

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of meeting: Monday 7th June 2021 via Zoom

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

Ms Proctor

C Cllr. Harley

1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone back to the village hall after a year of meetings on Zoom.

A risk assessment for the meeting, agreed by the village hall, had been sent by email to all members of the council and key points were read out for the members of the public

| Item | | Detail | Action |
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| 1 | Chairman's vote | <p>Cllr. Wood read the following statement: <i>Although I was elected as chairman at the last meeting of the Parish Council, I feel as though I have been under a lot of pressure both internally and externally. Therefore, I am seeking your approval to continue as Chairman and am formally requesting a vote of confidence to continue as Chairman.</i></p> <p>After a short discussion a vote of confidence was held. Members of the public left the meeting. This was passed with 1 abstention.</p> | |
| 2 | Apologies for absence | <p>Members of the public returned to the meeting. Cllr. Wills, Cllr. Clarke</p> | |
| 3 | Declaration of interest | None | |
| 4 | Requests for dispensation | N/A | |

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| 5 | To approve as accurate the minutes of meetings on 10 th May 2021 and | <p>Minutes of Zoom meeting emailed out to councillors.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Page Seconded: Cllr. Clark Carried unanimously</p> <p>The minutes were signed by the chair. The chair had signed and paginated all minutes from meetings held during the pandemic when it was impossible to do so. Agreed minutes from these meetings were all on the village website.</p> | |
| 6 | Open Forum | There were no comments from members of the public. | |
| 7 | To receive Clerk's report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper banks closing – use recycling from home • Healthwatch Suffolk Carers week advertised on Facebook and website • Suffolk Fly tipping campaign – posters regularly posted to Facebook and from there to website • Reported street lights on bridge still not working. They hoped to get them fixed late May, early June • Forwarded emails pertaining to village hall to David B • Forwarded complaint about behaviour of fishermen to Anglia Water • Sent details of playing field inspection to David B • Forwarded walking and cycling survey to DW, AM • Forwarded details Notice of Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan to AM • Prepared risk assessment for the village hall and met with Mrs Brown to agree. | |

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| 17 | Brought forward by request. Brought forward. To receive update on the setting up of village shop by the village shop working group. | <p>The initial survey of residents of Chedworth Place, Samford Court and parents at the village school showed clearly this would be a well-supported idea if viable. A survey had been sent out to all households with the latest edition of The Tattler. This will be collected house to house from 14th June.</p> <p>Although there are many grants available for a village shop, the main problem is where it could be located. The working group and Council were worried that the results of the survey would build up expectations which might not be met unless a location could be found.</p> <p>It was agreed to approach various land owners for possible sites.</p> | |
| 8 | To consider matters arising from minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Zoom contract has been transferred into the name of Jane Connell-Smith for private use. | |
| 9 | Reports from County and District Councillors | <p>Report from D Cllr Gould and C.Cllr Harley circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>C Cllr Harley said he will contact highways about grass cutting of verges at the major intersections.</p> | |
| 10 | To receive update on The Tattler. Cllr Hawes reported | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June copy had been delivered. More subscriptions received and we now have funds to support publication until February 2022. Villagers commented on the quality and professionalism of The Tattler. Cllr Hawes was thanked for all her hard work. | DH |
| 11 | To consider any planning applications received | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/21/02149 Yew Tree House, Church Road, IP9 2LY Cart Lodge with accommodation above. Planning has been approved by Babergh District Council | |

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| 12 | Correspondence requiring immediate discussion | None received | DW |
| 13 | To receive playing field report. | <p>Cllr. Tweedy read the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The black bin in the playing field has been replaced as the other one went missing. • David Edevane reported that the football club is now expected to stay in the first division for next season. With this in mind he stated that the changing accommodation is not suitable and he is now seeking advice as to what can be done to improve matters. • Ayre Lodge [Old Rectory] has been sold and the new tenants arrive next year. However the matter of the boundary between the lodge and the playing field must be re-instated since it is not in the correct place at present. This repositioning must be carried out before the new tenants arrive and David Brown has it in hand. • The small gate onto Back Lane has once again been broken and this time must be replaced as unable to be repaired. • David Brown also stated that he needs to widen the splay at the entrance to the playing field and has asked TGC to help with this job. Two new removable posts have been purchased to put at the entrance but the widening work needs to be done first. | |
| 14 | To receive update on Tattingstone Speedwatch | <p>Ms Proctor shared data from the SID over the last month.</p> <p>A137 109,000 vehicles which is approx. 3,100 per day the number of vehicles over the 35mph was 13,000 with the highest speed in the 30mph zone being 85mph.</p> <p>On Lemon's Hill bridge, where SID was for 2 weeks, the number of vehicles was 5,093. The highest proportion of vehicles being at school run time.</p> | |

