

Tattingstone Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020
at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.**

**Present: Cllr. Wood, Cllr. Tweedy,
Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Page.**

Mrs M Proctor Speedwatch

Members of public: 3

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Gipps, Cllr Hawes, Cllr. Clarke,
Cllr. Dearing, D Cllr. Gould,

2. Declaration of interest.

N/A

3. To consider requests for dispensation.

N/A

4. To approve, as accurate, minutes of meeting held on 3rd February 2020

As there were not enough councillors present from the previous meeting, the signing of the minutes for 3rd February 2020 was held over to the April meeting.

5. To receive Clerk's Report.

- Emptying of Litter and dog bins will go up for next year Dog bins up by £1.23 and litter bins by £1.05.
- New lines at crossroads have at last been reinstated by Suffolk Highways, first reported February 2019.
- Negotiations are still going on between unions and NALC about level of pay rises for clerks
- Alton Water Triathlon will be run on 20th June 2020
- Village Hall survey passed to chair of village hall committee.
- The Clerk attended the Babergh Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting. This seemed just an opportunity for Babergh DC to pat themselves on the back and no new information was given.
- Information about school travel for next academic year posted and displayed.
- Corona updates and other posters put up. Suspected case [proved negative] at Capel surgery which has had a deep clean.
 - The clerk asked if the Parish Council should put in contingency measures in case the virus spread increased. This was not felt necessary at the moment and the Council would follow NHS and Public Health England Guidelines.

6. To consider Matters arising from the minutes.

- A letter of thanks had been sent to Mrs N Abbott to thank her for her monitoring of the village defibrillator.
- Old Council minutes dating back to the nineteenth century had now been found at the records office.

7. Open Forum for members of the public.

- A member of the public reported that Stutton Lane flooded after every rainfall. This was because of soil off the fields was blocking the soakaways. It was advised that this is best

reported direct to Suffolk County Council. This is easy and straightforward via their site on the internet.

- It was reported that 2 street lights on Lemon's Hill Bridge were not working. The clerk will investigate and report if necessary.

8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

The Clerk read the report from D. Cllr. Gould [see attached to minutes.

C. Cllr. Wood briefly reported and his full report is attached to these minutes and also forwarded to all parish councillors.

9. To discuss progress on village Speedwatch and to consider feedback from working group on possible traffic calming measures on A137.

Ms Proctor is still chasing Suffolk CC about the erection of poles for SID and the extension of the pole on Church Road. Cllr. Wood agreed to speak to the relevant people too.

Also more detailed costings for a range of traffic calming measures, including a strip of red tarmac at the village entrance on A137, were requested. Cllr Wood will forward costings to Ms Proctor.

10. To discuss, recommend, not recommend or update on Planning Applications:

DC/19/05070

Summercourt, The Heath, Tattingstone IP9 2LX

Erection of 5 dwellings and garages, creation of vehicular accesses including associated landscaping and parking [following demolition of existing buildings]

DC/19/05070 approved by Babergh with a few conditions.
Conditions circulated to councillors for them to monitor.

11. Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the chairman.

A request had been received from Holbrook Academy for funding for a new recording studio; the facilities would be available for community use outside school hours. Chelmondiston Parish Council has already agreed to a substantial amount. No money for this has been budgeted for in next year's accounts.

This was discussed and a provisional figure of £150 was proposed and agreed. The clerk would enquire what fundraising was being done by the students and the amount received from other parishes on the peninsula.

12. Finance: to consider and approve.

- **Bank Balances:** at end of January 2020

Business account: £14,480.39

Savings Account: £3180.75

- **To approve payment :**
 - Clerk's wages and expenses: £280.81
 - D Wood [reimburse postage from NZ] £23.18
 - SWARCO Traffic Ltd [SID] £4074.43

Proposed: Cllr. Page
Seconded: Cllr. Mendel
Carried unanimously

Expenditure to date 2019/20 presented.

