

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 7th September 2020 via Zoom

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

D Cllr. Gould

Amanda Proctor [Tattingstone Speedwatch]

Item		Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Received from Cllrs. Tweedy, Mendel and Clarke All accepted	
2	Declaration of interest	N/A	
3	Requests for dispensation	N/A	
4	To approve minutes of meeting 14 th July 2020	Minutes of Zoom meeting emailed out to councillors. Approved by email. Proposed: Cllr. Wood Seconded: Cllr. Clark	
5	To receive clerk's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The clerk apologised for changing date of meeting in July to 14th. It was then agreed as there was little business for August and the meeting was only a fortnight away, there would not be a meeting in August.• Circulated updates from SLCC. SALC, AONB and other organisations to councillors and if appropriate to Tattingstone Good Neighbours• Babergh East Police and Parish Forum - Meeting 12.08 20 cancelled	

6	To consider matters arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on newsletter A September issue has been published and this is being delivered. Articles for future issues are now being accepted. Clerk will send details of July and September meetings to editor. • Nightly closure of Anglian Water carparks at lemon's Hill Bridge. Cllr. Wood spoke to Alton Water manager. who confirmed that notices about night closures had been put up in consultation with the Parish Council after misuse last year. Unfortunately, there is not the manpower to close the carparks every night. Cllr. Page said that many motorists did not park in car park for fear of being locked in and were unaware of the meaning of clearway signs meant no parking. Clearways signs are compliant with law and requirements. The Council felt that with the colder weather parking would not be such a problem but would monitor the situation. • The ring fencing of allotment monies from previous years was deferred until Cllr Mendel was present. 	
7	Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Reports circulated via email – no questions were asked of these reports. Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>D. Cllr Gould commented that Ipswich Borough Council had been monitoring parking at Pin Mill so hopefully they will come to Tattingstone in near future. She encouraged Councillors to look at the whitepaper regarding future planning legislation. The clerk will email details of this to parish councillors for consideration at next meeting.</p> <p>C Cllr. Wood said all schools except one are back open. School transport is available for those eligible but no bought seats are allowed. There is now a bus to and from Suffolk One that comes at appropriate times through Tattingstone.</p>	JCS

8	<p>To receive update on Tattingstone Speedwatch Reprt from mrs A Proctor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring has recommenced and so far there has been 8 sessions: 120 cars in total were travelling above 35mph in the 30 mph limit. Highest number of vehicles, 784 in 1 hour was recorded at a session 4,30pm – 5.30pm on a weekday. One Saturday 31 vehicles in 1 hour were travelling at excess speed. Both figures for A137 through The Heath. • SID poles. Still no progress on erection of poles. Clerk has written again demanding progress, especially on pole on Church Road which just needs an extension. Cllr Wood has also followed this up with County. The Clerk and Cllr Wood would continue to apply pressure. • The clerk has received special posters to go on poles when SID not there. They are in her garage and cannot be used until poles are in place! • Speed reduction option quotes Although meetings have been requested by Cllr. Wood because of clash of appointments these have not yet happened. They are hoped to have a site meeting in very near future to discuss possibilities. More detailed quotes are needed regarding various options such as village gates, road markings etc. The Parish Council is not expected to pay for these but once feasibility of each option is considered, fundraising would be done by Speedwatch. <i>Action: Cllr. Wood will request a site visit to discuss possibilities.</i> <i>Agenda item for next meeting to review progress</i> <p>The Parish Council thanked AP for all her hard for SpeedWatch</p>	<p>JCS DW</p> <p>DW JCS</p> <p>DW</p>
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9	To consider any planning applications received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/20/03635 Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission DC/19/05070 - Amended Block Plan to include 1.8m closed board fence on the boundary adjacent to plot 5. Location: Site of Former Summercourt, The Heath, Tattingstone, Suffolk There were no objections to this and the planning variation was recommended. 	
10	Correspondence requiring immediate discussion	N/A	

