



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 03 February 2025 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr D Clarke, Cllr D Hawes, Cllr G Mark, Cllr S Page (acting as Chair), Cllr B Plumbly and Cllr B Stennett

Also in attendance: District Councillor D. Potter, County Councillor S. Harley and 3 members of the public (2 of whom arrived at 7.31pm, during Item 3).

01 OPENING

Cllr Page declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting, providing permission has been sought from the Clerk and/or Chair.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Cllrs noted and approved apologies received from Cllrs R Abbott, J Lee A Mendel (Chair) – **aif**.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct

Cllr Stennett declared an interest in Item 8c.

(b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – none submitted.

(c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion

Cllr Stennett requested a dispensation to discuss Item 8c but abstain from voting. Cllr Page, as acting Chair, granted the dispensation.

04. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 6th January 2025 –

NB: Minutes contain a spelling error of Cllr Plumbly's surname, which was corrected.

Cllr Clarke proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place with the above note, seconded by Cllr Stennett - aif. The Chair signed a copy of the agreed minutes.

05. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

(a) A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Harley and a copy of the February report is available with the meeting papers. Cllr Harley highlighted some areas of his report, with no update on the Government's devolution decision, and the Council Tax request being set at 4.99%, and invited questions. There were no questions.



- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr Potter and a copy of his February report is available with the meeting papers. Cllr Potter read through his report, which included an update on the Joint Local Plan and the Councils' Home Repair programme, and invited questions – there were no questions.

06. CLERK'S REPORT

- (a) Actions were noted.
- (b) To note correspondence received in January 2025. All for information only.
- 1) geViews Landscaping offers
 - 2) Grant funding available for Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape
 - 3) Roadworks information for A12 LED lighting works
 - 4) Suffolk County Council Press Release
 - 5) SALC Devolution update
 - 6) Suffolk Climate Change Partnership loft insulation offer (sent on to village FB page)
 - 7) Response from Anglian Water to location of works (Jan 2025 paper)
 - 8) Medequip request for poster in village
 - 9) SALC Devolution White Paper Update / SALC Devolution activities update
- (c) One further quote is needed for hedge cutting.
The village sign needs re-mounting on a new post. Quotes are to be sought for the work.

07. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted –
- A member of the public noted that Bentley's Historic Core was a good idea to protect historic areas and could potentially be applied to Tattingstone, in particular to note the former workhouse, churchyard with its workhouse graves and the church itself.
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular –
- A member of the public noted that there are no signs directing to the village school from any of the main entry points into the village. Enquiries are to be made for the installation of signs.
 - The Domain name for Tattingstone Parish Council's website is due for renewal. Management is to be passed to the Clerk.
 - The light on the south side of Lemons Hill Bridge is not working. This is a longstanding issue and requires notifying SCC Highways, having already been reported. Cllr Harley volunteered to follow this up if a timely response is not received.
 - A member of the public enquired why the SID on Lemons Hill Bridge is not working. Cllr Page explained that the Speed Watch group will rotate the location of the device and it is currently in a different location.
 - An enquiry was made about the expected finish date of repairs to the A137. No date has been given so Highways are to be contacted about an expected date for the works to be completed.
 - There was a problem with parking for the football club when the playing field was too boggy to be used as parking, which resulted in Green Lane becoming clogged with parked cars. This has also been raised by the Playing Field Committee and the football club has been asked to marshal their event parking more effectively.
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised



08. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note the balance of accounts as at 27th January 2025.

The balances were as follows:

- Lloyds Account: £45,777.89
- Lloyds Savings Account: £5005.80
- Barclays Current account: CLOSED
- Barclays Deposit Account: CLOSED

Cllr Mark requested that an item be added to the next Agenda to discuss transferring more funds to the savings account.

- (b) To approve the accounts paid since the last meeting and accounts awaiting payment including forthcoming payments together with the receipts received since the last meeting.

Cllr Mark proposed and Cllr Stennett seconded that the payments detailed should be ratified and agreed – aif.

- (c) To consider any requests for financial support received from local people or groups –
- The request from the Playing Field Committee for financial support towards the fete's children's entertainer was discussed. It was noted that the Parish Council provides no other support to the fete and this payment was approved last year. The request was approved for payment from this year's grant fund.

Cllr Mark proposed, seconded by Cllr Clarke and aif (Cllr Stennett abstained)

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone
None received
- (b) To note the following decision notices received:
None received

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative
Cllr Page reported that the Playing Field Committee met on the 24th January 2025, where they received an update from the Treasurer and worked on plans for the summer fete, which is on the 5th July 2025. A request from the cricket club for extra storage facilities was denied. The Committee were asked to prepare their grass cutting invoices to send to the Clerk before the end of April.

11. BENTLEY HISTORIC CORE CONSERVATION EXTENSION

Councillors discussed Bentley's Historic Core document, which was passed to neighbouring parishes for comment. It was noted that Tattingstone has previously supported neighbouring parishes with similar projects.

Councillors voted to support the application.

Cllr Page proposed, seconded by Cllr Mark and aif

12. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS at Tattingstone Village Hall:

- (a) The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 3rd March 2025.



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Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public were excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed:

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

A confidential item of correspondence was read to Councillors, who noted its content. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge receipt only of the email at this stage.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

SIGNED.....DATED..... TATTINGSTONE Parish Council

ACTIONS

MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Feb	4	Spelling correction	RBN
Feb	6(c)	Arrange further quote for hedge cutting	RBN
Feb	6(c)	Enquiries regarding repair of village sign	RBN
Feb	7(b)	Enquire about school sign	RBN
Feb	7(b)	Update management of Tattingstone website	RBN/DH
Feb	7(b)	Re-report broken light on Lemons Hill bridge, follow up if needed	SP/SH
Feb	7(b)	Contact Highways for expected date to complete A137 repairs	RBN
Feb	8(a)	Add item to March Agenda for discussion of savings transfer	RBN
Feb	11	Comment on Bentley Conservation detailing SP support	RBN



APPENDIX A – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
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
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee