

MINUTES

TATTINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 06 June 2022, 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs D Clarke, D Hawes, A Mendel, S Page, S Tweedy and P Wills

CHAIRPERSON: Cllr D Wood

IN ATTENDANCE: S Keys (Clerk), and County Cllr Simon Harley, District Cllr Jane Gould and 3 members of the public

01. WELCOME AND OPENING STATEMENT

The Chair welcomed Councillors and public to the meeting. The Chair read a statement that outlined procedures for filming or recording during the meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council noted the apologies received from Cllrs S Clark and G Marks. Cllr Page proposed that the apologies were approved, this was seconded by Cllr Mendel and aif.

03. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- a) To receive declaration of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interest(s) in items on the agenda and their nature inc. gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.
b) To receive requests for dispensations – none received.

04. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

a) To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting on 04 May 2022 – Cllr Mendel proposed that the minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Hawes. Cllr Page abstained from the vote. The motion was carried. The Chair signed the paper copy of the minutes.

05. CLERK'S REPORT

- a) To receive an update on actions from the last meeting:
- Action 09 (March 22) - Arrange for football nets to be given to local resident for use at village playing field – *Councillor Wood confirmed that he had discussed this with the Football Club and this would be actioned in the near future.*
 - Action 06 (April 22) – Review posts left from Noticeboard at Wheatsheaf – *to be completed*
 - Action 13 (April 22) – Review CEP created by Peter Clark and update where necessary – *to be completed*
 - 06 (May 22) – Send letter to SCC and Tattingstone School re: parking issues – *to be completed*
 - 12 (May 22) – Send details of Lorry Route Map Review to Councillors – *completed*
 - 12 (May 22) – Find out when speed signs will be erected in Tattingstone – *completed*
 - 14 (May 22) – Highlight concerns about VH Governance at the next VH Meeting – *to be completed*
 - 14 (May 22) – Ask VH Committee to add details of VH Meetings to the Parish Council website – *to be completed*
- b) To receive a report on any other issues from the Clerk – the Clerk reported on the following issues:
- Access to bank account – the Clerk had spoken to the bank about address details. The bank had advised that another letter should be sent requesting an address change.
 - Audit paperwork submitted. Currently waiting for SALC to allocate this to an internal auditor.
- c) To consider/agree next steps as necessary – none

06. PUBLIC SESSION

A written report had been submitted from Cllr. Harley (available as Appendix C). Cllr Harley gave an overview on the following issues:

- Opposition motion passed for SCC to work towards improving the pollution levels in Suffolk rivers. Will be pressing the government to improve the funding provided to the Environment Agency.
- A petition has been drawn up requesting that SCC takes Highways work in-house to reduce costs.

A written report had been submitted from Cllr. Gould (available as Appendix D). Cllr Gould gave an overview on the following issues:

- Annual meeting had recently been held during which the Chairs of Committees were elected.
- Cllr Gould appointed as the Portfolio holder for biodiversity and the environment

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noted the Women's Cycle Tour that had raced through Tattlingstone earlier in the day <p>Members of the public asked the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Were there any closer locations for the Compost giveaway than Hadleigh. Cllr Gould confirmed that there was a closer location but that the date for the giveaway had passed by the time her report was circulated.• How do we find out more about the residents survey from BDC – Cllr Gould confirmed that this was a random selection survey and that those selected would be notified.• David Brown thanks Cllr Wood on behalf of the Playing Field and VH Committee for the work that he had done to make the Tattlingstone Jubilee events a success.• Cllr Wood extended his thanks to all those who helped during the Jubilee weekend with special thanks to the WI for publicising the event and to the local sponsor for funding the event.
<p>07. FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>a) To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 31 May 2022 - The Clerk informed the Council that she could not report the balance of accounts as she had not yet received the Bank Statements.</p> <p>b) The Council noted Appendix A circulated by the Clerk which detailed the accounts awaiting payment, the accounts paid since the last meeting and the receipts allocated since the last meeting. Cllr Mendel proposed that Appendix A was approved by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Tweedy and aif.</p>
<p>08. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISION NOTICES</p> <p>a) To review planning applications received and to agree response from TPC as appropriate – none received.</p> <p>b) To note any planning decisions received - none</p>
<p>09. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The Clerk reviewed the correspondence that had been received in May 2022 (copies had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting). Councillors noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An email informing the Council that the defibrillator at the Tattlingstone Village Hall has been successfully registered• An email from a local resident with planning queries – Cllr Wood confirmed that he had spoken to the resident• An email from a local resident with queries re: cutting of the Playing Field – the Clerk confirmed that she had responded to this email.
<p>10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROPOSED VILLAGE SHOP</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the proposed village shop – Cllr Wood informed the Council that following concerns raised about this project in the village the decision has been made to close the project. Cllr Wood confirmed that Andy Airey and Cllr Hawes have both resigned from the working group. Cllr Wood extended his thanks to A.Airey and Cllr Hawes for all of the work that they had done on this project. ACTION – Send an email of thanks to Andy Airey</p>
<p>11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TATTLER</p> <p>a) To receive an update on The Tattler - Cllr Hawes informed the Council that the second printing of the Tattler with the new printers is now underway. Another ½ page advert has been secured with Alton Broadband for a further year. Cllr Wood informed the Council that he had received a donation of £100 to support the Tattler running costs with the promise of another £500.</p> <p>Cllr Mendel queried how many copies were printed each time and whether this could be reduced to reduce costs. Cllr Hawes informed the Council that 250 copies are printed and there are not many left over so reducing the number would not be possible.</p> <p>a) To agree any next steps as necessary – none</p>
<p>12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>a) To receive an update on progress of the Tattlingstone Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mendel informed the Council that a follow-up meeting had taken place and work is now underway to divide the topic areas to extract the key points. Cllr Mendel informed the Council that there should be a summary of the results available at the next meeting.</p> <p>b) To consider/agree any next steps as necessary – none.</p>
<p>13. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN</p> <p>a) To receive an update on any Community Emergency Plan – to be carried forward to next month.</p> <p>b) To consider/agree proposals to create/update the CEP as necessary – see above.</p>

