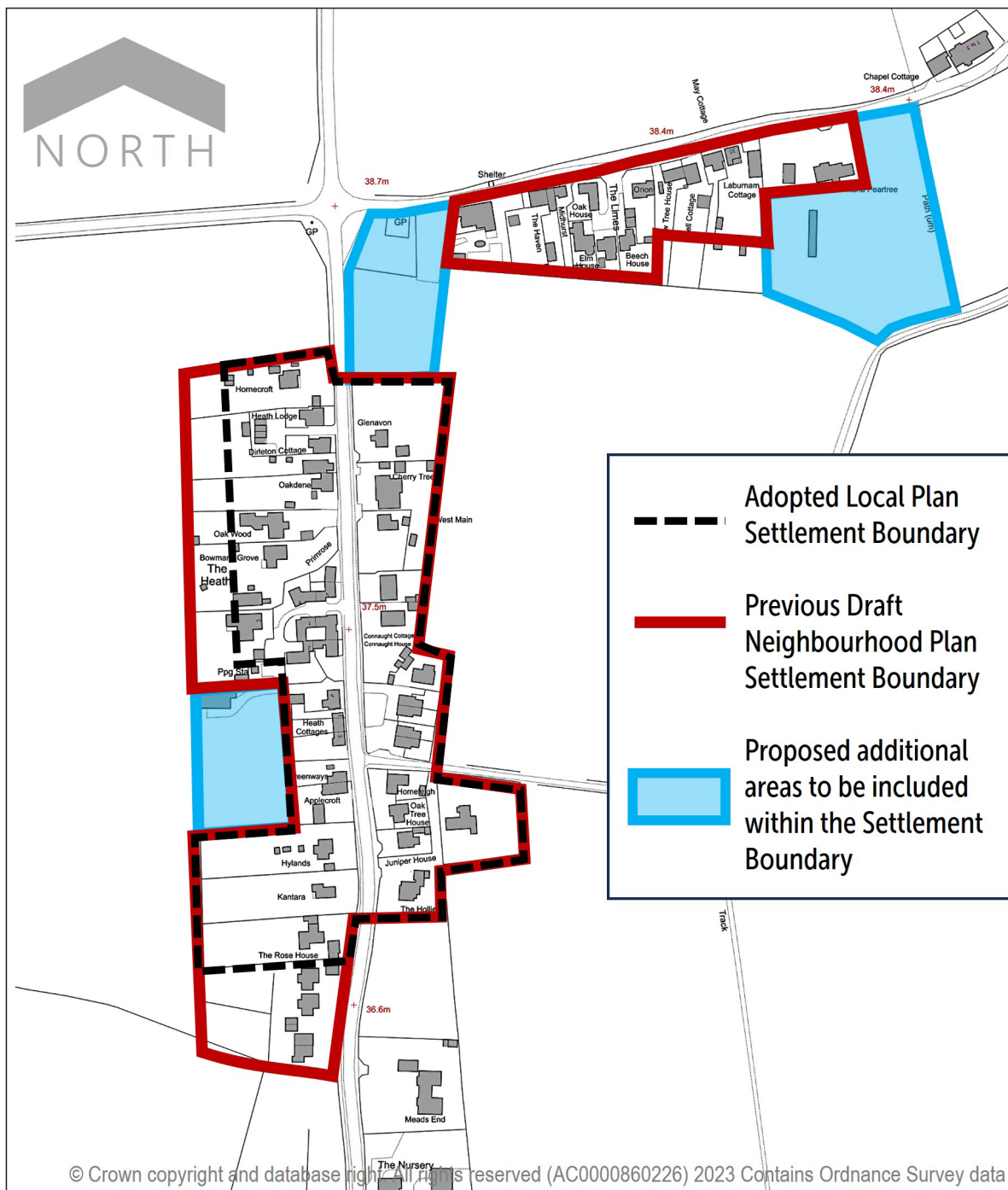
THE CONSULTATION

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan includes a policy which defines Settlement Boundaries around the main built-up areas of the village, the village centre, in the vicinity of the White Horse PH and at The Heath. Settlement Boundaries are planning tools designed to limit the spread of development into the countryside and are generally drawn tight around built-up areas and don't necessarily follow ownership boundaries, such as gardens.

Within a Settlement Boundary the principle of new development, such as small-scale infill housing development, is generally agreed, subject to impact on the area. Outside a Settlement Boundary development that requires planning permission would only be granted in specific circumstances. This is an approach generally taken across the country.

The Draft Plan seeks to update the current Settlement Boundaries from those defined in 2006 by Babergh District Council, and which are now out-of-date in many areas. In the case of The Heath, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan defined two separate boundaries, one including the housing along the A137 and the other the cluster of housing on Church Road.

Following consideration of the comments received, the Parish Council proposes to further amend the Settlement Boundary at The Heath by including the areas shaded in blue on the map within the Settlement Boundary. The effect of the inclusion of these areas would be to support the principle of development taking place in these areas.



DO YOU SUPPORT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES?

We want to know whether you support the proposed changes to the Settlement Boundary. We are not consulting on the rest of the Draft Plan. Babergh District Council will consult on the whole Plan once the Parish Council submits it to them, currently planned for late Spring.

WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR COMMENTS BY FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025



FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan included proposals to designate land at The Wheatsheaf, behind The White Horse and the allotments as "Local Green Space" illustrated on the maps. Following consideration of comments received during the January 2024 consultation, the Parish Council has agreed to remove these designations from the Neighbourhood Plan.



What next:

At the end of this additional round of consultation, all comments will be considered, the Neighbourhood Plan will be then be submitted to Babergh District Council. They will carry out further consultation on the Plan before it is considered by an independent Neighbourhood Plan Examiner. The Examiner may require changes to be made to the Plan before it can be put to a Parish Referendum organised by Babergh DC. We would expect this to happen later in the year. If the majority vote in favour of the Plan, it will be used by them when deciding planning applications.

COMMENTS FORM

You can either complete the form below and return it to the letter box at the Village Hall , or at The White Horse and Wheatsheaf, or you can complete it online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Tattingstone_SB or by using the QR code to access the form

Comments must be received by 28 February



Do you support the proposed changes to the Settlement Boundary at The Heath illustrated in **blue** on the map?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments :

Name	
Address (optional)	
EMAIL (optional)	

Would you like to be notified when the Parish Council submits the Plan to Babergh District Council? (if yes, please provide either address or email address above) YES NO

Would you be willing to have your contact details shared with Babergh District Council for the sole purpose of enabling that Council to keep you informed of further consultations on the Plan? YES NO

Data will be processed by the District Council in accordance with their information security policies and Privacy Notice (available on their website).

Data Protection Notice: All information collected and processed by the Parish Council at this stage is by virtue of our requirement under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Please note: All comments received will be made publicly available and will be identifiable by name / organisation. All other personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.



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Proposed Dates for Tattingstone Parish Council Meetings 2025-26

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 3rd February 2025

Monday 3rd March 2025

Monday 7th April 2025

Tuesday 6th May 2025 (in lieu of Early May Bank Holiday)

?? May 2025 Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 6th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 1st December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026