

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of meeting: Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom

Present: Cllrs. Wood [Chair], Mendel, Clarke, Clark, Hawes, Tweedy, Page

D Cllr. Gould

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Cllr. Hawes' husband who sadly passed away in December. Cllr. Wood expressed the Council's condolences.

Item		Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Ms Proctor Tattingstone Community SpeedWatch	
2	Declaration of interest	None	
3	Requests for dispensation	N/A	
4	To approve minutes of meeting 7 th December 2020	Minutes of Zoom meeting emailed out to councillors. Approved by email. Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy Seconded: Cllr. Clark Carried unanimously	
5	To receive Clerk's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received apologies to Dec meeting from Cllr Clarke after our meeting.• Audit notices sent to go on website• Waste collections sent to Cllr. Hawes for website, also put-on village Facebook page• Details of drink and drug driving campaign put on FB page• Reported fly tipping: RI281982006.• Rural bulletin distributed to councillors• Sent letter of support to Woolverstone Community Speedwatch re the abuse their team had received.• ACRE guidance for village halls sent to Chair of village hall committee• Drain by Sania and Lodge cottage blocked – reported• Lights not working Lemons Hill bridge reported Northern light: WEB050623 Southern	

		<p>light: WEB050625 Now repaired and both are working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AONB newsletter forwarded to councillors – Many Councillors had watched the Programme Country file which featured the AONB, newly designated on the South shore of the River Stour. • Information regarding the 'Reviving our Communities Fund' for grants for village halls forwarded to D Brown and I Granit.. 	
6	To consider matters arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the new notice board for by the church and the dog bin have arrived but because of Christmas then Clerk self-isolating, they have not yet been put up. Hopefully these will be erected very shortly. • Cllr. Wood had been to see the residents of The Wonder but so far has only spoken with one. Mr Solley requested a separate post code for his home, The Wonder, but it takes about 2 yrs. for this to be registered on Sat Nav devices. Cllr Wood will pursue. 	JCS DW
7	Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Reports circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>County Council has been working on Budget for forthcoming year with the extra demand from Highways. The County Council has received its grant from central government.</p> <p>D.Cllr. Gould reported a lot of controversy at the moment over charging for car parking in Hadleigh. Car parking fee to be increased in Pin Mill carpark.</p>	
8	To receive update on Tattingstone Speedwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately, Ms Proctor was unable to attend the meeting. • It now transpires that all original paperwork sent to the County Council in January 2020 has been lost or is on a desk somewhere in Endeavour House and because they are all working from home cannot be located. Cllr. Wood, Ms Proctor and the Clerk met via Zoom. The forms were all filled in again and sent with all the required photos, Grid references, letters of 	

		<p>agreement from residents on 20.12.20. The Council has received no acknowledgement of receipt from either Suffolk Highways or from the Chief Executive after the letter of complaint sent 7th December 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The matter has been now passed to Keith Samson, Suffolk Highways, to process but no correspondence has been received from him and no indication that our request submitted in January 2020 will be expedited quickly. The clerk will follow this up if no response by end of week 8.01.21 • Speed Watch patrols have been suspended because of Lockdown. • C Cllr. Wood has submitted the order for Gateways to the village both North and South on A137. These will cost approximately £12,500 but when these will be installed is unknown. 	<p>JCS DW AP</p> <p>JCS</p>
9	To receive update on The Tattler.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tattler has now been delivered to all houses in Tattingstone by volunteers. It has been extremely well received. • Colchester Press Ltd charged £250 for this edition. This could possibly be reduced as a few copies have not been used and a lighter paper could be used for inside pages. • Money has already been received from Babergh D.C. via Cllr Gould's Locality Grant [£350] and advertising [£200] • The Tattler accounts will be shown separately on the balance sheet each month. • The paperwork for a Locality Grant for £500 from C.Cllr Wood has been submitted. • It is hoped that by the end of 2021, The Tattler will be self-funding. • An edition of The Tattler is being kept by the Village Recorder and will than form part of the village's archives for perpetuity. • Cllr. Hawes, the editor, requested articles for next edition by !4th January deadline. 	