11	Finance to consider and approve	<p>1. Bank balances: Community: £13,718.07 Savings: £3182.72</p> <p>2. To approve payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's wages and expenses: £256.76+ £23.39 Includes £11.99+ Vat £2.40 Zoom Pro per month • Community Action Suffolk :hosting and certificate of compliance of website: £96.00 • Community Action Suffolk: training on website: £48.00 <p>Approved</p> <p>Proposed : Cllr Page</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Wood</p> <p>3. Expenditure to date figures circulated via email.</p> <p>4. The internal auditor has disallowed the contra on the accounts relating to the £15,000 for repairs and improvements to the playing field pavilion. This means we now have to be externally audited as turnover in excess of £25,000. This is now with LPK Littlejohn.</p> <p>5. The Exercise of Public Rights Document will be posted from 31st August 2020. This will be displayed on noticeboards, and on website.</p>	
12	To consider possibility of village shop.	Deferred to October meeting	ST

13	To consider village response to Keep Britain Tidy.	<p>The National Landscapes, the Coast and Heaths and Dedham Vale Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, have seen a rise in litter being discarded at beauty spots, since lockdown measures were eased.</p> <p>It is hoped to arrange a village litter pick when Cllr Mendel returns from holiday</p>	AM
14	Briefing on changes to village website Cllr. Hawes	<p>Although our current website is about 98% compatible with new requirements for accessibility. It was agreed at last months meeting to change to the one offered by One Suffolk. All Parish Council notes will be transferred by deadline [22nd September 2020] and gradually non statutory information will be transferred. It is hoped the homepage will be even more dynamic.</p> <p>The Council thanked Cllr Hawes for all her expertise and hard work.</p>	DH
15	To initiate the procedure to appoint a Parish councillor	<p>Following the resignation of Mr R Dearing from the Parish Council, notices would be posted to appoint/co-opt a Councillor. There are now 2 vacancies.</p> <p>A letter of thanks would be sent to Mr. Dearing from the Parish council.</p>	<p>JCS</p> <p>JCS</p>

16	To comment on other urgent village matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of continued Covid 19 restrictions, meetings of the Parish Council will continue via Zoom in October but will consider meeting in the village hall in November after a full risk assessment. • Clerk to forward Risk assessment documentation to all councillors for consideration at next meeting. • The state of Park Lane from entrance to Tattinstone Park and the Wonder is overgrown with vegetation. Cllr Wood has reported this but urged other councillors to do the same. • The vandalism on the playing field has been repaired and the police have matter in hand. • Cllr Page asked if the school could be asked to grow the hedge around their playing field to help screen the new building. Clerk will speak to the head teacher. • Overhanging vegetation from Chedworth are causing problems for people walking down the footpath in School Road. The clerk will write to house owners. 	<p>JCS</p> <p>JCS</p> <p>JCS</p> <p>JCS</p>
17	Items for next agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding SID and speed restriction measures • Update on village shop from working group • Results of audit • Applications for Parish Councillors • Parish Council insurance • Future meetings • Parish litter pick • Risk assessment for village hall and future meetings • Planning applications white paper consultation • Possible uses for redundant bus shelters • Ringfencing of allotment monies 	
18	Date of next meeting	5 th October via Zoom	

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Changes to Children’s Centres challenged by opposition

On 25 August, the Cabinet agreed to reduce the number of Children’s Centres in Suffolk from 38 to 17 full-time and 11 part-time Family Hubs. 8 centres will be repurposed for nurseries or SEND provision, whilst 2 will close permanently (Chatterbox in Ipswich and Caterpillar in Woodbridge).

The council has said that this is not a cost-saving exercise and that any savings will be used to fund additional staff for outreach work. However, I am very concerned that the loss of so many centres will have a detrimental effect on families, particularly those in rural areas who may now find it more difficult to access support.

My group worked with the Labour group to collectively challenge the Cabinet’s decision. This challenge has been accepted as valid by the council’s Monitoring Officer, and so the decision will be suspended until it has been looked at by the Scrutiny Committee on 11 September. The Scrutiny Committee will either confirm the Cabinet’s decision or ask the Cabinet to reconsider the decision.

Update on school transport arrangements for September

Suffolk County Council has confirmed that it will initially not be offering spare seats on school transport. This is due to social distancing requirements, which have reduced the capacity on school buses. However, parents may be able to apply for a spare seat from October half term.

