

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Johnson, Cllr. Dearing.

D.Cllr. McCraw

1 member of the public were present.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Wood, Clark, Gipps and Hawes

2. Declaration of interest:

None

3. To consider requests for dispensations

N/A

4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 4th December 2018

The minutes were agreed and then signed as a correct record by Cllr. Mendel.

Proposed: Cllr.Dearing

Seconded: Cllr. Johnson

Passed unanimously

8. Report from D. Cllr. Mc Craw [brought forward]

- Planning application for housing on the site Babergh D.C. Headquarters at Hadleigh has gone in. this includes the demolition of the award-winning octagonal council chamber.
- Money raised from the above housing will pay for more affordable and social housing at Angel Court in Hadleigh.
- The contract for waste collection in the district has gone out to tender for the next 7 years. It is probable that Serco, the present contractors, will continue.
- It is not known how waste collectors will manage the proposed food waste collection.

D. Cllr. McCraw left the meeting at 7.44pm

5. Clerk's Report

- Forwarded survey re precept increase request from Police and Crime Panel
- Arranged that volunteers will replace notice board in bus shelter at White Horse
- Advice about felling of trees after what happened in Sheffield, especially those which are council owned, sent to Parish Tree Officer.
- New electoral roll received. It shows 458 registered voters in parish.
- Allotment rent requests will go out later in January. Clerk will liaise with Cllr. Mendel.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

- Response to draft Homes strategy sent off
- Letter written about lack of funding for CAB in area.
- Clerk has ordered a replacement litter bin for up by this bus stop.

7. Open Forum for members of the public

No comments were made by the public.

8. Reports from County Councillor

A report from C. Cllr. Wood is attached to these minutes.

Councillors were urged to personally respond to the survey about the proposed cut in the financing of CAB offices in the county.

9. Planning

DC/18/05490

Cherry Tree House, Church Road, Tattingstone, IP9 2NA

Erection of single storey extension to provide an accessible bedroom and to create additional living space, part conversion of garage to create a wet room and creation of internal courtyard.

After a brief discussion it was proposed to **recommend** this application.

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Clark

Passed unanimously

10. Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the Chairman.

- AONB report [circulated to councillors]
- A letter has been received about the levying of car park charges in District Council car parks in Sudbury. The Parish council expressed its opinion that free parking in the district towns should continue as it supported the local high streets.
- The minutes of the last meeting of the local Police Forum had been previously circulated. The clerk will find out future dates and it is hoped that a councillor will be able to attend and raise any village concerns

11. Finance: To consider and approve.

- Bank Balances: At 31st December

Community account: £10,873.78

Business savings account: £3174.42

- To approve payment:
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £254.38
 - AC Carpentry [bus shelter]: £2460.00
 - SLCC [membership]: £89.00
 - HMRC: £184.00
 - Babergh DC [playground inspection]: £58.45
 - Information controller [registration for GDPR]: £40.00

Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy

Seconded: Cllr. Clark

Carried unanimously

- Expenditure to date 2018/19 - presented

12. Report from Playing Field representative.

Cllr. Tweedy read her report [see attached]

The parish clerk will write a formal letter of thanks to the playing field committee about the erection, by volunteers of the fence around the children's play area.

13. To consider and approve the precept request for 2019/20

The budget had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 7th December. There was considerable discussion about what the village would need in the coming year. With less resources being available to both County and District Councils more onus is being put on Parish Councils to maintain the lanes, verges and hedges and other public spaces. Although it was hoped to use some of the money earmarked for election costs if there was an uncontested election, the Council felt more money should be requested to help with village maintenance and also with beginning to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was proposed that the Precept be levied at £12,000 for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Cllr. Clark

Seconded: Cllr. Tweedy

Carried unanimously

The paper work was duly completed and signed by the chairman and 2 other councillors and witnessed by the clerk.

14. To review progress on replacing the bus shelter at the White Horse.

Work has been completed on the bus shelter by the White Horse. The final invoice from AC Carpentry was sent to our insurers and a cheque for the cost of rebuilding has just been received. This will be paid in immediately. A Litter bin has been purchased for delivery shortly. The notice board has been replaced by volunteers. It was agreed to ask AC Carpentry to put a pane of Perspex in the window to provide better shelter from the wind.