10	To consider any planning applications received	None to be considered.	
11	Correspondence requiring immediate discussion	An email had been received about the new noticeboard, situated in the bus shelter at the Wheatsheaf. The notice board had been moved because the old one had become unusable. The cost of a new wooden exterior notice board is prohibitive which is why the decision to have a new one had been taken. Cllr. Wood and the clerk will answer the email with these points.	DW JCS
12	Finance to consider and approve	<p>Bank balances: Not received by date of the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed that £2000 be transferred from current account into savings account of ringfenced monies. Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr. Clark Carried unanimously</p> <p>The following payments were approved: Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr Mendel Carried unanimously</p> <p>Clerk's wages and expenses: £287.01 HMRC: £197.60 M J Connell-Smith [dog bin, notice board] : £155,58 Colchester Press Ltd: £255 Information commissioner [data protection fee] £40.00</p> <p>Income: £350 – Babergh DC – locality grant £200 – advertising in Tattler</p> <p>Expenditure to date figures screen shared.</p>	JCS
13	To consider possibility of village shop.	This is adjourned to next meeting	DH

14	To confirm Precept requirements for the financial year 2021/22	<p>The council agree the budget for the forthcoming year and the precept agreed.</p> <p>The formal Precept on the Charging authority form was screen shared and agreed. This year only 2 wet signatures are required. Once done, this form will be scanned and sent to Babergh D.C.</p> <p>The precept is agreed at £12,800. Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr. Mendel Carried unanimously</p>	JCS
15	To consider application received for the position of Parish Councillor	<p>An application for Parish Councillor had been received from Mr Patrick Wills, Tattingstone Place. His application and CV had been emailed to all Councillors.</p> <p>After discussion, the council were pleased to formally co-opt Mr Wills onto the Parish Council</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Mendel Seconded: Cllr. Clarke Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The clerk will complete all the necessary paperwork and the Council looks forward to welcoming Mr Wills at the next meeting.</p>	JCS
16	To consider the formation of a group to begin to formulate a village plan.	<p>Cllr. Mendel had put a request in The Tattler for interested parties to get in touch with her and received the names of 4 people to help.</p> <p>Another article asking for more volunteers will be put in next edition. This will be a rolling item on the agenda to monitor progress.</p>	AM
17	To comment on other urgent village matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident had complained to the head of Tattingstone CEVC Primary school about inconsiderate parking outside the school. The clerk has advised Head to mention parking in her first newsletter. • At time of writing school will open as usual tomorrow [5th January 2021]. Suffolk CC is leaving it to individual heads to make the decision following a risk assessment today. • Other parking issues - update on Lemon's Hill Bridge. IBC warden has been out several times and ticketed cars parked illegally on the bridge. 	JCS

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of road at Wheatsheaf cross roads – already reported several times. Photos screen shared. • The downed Footpath sign opposite The chapel has been reported. 	
21	Items for next agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding SID and speed restriction measures • Update on village shop from working group • Neighbourhood plan • Possible plans for AGM of Parish council and annual Parish Meeting. • Planting of wildflower seeds • Playing field report • Anglian Water parking charges. 	
18	Date of next meeting	1 st February 2021 via Zoom	

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor.

To the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward

January 2021

Happy new year to all residents of Orwell Ward. What a strange year 2020 was and 2021 shows early signs of being difficult too for a few more weeks. There is light at the end of the tunnel as we begin to get the vulnerable members of our communities vaccinated against Covid and spring is on the horizon. I notice bulbs popping up in my garden and the evenings are beginning to pull out. I would like to thank all of you for the way in which you have looked out for each other over the last ten months, the caring way our communities have pulled together is continually brought to my attention and the random acts of kindness are as much appreciated as the organised, more structured level of support so thank you all again.

Covid news

An alarming rise in COVID-19 infection rates across Suffolk and pressure on hospitals, care homes and social care has resulted in the county entering Tier 4. As I write this there is no plan for primary schools to remain closed after the winter break but who knows what the situation may be by the time you are

reading this! More residents on low incomes or benefits can now get financial help if they are told to self-isolate due to COVID-19 as Suffolk councils extend support payments to help more people.