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14. FOLLY FARM PLANNING PROPOSALS

- a) To receive an update on this issue from Councillors who attended the consultation meeting – Cllr Mendel informed the Council that she had attended the meeting and visited the site. Cllr Mendel gave an overview of the main points that had been provided at the meeting.
- b) To consider/agree next steps as necessary – Further consideration can be given to these proposals when the planning application is formally received.

15. COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) To consider and adopt the Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 as produced by the Local Government Association – the Clerk provided an overview of the updated Code of Conduct. Following discussion Cllr Page proposed that the updated Code should be adopted by the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mendel and aif. **ACTION** – Clerk to add the updated Code of Conduct to the Parish Council Standing Orders.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) To consider any other urgent village matters
- Cllr Wills highlighted that the tennis bench at the Playing Field is broken. Following discussion he agreed to take this home and fix it.
 - Cllr Tweedy informed the Council that a village resident on The Heath is planting and wood and would be glad of trees
 - Cllr Tweedy noted the recent concerns highlighted about noise at the Rectory. Cllr Wood confirmed that this is an issue for the letting agent
 - Cllr Hawes stated that the dog litter bin by The Chapel is currently overflowing. Cllrs highlighted that a number of bins in Tattingsstone had not been emptied recently. **ACTION** – Clerk to contact BDC and find out when bins will be emptied.
- b) To consider/agree next steps as necessary – see above.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 04 July 2022, 7.30pm at Tattingsstone Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

SIGNED.....DATED.....

ACTIONS

MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
06 (April 2022)	Review posts left from Noticeboard at Wheatsheaf	Chair
13 (April 2022)	Review CEP created by Peter Clark and update where necessary	DW & SP
06 (May 2022)	Send letter to SCC and Tattingstone School re: parking issues	Clerk
14 (May 2022)	Highlight concerns about VH governance at the next VH Meeting	ST
14 (May 2022)	Ask VH Committee to add details of VH meetings to the Parish Council website	Clerk
10	Send an email of thanks to Andy Airey	Clerk
15	Add Councillor Code of Conduct to Tattingstone Standing Orders	Clerk
16	Find out when bins in Tattingstone will be emptied	Clerk

Appendix A – Finance Report

ACCOUNTS TO BE AGREED FOR PAYMENT	Chq no.	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Powers Used
S. Keys (March 2022 salary - £296.37 March 2022 expenses - £9.00)		£305.37		£305.37	LGA 1972
Leiston Press (Tattler Printing)		£542.00		£542.00	General Power of Competence

RECEIPTS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING	TOTAL
Bank Interest	£TBC

Appendix B - Glossary of Common Abbreviations used

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DC	District Council
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LAIS (from SALC)	Local Association's Information Services
LPA	Local Planning Authority
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
Rec	Recreation
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
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
TPC	Tattinstone Parish Council
TPF	Tattinstone Playing Field
TVH	Tattinstone Village Hall
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations

APPENDIX C



Report for June 2022 to the Parish Councils of Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)

Latest SCC 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
Welcome Guidance for Ukrainians arriving in the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk>

Motion Passed, Further Commitment to Suffolk Rivers

Full Council convened on the 19th May. Our Group proposed a motion for greater commitment towards improving rivers in Suffolk. Currently, all Suffolk rivers have been reported by the Environment Agency to have failed government standards. Increased pollution comes from a rise in sewage discharges, as well as chemicals used in agriculture that run off into waterways.

Our motion committed SCC to improving rivers, investigating what more can be done to enhance waterways, and increase engagement and support with farmers and environmental groups in any future strategies. Our motion was passed unanimously.

Below is a picture of our Group campaigning a successful protest outside Endeavour House:



Current petition for in-house Suffolk Highways maintenance contract
Our Group has started a petition, demanding that SCC produces an in-house bid for the new Suffolk Highways contract. The contract, which will have been held by Kier for 10 years, is up for renewal next year.

