

# Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Present: Cllrs. Mendel (Vice Chair), Hawes, Page, Tweedy, Mark, Clarke

D Councillor Gould

SCC Councillor Harley

4 members of the public.

Item no.	Agenda item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Councillors Wood, Clark, Wills	
2	Declaration of interest	N/A	
3	Requests for dispensation	N/A	
4	To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Minutes of meeting emailed out to Councillors. Notes that amendments had been received prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr. Seconded Cllr. Carried unanimously	
5	Open forum	No issues raised	
6	To receive the clerk's report	The village surveys from 2018 to be kept by Cllr Mendel  Training course details on defibrillator sent to Andy Proctor  Proposal that Town and Parish Council VAT Guide be purchased. £35 Approved  Broken bench outside village hall, dedicated to Cyril and Jean Howard reported to D Brown. As this is one of the benches purchased a long time ago by Parish Plan is the Parish Council liable for costs of repair? What is the state of other benches in Parish?	AM

		<p>To be discussed with B Self as a possible health and safety issue.</p> <p>Forwarded CAS news to relevant people</p> <p>Received request from a new villager about becoming a Parish Councillor. There is not a vacancy at present. When one is needed it will be advertised. -</p> <p>Forwarded request from Chevington PC about Speed Watch Paperwork to Mandy Proctor</p> <p>Circulated information re fatal accident by Wallers Farm from Highways Safety and Speed Management – hidden dip signs to be erected.</p> <p>Details of grants available for Village Halls, via CAS forwarded to David Brown and Ian Tatchell.</p> <p>Fly tipping by Nine Oaks and Brantham Bridge now resolved.</p> <p>Liaising with new clerk to ensure a smooth takeover</p>	JCS
7	To consider matters arising from the minutes	<p>Locality grant received from Cllr Wood to support costs of The Tattler.</p> <p>JL appointed as Clerk and RFO.</p> <p>Litter pick had taken place but with very small attendance</p> <p>Proposal to book the next litter pick 2 months in advance and circulate early to widen interest.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Page Seconded Cllr Hawes</p>	AM
8	To receive Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Report from D Cllr Gould circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Report from C Cllr Harley circulated by email.</p>	

		He highlighted the recent Independent SEND review carried out. Attached to these minutes	
9	Update on the setting up of a village shop by the village shop working group	<p>Presented by F Ballentyne Report attached to minutes.</p> <p>Key points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• site of shop being explored further with St Marys Church and option of land from the Abbott family.</li> <li>• DH to confirm in writing the offer from the Abbott family</li> <li>• Steering group to be set up on 14<sup>th</sup> October to lead the next phase.</li> </ul> <p>Report back to Parish Council meeting January 2022 on feasibility work undertaken on both options.</p>	DH  DH
10	To receive update on The Tattler	<p>Update received. Noted the grant received but no further grant available for 2 years from CC.</p> <p>Option of applying for Locality grant from BDC</p> <p>Clerk to write to D Cllr Gould</p> <p>DH to circulate to Cllr's budget expenditure spreadsheet for The Tattler</p>	JL  DH
11	To consider Planning Applications	<p>Date Application Received: 31-Jul-21 Application Reference: DC/21/04302 Date Registered: 02-Aug-21 Proposal &amp; Location of Development: Householder Planning Application - Erection of front porch and rear extension and conversion of single garage to double garage (following removal of existing conservatory) 9 The Close, Tattingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2PD GRANTED</p> <p>Date Application Received: 25-Jun-21 Application Reference: DC/21/03637 Date Registered: 30-Jun-21 Proposal &amp; Location of Development:</p>	

		Application for approval of reserved matters following grant of Outline Planning Permission DC/19/02617 dated: 20/08/2019 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 4no dwellings and vehicular access. Discharge of Condition 6 (Biodiversity Method Statement), 7 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and 11 (Bin Storage) Land South Of The Rose House, The Heath, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2LX GRANTED	
12	Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the Chairman	N/A	
13	Playing field report	Report given by Cllr Tweedy. Attached to minutes	
14	To receive update on Tattingstone Speed Watch	Report circulated with the agenda. Attached to minutes. Next report December meeting	AP
15	Finance: to consider and approve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Balances:</li> <li>• To approve for payment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Not received before meeting</p> <p>Payment agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerks wages and expenses :</li> <li>• HMRC: approved</li> <li>• Business services CAS insurance : approved</li> </ul> <p>A request was received informally from the Village Hall, to release ring-fenced money from the Parish Council Funds. Th clerk will request a formal letter for this and it will be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cost of hall hire for Village shop steering group meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October Approved pending invoice</p>	JCS