Arrangement will be made for Tattingstone Speedwatch to reimburse the Council for the majority of the cost of the SID.

Arrangements will be made for additional signatories on the council bank account.

13. To receive Report from Playing Field Representative.

Attached to these minutes

14. To discuss arrangements for VE Day 2020/ Village Hall centenary.

Cllr. Wood has booked the village hall for Friday 8th May, VE day. He has arranged for 4 friends to provide music and it will give everyone an opportunity to celebrate the ending of WW2. A 3-hour celebration is envisaged with everyone bringing a plate of food to share, with tea and coffee being served. The possibility of a bar was also mooted. Exact timing of the event during the day still under discussion.

The Village Hall Centenary, arranged by the Village Hall committee, will take place on Sunday 10th May and will be a lunchtime BBQ and an afternoon tea.

Cllr. Wood will liaise with Mr D Brown about this.

15. To review plans for Annual Village Meeting

The date has been set for 14th May and the village hall has been booked. It was decided to pursue the idea of Defibrillator Training and the clerk will write formally to Mr A Proctor to provide an approximate 30 minute session.

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Jane Kirk will be asked to attend the next meeting to put forward her ideas about a display.

16. Any other urgent village matters

- Small trees, blown down after storm, are still resting on overhead cables. This has been reported to Power Networks [ref 220321Z]
- The Parish Council at Bentley has successfully challenged the building of 100 houses in church Road Bentley. There is not enough infrastructure to support such a development especially with the cessation of the bus route. [this has been temporarily reinstated while the roadwork is continuing in Holbrook.]

17. Date of next meeting

6th April 2020

28. Items for next agenda.

VE day

SID progress

Costings for traffic calming

Holbrook Academy grant

Annual Village meeting

Yearly accounts

Neighbourhood plan

The meeting ended at 20.55.

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Parish Report - March 2020

Councillor

David Wood



Review of school transport policy implementation highlights 19 failings

Suffolk County Council has undertaken an internal review of the implementation of its new school transport policy. The report from the review group identified nineteen failings and was discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on 12 February.

The report highlighted a number of concerns, including: the policy was implemented at the same time as a new IT system and staff restructure; there were insufficient staff numbers to cope with the increased workload; the policy was poorly communicated to parents and schools; the application and appeals processes were too complex; and the wellbeing of parents and children suffered as a result of the poor implementation.

The Scrutiny Committee has agreed to review the policy itself before the end of 2020.

2020-21 budget agreed

On 13 February, the Council agreed the budget for 2020-21. This included a council tax rise of 3.98%, a £3m "Suffolk 2020 Fund", and a £0.5m Highways Investment Fund.

Both opposition groups proposed amendments to the budget. Our amendment included additional funding for health visitors, increasing social worker salaries, investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and increasing funding to Citizens Advice. Unfortunately, these amendments were voted down by the Conservative administration.

Plans for Ipswich Northern Route are scrapped

The Cabinet at Suffolk County Council has officially voted to end any further work into an Ipswich Northern Route. This decision follows the withdrawal of support for the Northern Route from a number of district councils.

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The Cabinet has instead agreed to set-up a taskforce to look at alternative measures for dealing with transport issues in Ipswich. It is not yet clear who will be on the taskforce, when it will be set up or what its remit will be.

Streetlights to change to LED in bid to save money and carbon

The Cabinet has agreed to invest £9.8m into converting all council-owned streetlights in Suffolk to LED bulbs, with the capability for dimming by up to 50%.

This level of investment could potentially be returned through energy savings within 5.5 years of completed conversion, if no dimming was applied and assuming energy costs increase at a rate of 8%. If dimming is applied, there would be a return on investment within 4 years.

It is also expected to reduce carbon emissions by between 60-80%.

The council is hoping to begin the work in autumn 2020, and expects the project to be completed within two years.