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Since Kier's arrival, our Group has seen astronomical prices for the maintenance of Suffolk's highways. Some of these prices include £5,000 for a pair of dropped kerbs, £7,500 to cut down a single tree, and £10,000 to design (not build) four humps in a road.

Our Group believes an in-house bid from SCC to take back control of Suffolk Highways is needed to get things done. The bid would also provide a necessary benchmark for any competitive bid coming from external companies, making sure Suffolk taxpayers money is not exploited.

We need 3,675 signatures to bring this to debate at the Council. Please sign here (ensure you make you name public, or it won't count!): https://www.petitions.net/for_suffolk_county_council_to_develop_an_in-house_bid_for_suffolk_highways_maintenance

Suffolk GLI AGM Meeting

Our Group had our annual group meeting in May. This was a time to discuss all the success we've had representing our divisions, as well as assigning the roles and allocations within the Group for 2022/23.

The Group has decided to keep all leadership and spokesperson roles the same. With the pandemic causing disruptions, we felt it was important to keep the roles the same for next year to make sure we are best prepared to be as effective as an opposition as possible.

National Grid consultation

National Grid have released proposals to increase pylon networks across Suffolk's countryside, in light of the Government's strategy to grow the East of England's offshore electricity generation. Our Group are strongly against the development of more pylon networks impacting Suffolk's rural landscape and cultural heritage. The proposals are even criticised by Conservative MPs Dan Poulter and James Cartlidge.

Our Group will put pressure on this Council to respond to the consultation, in collaboration with Essex and Norfolk, stressing the significant need for sea-level cables that reduce the community impacts of National Grid's proposals. Our Group will respond ourselves if the Conservative fail to address our concerns.

If you would like to voice your opinion on the matter, click here (Deadline is the 16th June):

<https://eastangliagreen.participatr.io/index.php?contentid=13>

Suffolk Show

The Suffolk Show is on between the 31st May-1st June. For more information, visit: <https://suffolkshow.co.uk/suffolk-show/>

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Instagram (New!) - https://www.instagram.com/suffolkgli_group/

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

Simon Harley

Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division

APPENDIX D

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor, to the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward June 2022

Ward news

I hope all your Platinum Jubilee village events went well and that not too many were rained off; it wasn't possible for me to attend all of them but the feedback I have had has all been really positive so well done to all involved, there is a lot of hard work required for times such as these but it is all worth it when we see how communities pull together. As I write this newsletter we are just days away from world class-riders racing through Suffolk as part of the first stage of the Women's Tour on 6 June and I hope I'm in time for many of you to read about it because some of the locations the riders will race through are in Orwell Ward, they include: Cattawade, Brantham, Holbrook/Stutton, Wherstead/Tattingstone, Capel St Mary/Bentley, Raydon/Upper Layham, Hadleigh, Bildeston (x2), Stowmarket, Needham Market, Monks Eleigh/Brent Eleigh, Lavenham and Cockfield. Cllr Mary McLaren, cabinet member for communities at Babergh District Council, has also welcomed the news that all four of the endurance sections for the race, made up of both sprints and climbs, will take place in Babergh this year. Coverage of the race will feature in ITV4's evening highlights and organisers Sweetspot are also trying to finalise live worldwide coverage via Eurosport Player and GCN + (Global Cycling Network) subscription services.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Residents Survey 2022

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' new annual residents survey opens this month and will run until August 2022. The councils have commissioned this survey to help us understand more about residents' personal and community resilience, about how our councils are performing, and how we can improve our customer experience. It will also help us understand more about their views of their local areas, and improve how we work with residents to make Babergh and Mid Suffolk even better places.

Opinion Research Services (ORS) is carrying out the survey on our behalf. 8,000 residents in each district, randomly selected addresses from every ward, will receive a letter with a code to complete the survey online. They will also receive an information leaflet giving instructions on how to go online. The invitations have a unique code which the resident is required to enter when completing the survey, which means ORS can identify non-responding households and automatically send out hardcopy postal questionnaires that can be returned using freepost. This will ensure that no one is excluded. By completing the survey residents are eligible to enter the free prize draw where they could win one of ten £100 high street vouchers. Please encourage residents to take part if their household receives an invitation and be reassured that this is a genuine communication on behalf of the council and not a scam. We also will be offering the same reassurance to residents via our website and social media channels.

Newly elected Chairs

Cllr Kathryn Grandon was elected as the 2022-23 Chairman of Babergh District Council at the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday 25 May and one of our own peninsula councillors, Derek Davis was elected as the council's 2022-23 Vice Chairman. It gave me great pleasure to second Derek's nomination. Former Babergh District Council chairman Cllr Adrian Osborne handed over a cheque for more than £3,000 to the Sudbury-based Kernos Centre, thanks to fundraising during his 2021-22 term of office, well done to Adrian for all of his hard work.

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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