16. To comment on any other urgent village matter

- Green Spaces Policy.

It was agreed to write in support of this initiative. This was another reason why a neighbourhood plan would be useful to try and protect vulnerable areas in the village. The clerk will write a letter.

- Village Survey

Discussion about what would be the best way to inform villagers of the results. It was felt a booklet of results to each household may not

be necessary and result could be published on
www.tattingstoneparishcouncil.co.uk
It was felt a good way would be an open meeting in the village hall
and this could be part of the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May.

DONM 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm

Cllr. Wood and Cllr Mendel gave their apologies for the February meeting
Meeting closed 8.45pm

Items for next agenda

Item 8 Report from C.Cllr. D Wood

Council pledges to lead fight against single-use plastics

On 6 December 2018, my group successfully put forward a motion calling on Suffolk County Council to do more to tackle single-use plastic waste in the county. The motion was agreed unanimously by all councillors.

The measures the council has agreed to implement include a commitment to work towards only using sustainable or re-usable plastics in all council buildings, writing to the public on how to reduce plastic waste, and creating a “plastic free Suffolk network” of councils, businesses and other organisations.

Consultation on cuts to Citizens Advice

In November, Suffolk County Council announced their intention to cut all funding for Suffolk’s Citizens Advice Bureaus as part of their budget savings proposals. This was later amended to a phased cut over 2 years. The funding will be reduced by half (£184 000) in 2019/20, before being removed entirely in 2020/21.

I am very concerned by these proposals, which will have a huge impact on our Citizen’s Advice Bureaus. The services provided by CABs represent great value for money and support many of our most vulnerable residents.

Suffolk County Council have launched a consultation on this proposed funding cut, which I would encourage you all to complete. The consultation runs until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January, and can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/cabconsultation

Suffolk County Council refuses to tackle carbon emissions

At the Council meeting in December, councillors from my group proposed a motion asking Suffolk County Council to set an annual “carbon budget” and create targets for reducing carbon emissions. A carbon budget would set out how much carbon the council could emit each year, much like a financial budget sets out how much money can be spent. Unfortunately, the administration voted against the motion and refused to commit to any carbon reduction targets.

Suffolk County Council already monitors its carbon emissions, but currently this work is not in the public domain and there are no clear targets for carbon reduction. The motion asked the council to make this process open, transparent and accountable, and it's a shame the administration didn't want to engage with us on this issue.

Modern slavery statement unanimously agreed

A motion on modern slavery was unanimously agreed at the Council meeting in December. The motion commits Suffolk County Council to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and do all it can to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking in Suffolk.

In addition, the council will review its procurement processes to see where they can be strengthened to fully comply with the Modern Slavery Act and bring a paper to Cabinet to decide on the production of an annual slavery and human trafficking statement. This statement will outline our actions to identify, prevent and mitigate modern slavery in our communities.

Energy from waste facility refinanced

In 2010, Suffolk County Council entered into a PFI-backed contract with Suez for the Suffolk energy from waste facility. The gate fee per tonne payments for the disposal of waste include the capital costs of the facility as well as the operating costs over the 25-year contract life. In October 2016, the council refinanced £37.8m (22.4%) of the facility's capital construction cost in order to reduce the gate fee per tonne.

At Cabinet in December it was agreed to refinance a further £10.2m (6.0%), which would further reduce the gate fee per tonne and consequently reduce the council's annual revenue costs. The net savings are projected to be a further cumulative £10.4m over the remainder of the contract.

Item 12 Playing Field Meetings

Report Village Playing Field

December 2018

There were no members of the public present.

There is nothing to report from any of the clubs using the Playing Field.

However I would like to, on behalf of the Parish Council, give most grateful thanks to the member of the Village Hall committee who erected the fence around the children's play area. They worked extremely hard and they have done a first-class job. It looks wonderful. They also repositioned the large tyres, no mean task, and the result is a superb area for the children to enjoy and stay safe at the same time. Well done.

Sheila Tweedy