	Expenditure to date 2020/2021	Town and Parish Council VAT Guide be purchased. £35 Approved  Proposed Cllr Page Seconded Cllr Tweedy Approved  Update circulated to Cllrs in the meeting.	JL
16	To consider possible plans for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022	Deferred to the next meeting November 2021	DW
17	To receive report on the progress of a Neighbourhood Plan	Presented by Cllr Mendel.	
18	To consider possible plans for Remembrance Day 2021	Clerk to contact C Dearing	JL
19	To comment on any other urgent Village Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible defibrillator either at the White Horse or Wheatsheaf</li> <li>• Car parking at Alton Water</li> <li>• Police forum</li> </ul>	Clerk to investigate costs of defibrillator, and possible grants to cover costs. Agreement that there should be two at either end of the village.  Cllr Page confirmed that there is a phone number for anyone locked in on CCTV signage.  Cllr Mendel reported on the meeting she attended.	JL
20	Items for the next agenda	Jubilee celebrations Village shop update Possible defibrillator Neighbourhood plan Possible budget	
21	Date of next meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Confirmed	

## Playing field report

Bob Self reported that the gate to the children's play area seems to be constantly open and swinging. Bob suggested that a return spring be fitted to the gate to solve this problem.

The cricket club complained that there was rubbish and dirty crockery left in the pavilion. It was suggested that due to the fact we no longer have a rubbish bin on the playing field that people take their rubbish home. The cost of having a bin to be collected was prohibitive.

The tennis club reported that they had had a good season and the Lady that coached the children had had a very successful period during the summer holiday.

The football club reported that due to the fact that the league would not permit them to play at home because of the lack of facilities they would not have any home games. This is regrettable but at the moment is something that cannot be resolved.

I am hoping that now that the harvest is almost finished that Russell Abbott will be able to put some topsoil into the dents and dips in the Plainfield.

## Sheila Tweedy

### Tattingstone Village Shop – Working Group update to Parish Council 4 October 2021

Since the last report to the Parish Council, the Working Group has continued to explore location options through its consultations with key stakeholders in the village.

- We met with the Village Hall Trustees who, whilst supportive in general for a shop, identified several challenges to locating a shop within the site. Unfortunately, there was no interest in working together to find workable solutions so it was decided not to explore this avenue further.
- We then met with St Mary's PCC to discuss the option of siting the shop within the Church and after a good discussion there was a unanimous agreement from the PCC to explore this route further to find ways to use a community shop to help re-establish St Mary's as "the heart of the village".
- The next stage will be a meeting on 14 October to establish a Village Shop Steering Group to formalise roles and responsibility and to take the project forward. Three members of the PCC have agreed to join the Group.

In advance of that meeting:

- o Input has been sought from the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) and very helpful guidance has been received from the acting Secretary, Charlotte Hodgson.
- o A conversation has taken place with Nick Jacob (of NJ Architects) who is interested and able to provide support in the next phase and a meeting has been scheduled with him.
- o An application for a £5k grant from the All Churches Trust will be submitted, with the support of the Plunkett Foundation, to help fund architects' fees during feasibility.
- o Contact has been made with community shop teams at Yarpole and Grindleford (both in-church settings) and at Purleigh as points of consultation.

There seems to be very good levels of support from the diocese for the project. There are of course several physical, environmental and operational issues to explore, and we are now gearing up to complete a feasibility study, hopefully during the next 3 months or so and will report back to the Parish Council at key milestones.

- Finally, Andy, a working group committee member, has this morning spoken to Becky Abbott of Crag Pit Farm, following an introduction from Sheila Tweedy. Becky has a piece of land on Lemons Hill that sits between Alton Water and the burial ground to the rear of The Close. She advised that this land is difficult to use efficiently for agricultural purposes and is currently set aside for environmental purposes. The Abbott family would be pleased to offer the village a piece of this land for the purpose of a village shop, with the condition that it was part of an outline planning application to site housing on the same piece of land (Becky felt 6-8 bungalows might be the sort of scale of development).

Becky has been thanked for her offer and that this would be taken back for discussion with the wider steering group on 14 October. Currently the village shop working group feel that it is right to focus the group's efforts on the church feasibility study in the short term.

The group has agreed to meet with Becky in the near future to keep the dialogue open should the siting of a shop within St Mary's prove to be unviable and are fully aware of the wider issues that her offer raises in terms of planning and wider impact in the village.

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor, to the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward  
October 2021

#### Ward News

It's good to see the village gates as you enter and leave Tattingstone on the A137, they are certainly eye catching for drivers and along with the SID and active community speed watch teams will, we hope, make a difference to speeding through the village.

#### Fuel update

The message from all Suffolk Resilience Forum members at present is that our service supplies remain stable. We have shared social media messages urging residents to be mindful of others when considering whether it is necessary to refuel their vehicles, however, we are now avoiding further proactive communication in an attempt to reduce attention and allay public concern. The resilience forum continues to monitor the situation carefully and will keep everyone informed should there be any need for further action over coming days.