The council has also confirmed the arrangements for masks and social distancing on school transport. The rules vary depending on the type of transport used:

- Dedicated closed routes (vehicle only carries school children) – social distancing will not apply, face coverings are recommended for children aged 11+

- Shared routes (most passengers are pupils, but may be some members of the public) – pupils should observe social distancing guidelines with members of the public but they can sit next to members of their family or school, face coverings are mandatory unless a child is exempt from wearing one
- Public transport – social distancing will apply, face coverings are mandatory unless a child is exempt from wearing one

Cabinet agrees to £65m loan to cover costs of Lowestoft Third Crossing

The Cabinet has given final approval for the Lowestoft Lake Lothing Third Crossing, and revealed that the name of the new bridge will be “Gull Wing Lowestoft”.

However, the cost of the bridge is now much higher than originally estimated. The report prepared for Cabinet estimated that the total cost of delivering the bridge is £126.75m, with an additional £19m allocated as a contingency for any unforeseen risks. The original estimate was £91.73m.

To fund the building of the bridge, Suffolk County Council will spend £6.9m of its own money, receive £73.39m of funding from the Department of Transport and borrow up to £64.96m.

It is expected that construction work will begin in Spring 2021.

Infrastructure Board established to oversee costs of large projects

It has emerged that Suffolk County Council established an Infrastructure Board in November 2019 to oversee large infrastructure projects and ensure they remain within budget. This is in response to a number of recent projects where costs have increased dramatically, including the Upper Orwell Crossings which was eventually abandoned after costs increased by £43m.

The board is currently only made up of officers.

Locality Fund Grants

If you know of any organisation that would appreciate a grant from my "Locality Fund" please ask them to contact me as I will be unable to carry any over to next financial year due to the local elections in 2021.

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor. To the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward September 2020

Suffolk’s resilience partners urge people to queue responsibly outside bars and pubs: Those looking to enjoy a drink with their friends are being urged to remember Coronavirus is still a very real threat to everyone’s health.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk receive Government funding to install solar carports: Environmentally friendly initiatives across Babergh and Mid Suffolk

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Children’s Centres cuts given go-ahead by Scrutiny Committee

Following the Cabinet’s decision in August to close 10 children’s centres, my group joined forces with the Labour group to challenge this decision. Our challenge focused on concerns over the lack of financial analysis and the lack of clarity over the new outreach model.

The challenge was discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on 11 September. Unfortunately, the majority of the Committee voted against our challenge and endorsed the Cabinet’s decision. This means that the planned changes to children’s centres in Suffolk will go ahead.

Suffolk County Council decides to oppose Sizewell C

The Cabinet at Suffolk County Council agreed on 22 September that they can no longer support EDF Energy’s proposals for Sizewell C in their current form. However, the Cabinet maintained their support for the principle of a new nuclear power station in Suffolk.

The Cabinet’s key concerns were regarding transport impacts, site design and the environmental impact on the Suffolk coast. The Cabinet also believe that the current proposals do not sufficiently avoid, minimise, mitigate or compensate impacts of the proposed development.

These concerns will be submitted as Relevant Representations to the Planning Inspectorate.

Financial impact of Covid-19 on Suffolk County Council budget

Suffolk County Council has published their Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring Report. This focuses heavily on the impact of Covid-19 on the council’s finances.

The council is currently forecasting a net overspend of just £0.4m (0.1%) for the 2020-21 budget. The headline figures are:

- Additional expenditure from core budget - £41.2m
 - o £43.9m – additional expenditure and lost income due to Covid-19
 - o Offset by underspend of £2.7m from non-Covid business as usual activity
- Additional funding - £40.8m
 - o £39.1m – non-ringfenced Covid-19 grants from the Government
 - o £1.7m – additional funding from business rates

Boundary review restarts with consultation on draft recommendations

Following a delay due to Covid-19, the Boundary Commission has restarted the boundary review for Suffolk with a consultation on their draft recommendations, which include a reduction to 70 councillors. Any boundary changes will not be implemented until the 2025 elections.

The draft recommendations and boundary changes are available to view on the Boundary Commission's website:
<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-county-council>

The consultation on these recommendations will run from 15 September – 23 November and can be found here:
<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/18495>