Councillors to consider budget for 2021/22

Councillors are set to discuss the first draft of Babergh District Council's budget for 2021/22 which is designed to deliver financial stability post Covid while still delivering the council's commitment to climate change. Babergh District Council's cabinet is due to decide in the New Year whether to approve proposals that would see a 2.96% increase in council tax, meaning an extra £5 a year, or less than 10p a week, for an average Band D property. The increase is part of a package of measures that will allow the council to meet the medium-term financial challenges presented by the pandemic, to help meet its ambition to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and to maintain services for residents and communities. The budget is set to be considered by Babergh cabinet members on Thursday 7 January and by Overview and Scrutiny on Monday 18 January. It will then receive further consideration at the next cabinet meeting before going to Full Council in February. If approved, it will come into effect on 1 April 2021.

Babergh's parking proposals

Parking provision across the district is also on the agenda for Babergh's cabinet who are seeking a way to retain an element of subsidised parking, while encouraging more sustainable transport options for the future, and strengthen the council's finances.

Councils look to slash fleet emissions

Babergh and Mid Suffolk will consider proposals to cut their fleet's carbon emissions by up to 90% thus supporting the councils' carbon neutral aims.

100th business joins the Virtual High Street

Shoppers in and around Sudbury have even more choice as the Virtual High Street welcomes its one hundredth business.

Babergh communities set to benefit from £338,000 funding boost

Housing growth in Babergh will fund a range of local projects, following agreement by councillors, including upgraded CCTV in Sudbury and Hadleigh, electric vehicle charging points and new community facilities.

Financial support for leisure trust gets go ahead

Babergh's cabinet have agreed further financial support for their leisure partner, Abbeycroft Leisure, to help keep residents fit and healthy well into the future.

Government Green Home funding.

Residents in Babergh are set to benefit following recent Government announcements about its Green Homes Grants.

Voting safely at next year's elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021, residents in Suffolk will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them at Suffolk County Council and who will represent them as the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner. The elections may be a way off, but we are already making plans to help residents stay safe while casting their vote.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues that you think I can help with and all the very best to you all.

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It has been a busy month for my group, but we have had some big successes. I want to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year in these strange times!

Biodiversity strategy adopted

At Full Council on the 3rd December, Suffolk County Council unanimously passed a motion that will see Suffolk County Council developing a biodiversity strategy and embracing biodiverse land management practices. The motion was proposed by the LDGI Group and supported by all other groups. The motion will ensure:

- Delivery of a biodiversity strategy that will set out how we could increase Suffolk's biodiversity, halt the loss of habitats and species, and reintroduce declining species in suitable locations.
- Assessment of how the council can lead organisations across the county in efforts to improve biodiversity.
- Adoption of biodiverse land management options on council land.
- A letter to the Secretary of State asking what further support can be made available to local authorities to enhance bio diversity within their areas.

Cllr Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, Leader of the Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group and proposer of the motion, made the following statement:

"I'm really pleased that this motion has been met with such overwhelming support from the council and thank Cllr Richard Rout for his support. Our efforts can feel like a drop in the ocean, but by working together and listening to each other we can make a difference. Suffolk County Council has today taken another step on the path to making that difference. By working together, across political party lines, we can have a real impact."

"Good biodiversity supports healthy ecosystems which protects our food security, cleans our air and water and enhances our lives in many ways. I would encourage everyone to do their part to support our native species, and I am thrilled that the County Council will now be doing the same thing."

Resisting the decision to reclaim local highways budgets

The Suffolk County Council cabinet will be reclaiming unspent Local Highways Budgets from councillors on the 31st of December. Local highways budgets can be spent by councillors in their divisions, on projects like new yellow lines, resident parking areas or zebra crossings. The LDGI Group has fought against this decision, arguing that the pandemic has increased delays to work which was already difficult to complete due to cumbersome processes and excessive red tape. Lockdown meant that officers weren't allowed to go out and look at sites, and teams were overwhelmed by the amount of work caused by the pandemic. Some larger projects will not be ready to receive payment by the 31st. This reclaiming of the budget would not have become absolutely necessary until March, when the financial year ends.