### An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk

The regular Suffolk Coronawatch bulletin continues to give an up-to-date snapshot of case numbers across the county and shows how Babergh compares to our neighbouring districts and borough. An update on the vaccine rollout can be found on the SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website. In the meantime, we continue to play our part in response to the pandemic alongside public sector colleagues within the Suffolk Resilience Forum, supporting in the event of local outbreaks as well as continuing to offer support to our communities and businesses as they recover from the impact of the pandemic.

### Waste vehicles switch to HVO Fuel

Babergh and Mid Suffolk are the first rural UK councils to switch their fleet to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), slashing carbon emissions by up to 90% and supporting the councils' carbon neutral aims. Its 35 waste lorries are the first to transfer and will be followed by its smaller public realm and housing services vehicles. The fuel will also support a circular economy, as the certified sustainable HVO fuel is solely produced from waste cooking oil.

### Wellbeing Strategy

Councillors gave the go-ahead to a new Wellbeing Strategy, building upon the councils' continued commitment to helping its residents live happy, healthy and independent lives. The strategy was approved at Full Council meetings last month. It aims to ensure that everyone in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has the best possible conditions for good wellbeing, and consideration has been given to the approach required by the councils and its partners to achieve this, as well as the strategic objectives required to get the right results.

### Considerate Constructors Scheme

At the 21st September Council meeting my Green Party colleague, Leigh Jamieson, submitted a motion asking the Council to sign up as a client partner of the Considerate Constructor Scheme. This scheme aims to achieve best practice in the industry, particularly around areas of safety, the community, the environment and the workforce. By becoming a client partner it demonstrates that the Council is an organisation that proactively chooses to demonstrate its commitment to raising standards in the construction industry.

### Have your say on the future of parking in Babergh

New tariffs in Babergh car parks, which continue to include an hour's free parking, are now not due to come into effect until January next year, avoiding unnecessary disruption in the run up to Christmas and allowing additional time to work with businesses to introduce a reimbursement scheme, in the meantime however, we are inviting everyone to have their say on our future parking strategy with feedback helping to shape plans for the next decade.

### Babergh towns to benefit from CCTV system upgrade

A new state-of-the-art CCTV system is now fully operational helping Sudbury and Hadleigh remain safe towns that people are proud to visit and call home.

### Success for Babergh and Mid Suffolk at national awards

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils received national recognition this month for their innovative support of communities through Covid and beyond, winning bronze in the overall Council of the Year category of the iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards 2021, silver for service improvements by our Planning Enforcement team and gold for our Virtual High Street initiative supporting local retailers. The councils' Housing Solution team was also highly commended in the 'Community Heroes' category of the Municipal Journal.

### Councils empower communities to plan for the future

Proposals to streamline the Neighbourhood Plan process have been approved by Babergh and Mid Suffolk councillors, supporting the councils' ongoing ambition for residents to help shape development in the districts.

### Joint Local Plan public examination resumes

The Hearing Sessions for the public examination of our Joint Local Plan have resumed. Sessions are being held virtually, enabling them to be fully inclusive, whilst also ensuring public safety, and are being live streamed in real time on the councils' Joint Local Plan YouTube channel, should you wish to follow the plan's progress.

### Local Energy Showcase will champion green businesses

The Local Energy Showcase, organised by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, will promote how different types of energy can be used by communities and businesses to, help reduce their impact on the environment, lower costs and contribute to the fight against climate change. The event, which takes place on the 21st and 22nd October at Wherstead Park, is open to all businesses with an interest in finding out more about local energy solutions as well as community groups and parishes who would like to understand and explore the benefits of using local energy solutions. Would any of you be interested in attending this event?

### Districts gear up to celebrate world-class cyclists

Spectators of AJ Bell's Women's Tour can enjoy an array of community events in Babergh and Mid Suffolk, as riders race through the districts on Saturday 9 October.

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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Report for October 2021 to Parish Councils of Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)

### Council apologises after SEND report finds big failings

The county council's leadership has apologised to families after an independent report into the county's care of special needs children (SEND) has come up with a lengthy list of serious failings.

The report found that the education service had been poor at communicating with parents, was slow to respond to calls and emails, had placed some pupils in inappropriate schools, had failed to identify caseworkers for children, failed to record requests from parents, failed to routinely track the Care Plans for children and had faced high numbers of appeals when they had refused to provide assessments. The authors – a team from Lincolnshire County Council made a series of recommendations which the council has agreed. These include hiring specialist consultants (Impower) to help review all their case work and ensure that better health and care plans for children are drawn up. Also to ensure that they share information with health service colleagues.

But opposition councillors have argued that there are issues which need discussing now.