Report for Tattingstone Parish Council from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor

Meeting date: 2 March 2020

Countryside and Public Realm

I have had my ward tour with Peter Garret who is the Corporate Manager of the Countryside and Public Realm team and it was very interesting. With regards to Tattingstone specific issues there was little of particular relevance. Babergh own and keep maintained odd patches of grass in most villages. The largest area they keep maintained in Orwell Ward is at Pin Mill which Babergh recognises as one of the main tourist attractions they have responsibility for.

Meeting with East Babergh District Councillors

I had a meeting with the other District Councillors for the east of the Babergh region last week which was a useful networking session and I think will become a regular session with some action points coming out of it.

Community Governance Reviews

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You will have had a letter about Community Governance reviews but here are the salient points from the letter as I understand it.

Over the last 12 months Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have received several requests for Community Governance Reviews. These requests have related to potentially changing Parish or Town Council boundaries and/or changing the number of Parish Councillors representing the Parish Council. One such request has previously been approved by Mid Suffolk District Council; although the implementation of that review has been delayed as a result of the District Council's Ward Boundary Review (implemented at the May 2019 election) and multiple national elections during 2019. Community Governance Reviews provide the opportunity for the District Council to review and make changes to community governance arrangements in their areas to reflect local circumstances, for example, in relation to changes in population or in reaction to specific or local issues. As a result of the requests that we have received it is my intention to bring a report to each District Council in April 2020 recommending that a full Community Governance Review of all the Parishes and Towns in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk district areas is conducted during 2020. The report will detail the proposed terms of reference and time scales for the review, including consultation periods. The relevant legislation for Community Governance Reviews is the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and more details about them can be found here:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/how-reviews-work/other-types-of-review/about-community-governance-reviews> If you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to email elections@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

Toys R Us Site

You may have read that Babergh council is currently in the early stages of negotiation about potential future non-retail uses for this key site. It has been empty since the toy giant ceased trading in April 2018, and is now covered in graffiti. There are hopes it could in the future become a health facility to serve hundreds of new homes being built on the

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outskirts of Ipswich. Nearby Mothercare is set to close so there will now be three empty stores at Copdock, including the former Multiyork store.

David Busby, Babergh council's spokesman for assets and investment and councillor for Copdock and Washbrook, said the council would not buy the site itself, but was in negotiation with both the owners and potential new users

Community Speed Watch

I had a meeting with Amanda who takes the lead on your community speed watch initiative. I found the session very helpful, I hope Amanda did too!

Babergh Council Meeting

The February full Council meeting is specifically to agree the budget.

Planning

I don't know of any new planning applications in the parish.

Meeting of the Playing Field Committee held at the school on 24th February

There were no members of the public present.

The captain of the football team gave the following report.

We have played for league games Lost 2 drew 1 and won 1. Still top of division two but following Saturday narrow lost to 2nd place to BedricksWorth now looking over our shoulder at teams behind us.

Last home game was 1st February.

Following the gales, a number of fixtures were postponed. We have two on 2nd and 9th May but luckily away. Our last game is on Saturday 25th April after which we shall take posts down.

I will be in touch with Lee and cricket club nearer the time.

The condition of the showers and toilets at the pavilion were discussed and it was decided that the cleaner is necessary. Unfair that only David Edevane took responsibility for cleaning the changing room and the toilets. These facilities are used by many and a paid cleaner seemed the way forward. Cleaning once a fortnight will begin at the end of March.

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On inspection it would seem that several of the tiles on the mobile cabins next to the pavilion are loose and need attention.

On Sunday, a van with a large crane on top parked on the Playing field clearly to watch the football. In view of the bad weather we have had the van stuck firm and considerable damage to the field was done. This is most upsetting since the cricket season is due to start fairly soon. In view of the weather we have had recently it seemed a foolish move.

David Brown inspected the outfield and was most upset at the condition. We are left wondering if the people concerned for the damage should be approached and asked to pay towards putting things right.

The Tennis Club seem to be ok and are looking forward to better weather.

Sheila Tweedy

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