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| 15 | Finance to consider and approve | <p>Bank balances at 30.04.21 not received before meeting</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. wood</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Mendel</p> <p>Carried unanimously</p> <p>Clerk's wages and expenses: £291.91</p> <p>Babergh DC [litter and dog bins] £208.75</p> <p>Colchester Press [The Tattler] £287</p> <p>Collins Skip hire [allotments] £258</p> <p>Cllr. Wood will contact Barclays regarding additional signatories.</p> <p>All documents forwarded to SALC for Audit</p> <p>Expenditure to date 2021/22 circulated</p> | JCS |
| 16 | To convene working group to revise and amend, if necessary, the complaints procedure document. | <p>It was proposed that a working group of 3 councillors would be formed. Cllr. Page would lead and Cllrs Clark and Mark would join him. They will report back at the next meeting.</p> | SP |
| 17 | To receive update on the setting up of village shop by the village shop working group. | Brought forward | |

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| 18 | To consider progress on the problem of litter in the village. | Cllr. Wood and other volunteers are all collecting litter around the village. More refuse sack hoops will be ordered. Cllr Mendel will organise a village tidy up in august to be advertised in the August edition of The Tattler. | DW AM |
| 19 | To comment on any other urgent Village Matters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Collins' lorries have been seen travelling along The Heath. The clerk will write and remind them of the use of the different entrances to avoid travelling along the Heath. • Neighbourhood Plan There will be a first meeting of a working party, led by Cllr. Mendel later in the week. Ian Pool, recommended by Bentley who have almost finished their neighbourhood plan will advise. There are 3 main steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 to engage ○ 2 to gather information ○ 3 to implement <p>The process will take 2 to 3 years. Grants are available so it can be done with no cost to the Parish Council. With new planning laws coming in a neighbourhood plan would safeguard our village from unwanted planning.</p> | |
| 20 | Items for next agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field report • Litter • Review of complaints procedure, • Future meetings – risk assessment | |
| 21 | Date of next meeting | 5 th July 2021 in the village hall. | |

Meeting closed at 8.55pm



Dear Parish Council, Simon Harley C Cllr.

My report is as follows:

I have been attending induction training sessions over the last month in subjects such as Cyber security, Understanding the Council's decision making process, Committees, Finance, Procedures at Meetings, Equality and Inclusion, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, Public Health, Adult and Community Services, and have quite a lot more to attend in June and July.

There has not been much in the way of Council business at the stage of the 4 year cycle but we had the AGM of the County Council at Wherstead Park on 27th May. The next full Council Meeting is on 8th July.

The meeting on 27th May was a formal session essentially to decide the new administration structure and individuals. The Conservative Party are a very dominant force with 55 Councillors and nominated and elected Graham Newman again as Chairman and Matthew Hicks as Leader of the Council. They also nominated the Chairs of all the Committees including those of Scrutiny, despite it being pointed out that it was felt to be good practice to include members of the opposition group in at least some of these posts.

The opposition 'GLI' group, of which I am a member, comprises the 9 Green Party Councillors with 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Independents. The leader of this group is Andrew Stringer. I have been appointed group spokesperson on Public Health and Biodiversity.

The dominant group have promised to 'Build back better and greener' and we will be trying to hold them to account for this, and work for the benefit of all the people of Suffolk.

My other work this month has consisted of responding to emails from residents, usually about Highway matters, and registering these problems with Highways.

I have received the following press release which is of interest to us on the Peninsula:

Suffolk Waste Partnership News release:

For immediate release: Tuesday 25 May 2021

For more information please contact: Cheryl Gray, Senior Communications Officer, 01473264389, Cheryl.Gray@Suffolk.gov.uk

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District Council Annual Report for Orwell Ward from Cllr Jane Gould

May 2021

The last year has been a very different one for all of us, defined by the Covid pandemic. For many, it has been a difficult year and the insecurity and fear will be with us as we move forward into the year ahead and, hopefully, start to return to a more normal day-to-day life.

COVID

During the last year Babergh Council have been working with partners and other local authorities across the county to ensure that the communities have received the support that they need. Local community groups that sprang up in our towns and parishes were offered support and a support line 'Home but not alone' was set up for anyone that may need it. There was also financial support for residents facing hardship due to self-isolation. As businesses across the county were forced to close, they were contacted by councillors and officers to ensure that they received the grants they were entitled to. Measures were put in place to ensure that council housing tenants were not evicted should they suddenly find that they were unable to pay their rent.

Unfortunately, many services had to be suspended during the lockdowns including our leisure facilities, face to face access points and some waste services. As we now exit the 3rd lockdown these services are slowly returning.

One of the main changes this year has been the move to virtual meetings. We all now know what Zoom is and, "you're still on mute" has been the statement of the year. Following a short suspension of all council meetings and a change in the way planning applications were decided for a while, we settled into a routine of attending all meetings from the comfort of our own home. One change that has come about from this is the ability for councillors to vote electronically. While this means the public cannot see the vote as it happens it is available online within 24 hours.

Recently a significant new grant fund has been launched by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, it is set to support the recovery of local businesses that are reopening after lockdown but are unable to access the Government's Restart Grant scheme. The councils' Discretionary Restart Grant is designed to help with costs

