

# Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr. Wood , Cllr. Mendel, Cllr. Tweedy, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Dearing.

3 members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs Clarke, Clark and Hawes

**2. Declaration of interest:**

None

**3. To consider requests for dispensations**

N/A

**4. To approve minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

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

Proposed: Cllr.Gipps

Seconded: Cllr.Mendel

Passed unanimously

**5. Clerk's Report**

- The clerk wrote to C Cllr Wood requesting a locality grant for help towards printing of Tattingstone Remembers. See item 15
- Notice from police about a scam: Police are urging residents and businesses to be alert for telephone scams following a report from a member of public in the Hadleigh area that they had been contacted by a caller claiming to be from the Police asking for sponsorship for delivering presentations to schools regarding online safety. Put on FB and school also notified.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes**

- A meeting is being arranged about Speedwatch
- The matter of hedge/verge at Rose House will be taken forward to County by Cllr. Wood after letter from Chris Thomas that this was county's responsibility.

- The Assets assured on our insurance policy were reviewed and the value of assets increased to take into account inflation, the effects of Brexit and that the policy would run for 5 years [agreed last meeting] the new figure for our insurance is £560.69, an increase of £85 on last year. Previously only two items of play equipment were listed on the insurance now every one is listed. This figure will hold for 5 years. Cheque presented for signature.

## **7. Open Forum for members of the public**

- Nothing raised

## **8.Reports from District and County Councillors**

A report from D. Cllr. McCraw is attached to these minutes.

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

## **9.Planning**

None received

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

- Letter received regarding Scam Mail. A poster will be displayed and also put on village website and FB page.
- Monthly report from AONB. Scottish Power are looking to construct a large substation within the AONB. This is being objected to. Cllr. Wood is pursuing in his role as chair of AONB
- There is a heritage and creative arts project being launched called Land and Shore - A Journey to discover lost communities, one of which is Alton Water. The village recorder is trying to get in touch with residents who can remember the creation of the reservoir.

## **11. To receive report from R.F.O. to consider and approve.2018**

**To consider and approve.**

- **Bank Balances: For 30<sup>th</sup> September not yet received. Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Current A/C: £10,285.49**

**Business Savings A/C: £3171.26**

- **To approve payment :**
  - Clerk's wages and expenses £245.38
  - HMRC: £183.80
  - CAS Ltd [ Zurich Insurance]: £560.69

Proposed: Cllr. Hawes  
Seconded: Cllr. Gipps  
Carried unanimously

- **Expenditure to date 2018/19**

**12. Report from Playing Field representative.**

Cllr. Tweedy read her report [ see attached]

Cllr Gipps reported that when setting up for fete, a large tree had fallen down from a neighbour's garden. The owners of the tree and others, which may also be unsafe will be contacted.

Concern was raised about the size of the Cricket square that is taped off by Shotley Peninsula Cricket Club. This impedes the use of the village playing field by other users. Cllr. Tweedy will take these concerns onto the next meeting of the Playing Field committee

The clerk will go out to tender for the maintenance of the Playing Fields for the period of 2 years from February 2019.

**13. To review response to the Village Survey**

Analysis is being carried out and it is hoped to have some results by the November meeting

**14. To review effectiveness of clearway on Lemon's Hill Bridge**

The clearway seems to have worked well this year and seems to have stopped the jumping off the bridge. Some fishermen do think they can park on the bridge as they are frightened of being locked in the car parks. Anglian Water will be asked to add a note about parking on the fishing licence.

**15. To review village response to Battles Over including production of commemorative booklet**

- The Book is at the printers now. 150 copies are being printed. Pre-sales are good. C.Cllr D Wood has been written to for a locality grant to help with printing costs.

- The Poppy Commemorative tea arrangements are well in hand. Cllr. Tweedy asked that councillors encourage as many people to come as possible. Advertising on Website, Tattlingstone News and on Facebook. Posters put up around the village. There will be a voluntary collection for the British Legion.

**16.To review and make plans for the telephone box at White Horse.**

Cllr. Wood has contacted a local carpenter for a quote for shelves. Cllr. Mendel will clean and paint the box.

**17.To initiate quotes for maintenance of the Village Playing Field.**

The Parish Council agreed to go out to tender for the maintenance of the playing field. At least 3 quotes will be required. The clerk will initiate.

**18.To consider future action on replacing the bus shelter at the White Horse.**

The clerk and Cllr. Wood will make decision over builder and inform the insurance company.