Committee member and education spokesperson for the Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent group, Caroline Topping, said: "One of the functions of scrutiny is to look at items in a timely manner.

"I believe there is no more a timely manner than now, when a report has been put together and an action plan to address the report is now being implemented.

"Having read the review and action plan there are issues which need answering now, not in two-and-a-half months time, with more learning time lost for some young people who can't afford more lost time."

The next meeting of the committee will take place on December 9, with documents published a week beforehand.

### Cycling and walking motion

The Conservative administration said in its election literature this spring that it had identified £20m of cycle path upgrades. In line with this the Green Liberal and Independent group, proposed a motion at the September Council Meeting that the Council set specific benchmarks and targets each year to spend the £20m up to 2030 in order to double cycling and walking by then. Unfortunately, the administration voted this motion down and admitted that what they meant was that they had identified cycle routes for prioritising and calculated the cost as £20m but there was no commitment to spend any of it over any timescale.

### Suffolk Biodiversity policy development panel

Our group is on this panel and Robert Lindsay has attended the first 3 of 8 meetings. He will try to ensure that goals and a strict timeframe are set so that progress can be checked. So far summary of recommendations seem a little vague. They have discussed so far a different regime for verge management as well as moving towards a phase out of the use of glyphosate on pavements in Suffolk towns. Also working with landowners and our own county farms to “rewild” significant proportions.

### Road closures and signage

At full council earlier in September one of my group colleagues asked what the council was doing about “sloppy signage” when roads are closed with a report to council showing there were 20% of closures where the signage had not been up to standard. Cabinet member Paul West stressed that it was the sloppy behaviour of the utility companies (rather than Highways Network Assurance) and said he was making efforts to improve this behaviour. Though he gave no details about how. He said that last year there 65,000 applications for closure – over 200 a day – and that because of the volume highways can only do a “sample” of them to check that signage was being done correctly.

### ‘Bus Back Better’

From a workshop attended by my colleague Keith Welham on 15th September - there is some progress on this Government initiative:

#### Timescale:

12 October – Cabinet to consider BSIP (Bus Service Improvement Plan)

By 31 October – BSIP submitted to Government

October 2021 to April 2022 – develop Enhanced Partnership (EP); enter into EP with bus operators. Must cover how Suffolk bus fleets will decarbonise  
BSIP will need to be updated every 12 months.

EP will cover all local bus services.

BSIP will consider voluntary and community services

BSIP will set targets for reliability and passenger numbers.

In view of the favourable response to my asking Peninsula Parish Councils whether they would be interested in a similar scheme to the 'Katch' electric bus pilot scheme in Framlingham I wrote to Richard Smith (Cabinet Member for Transport Strategy) to ask whether we could have such a scheme for Peninsula I received the reply:

Dear Simon

I am afraid I can make no future commitments yet about bus services across Suffolk. Our share of the £3billion will not be announced by the Government until well into next year; the second of three Cabinet papers moving towards our 'ask' will be presented to the October Cabinet meeting.

The Katch experiment continues until the end of the year and it is too early to make any judgements.

Thank you for your interest; you will be aware that there are 74 other County Councillors all of whom want more bus services in their area (including the area I represent!)

Regards

Richard Smith

From recent SCC Press Releases:

New Suffolk Recycling Centres online booking system improvements to deliver greater customer experience

Following the use of online booking services across Suffolk's Recycling Centres during the last 16 months of the Covid pandemic, Suffolk County Council has developed a new, more user-friendly booking system which enables residents to book slots for recycling and disposing of household waste safely and securely.

For bookings from 27 September, people can view all available time slots in real time, to see which booking slots are free at any given moment. The system allows you to book up to seven days in advance. If circumstances change, you can easily cancel your slot up to one hour beforehand or equally, you can click to amend your booking if required.

Book at: Welcome to the Suffolk Recycling Centres booking page - Suffolk Recycling

Work begins to replace street lights in Suffolk and save energy in the County

Suffolk County Council (SCC) and Bouygues Energies & Services (Bouygues E&S) have started work replacing 43,400 street lighting lanterns in Suffolk with LED lanterns.

SCC and Bouygues E&S joined forces to create a flagship partnership with the aim of reducing energy, minimising light pollution, bringing down ongoing maintenance costs for the Authority and providing the best value to residents. SCC expects to reduce its annual electricity costs on these assets by around 76 percent, saving more than 1.7 million pounds a year.

The upgrade of the lighting system will include a further rollout of SCC's central management system which will allow lights to be switched on or off and dim individual or groups of lights. This smart technology will increase the control the Authority has over its power consumption which will further reduce costs. The system will also automatically flag any lights that are not working which reduces the need for night-time inspections.

Further details at: [LED Streetlighting upgrade project | Suffolk County Council](#)

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