



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 06 January 2026 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllr D Clarke, Cllr G Mark, Cllr A Mendel (Chair), Cllr S Page, Cllr B Plumbly and Cllr B Stennett

Also in attendance: District Councillor D. Potter, County Councillor S. Harley and 4 members of the public (2 of whom arrived at 7.37pm, during Item 5).

01 OPENING

Cllr Mendel declared the meeting open at 7.31pm 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, D Hawes & J Lee – **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 – no declarations were received
- (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 – none requested

04. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2024 –

NB: Minutes record an action for Cllr Page to comment on Planning Application DC/024/05017 but this was actioned by Cllr Mendel

Cllr Plumbly 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 Page - 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 January report is attached to the minutes. Cllr Harley highlighted some areas of his report, with an update on proposed devolution, and invited questions – there were some questions about the impact of devolution.
- (b) A written report had been circulated from Cllr Potter and a copy of his January report is attached to the minutes. Cllr Potter highlighted some areas of his report and invited questions – there was a



question from Cllr Mendel regarding grant payments and whether they were from CIL funding. Cllr Potter responded that they did. Cllr Page enquired whether a village could use CIL funding to upgrade sports facilities for a resident sports team, which Cllr Potter confirmed was possible.

06. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) To note correspondence received in December 2024.
Anglian Water – It was noted that there is no location for the proposed works.
Defibrillator case – Cllr Stennett proposed that the case is replaced, which was seconded by Cllr Mark – **aif**.
Police report – Contents of the report noted, with a suggestion to publish it in Tattler.
Street lighting – All Councillors debated the request for street lighting in the village, with agreement from all that this would not be pursued.
SALC update on devolution – noted.
CIL payment to village hall – Cllr Stennett explained that this award will allow the village hall to purchase solar panels and batteries. Other grant requests are in place for installation & other energy saving measures.
- (b) To consider/agree next steps as necessary.
Anglian Water – Clerk to write to Anglian Water for more details.
Defibrillator case – Clerk to write to volunteer to arrange purchase of a new case.
Police report – Cllr Mendel to ask Tattler to publish the report and its recommendations.
Street lighting – Clerk to write to member of the public thanking them for their considered letter and letting them know the outcome.
SALC/VH CIL – none.

07. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted – one member of the public asked about the neighbourhood plan but was directed by Cllr Mendel to Item 10b.
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattlingstone in particular – nothing raised
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – nothing raised

08. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 30th December 2024.
The balances were as follows:
- Lloyds Account: £43,348.63
 - Lloyds Savings Account: £5001.92
 - Barclays Current account: £205.60
 - Barclays Deposit Account: £3265.38
- Approval of the above balances was proposed by Cllr Plumbly and seconded by Cllr Stennett - **aif**
- (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.
- It was noted that an historic invoice for SALC Payroll was overdue and should be paid in addition to the notified payments.
- Cllr Page 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 – no requests had been received
- It was noted that a previous agreement to contribute £50 towards a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day was not minuted. Payment of £50 to RBL Poppy Appeal. **Cllr Stennett proposed, seconded by Cllr Page and aif**
- (d) To consider, and decide upon, the Budget & Precept for 2025/26
Councillors agreed a budget increase of 5%, equivalent to a Precept of £17005.80. **Cllr Mendel proposed, with Cllr Mark seconding and aif.**

9. PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattlingstone
None received
- (b) To note the following decision notices received:
DC/24/04718
10 The Close, Tattlingstone, Ipswich, Suffolk IP9 2PD
Application for the erection of a single storey rear extension
APPLICATION WAS GRANTED
- DC/24/05250
Vale Farm And Vineyard , Stutton Lane, Tattlingstone, IP9 2NZ
Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of 1no agricultural building
FORMAL APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative
Cllr Page reported that the village Fete will be on the 5th July 2025 and the VH Committee will be seeking a grant from the PC to pay for a children's entertainer. Maintenance of the hedge and boundary of the field has been completed. There is to be a further notice placed asking dog owners not to let their dogs in the enclosed play area. The next meeting is on the 24th January 2025.
- (b) To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Representative if appropriate
Cllr Mendel summarised that new neighbourhood boundaries approved by the Parish Council need to be communicated to the village via the Tattler magazine and leaflet insert for consultation. Some green spaces have been removed after feedback.
A member of the public questioned the NP not having a designated development area, as they believe the public was supportive of small-scale development during consultation. Cllr Mendel informed the member of the public that both the NP consultant, and Babergh District Council, have advised that this is not a requirement. The member of the public stated that they would be seeking legal representation to contact Babergh District Council.
It was requested that the minutes from October 2024, which discussed the NP, be uploaded to the website. Cllr Mendel apologised for the delay and will upload them.
- (c) To decide on the wording of a Neighbourhood Plan update to be published in The Tattler
Cllr Stennett asked that the term 'Heath area' be used instead of 'the Heath'



Cllr Mark proposed the publication of the amended update, with Cll Plumbly seconding and aif

11. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS at Tattlingstone Village Hall:

- (a) The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 3rd February 2025.
- (b) Proposed meeting dates for 2025/26 were accepted, with confirmation needed from the Village Hall for the Annual Parish meeting date and the meeting in lieu of the Early May Bank Holiday.

AOB

One item was raised as urgent AOB – the village sign has become unsafe due to the wooden support posts becoming rotten at the base. Cllr Mendel has obtained one quote for repair but requested that more quotes should be obtained. Cllr Plumbly agreed to inspect the sign and get another quote.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.

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

ACTIONS

MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Jan	8(b)	To write to Anglian Water	RBN
Jan	8(b)	Write to volunteer to arrange purchase of a new case.	RBN
Jan	8(b)	Ask Tattler to publish the report and its recommendations	AM
Jan	8(b)	Write to member of the public thanking them for their considered letter and letting them know the outcome.	RBN
Jan	10(b)	Upload October 2024 minutes to Parish Council website	AM
Jan	10(c)	Re-word the update to include the word 'area'	AM
Jan	11 (b)	Confirm Village Hall availability for Annual Parish Meeting & May Parish Council Meeting	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