**19.To initiate Formulation of Parish Council's Statement of Compliance with GDPR**

The clerk will liaise with other local Parish clerks and use a template to produce one. This will be discussed with Cllr. Dearing and then presented at December meeting.

**20.To finalise Dates of meetings for 2019 including Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of Parish Council**

The dates were agreed and circulated

**20.To comment on any other urgent village matter**

The fete was very successful and proceeds seem to be up from previous year. The winners of programme raffle will be published on website and Facebook.

The Housing Strategy consultation has not yet been published yet. When it is Cllr. Dearing will organise meeting with Clerk to decide on Council's response.

DONM 5th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Items for next agenda

Telephone box

Survey

Battle's over

Bus shelter

## Report from C.Clr. D Wood

### **Budget update - overspend in 2018/19, more cuts planned for 2019/20**

The first quarterly budget report has revealed a projected overspend of £8.6m on the 2018/19 budget, which equates to 1.7% of the overall budget. The key areas of pressure are within Adult and Community Services (net overspend of £1.5m), Children's Services (net overspend of £4.9m) and Corporate Services (net overspend of £1.8m).

#### Adult and Community Services

- Main area of concern is the Care Purchasing Budget, which is forecasting a £4.4m overspend. This is due to a 1% increase in the number of people receiving care, as well as increases in prices for residential care homes above the standard published rates.
- The overspend is currently being offset by underspends due to issues with recruitment and vacant posts.

#### Children's Services

- The base budget overspend is due to pressures within Corporate Parenting, Specialist Social Care Teams and SEN Home to School Transport budgets.
- The Dedicated Schools Grant budget overspend is due to increasing demand for special school places and alternative education provision.
- These overspends are partially offset by vacancies, savings and underspends in Directorate Management, the Education and Learning Help Service, and the Early Years Service.

#### Corporate Services

- There are pressures in achieving income targets in Corporate Property, Finance, IT, Strategy and Scrutiny & Monitoring. In particular, there is a reducing level of income from schools. Specific action is underway to promote services to schools through Schools Choice.
- The overspend is being mitigated by not recruiting to vacancies, leading to a £0.5m underspend on pay costs.

Furthermore, Cllr Richard Smith (Cabinet Member for Finance) has announced that there will be a further £25m of cuts in the 2019/20 budget. Although the details of the proposed budget will not be known until November, Cllr Smith has confirmed that no area will be immune from cuts.

### **Rise in schools rated inadequate or requires improvement**

Data published by Suffolk County Council has revealed a sharp rise in the number of schools rated inadequate or requires improvement by Ofsted, to 1 in 5 Suffolk schools.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education has admitted that some academies in Suffolk are not improving as quickly as he would like, or have deteriorated further. This is reflected in the data, which showed that only 65% of academies achieved "good" or "outstanding" ratings, compared to 79% of maintained schools.

This has raised questions over the Council's "Raising the Bar" strategy, which was launched in 2012 with the express aim of ensuring all schools in Suffolk were rated "good" or "outstanding".

## **Urgent need for more specialist education placements in Suffolk recognised by Cabinet**

Suffolk County Council's Cabinet has agreed a recommendation to introduce a new approach to the development of specialist education placements for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 25 in Suffolk.

In Suffolk, it is projected that there will be an 18% rise in the number of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) between 2018 and 2020, compared to only a 4% rise in the overall population of children. These will mostly be moderate learning difficulties, ASD and speech/language needs.

Suffolk currently has insufficient specialist education placements and cannot meet current or future demand. Many children have long waits for specialist education or are placed far from home in out-of-county placements, which leads to expensive home-to-school transport costs for the Council. Furthermore, the Council currently commissions many placements in expensive independent provision across the country.

The report to Cabinet suggested that Suffolk will need to develop a further 300-400 places. Following a public consultation, it was decided that the best way to develop these places in Suffolk was through a combination of new specialist support centres (attached to mainstream schools) with some new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of very specialist needs.

A cross-party Policy Development Panel has been set up to develop the new policy, which is expected to be agreed by the Cabinet in January 2019

## **Suffolk County Council abandons stake in Barley Homes**

Suffolk County Council have agreed to pull out of the commercial housebuilding company established in partnership with West Suffolk Councils in 2015, Barley Homes.

Barley Homes was originally set up to deliver much-needed homes during a housing crisis as well as generate income for the councils involved. However, after three years the joint venture company has not secured planning permission or built any homes.

The Council will transfer its 50% shareholding to St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council. SCC has contributed £250,000 working capital to Barley Homes, but will be reimbursed in full (including interest) for the capital loan.

### **Report from D. Cllr. McCraw**

A huge congratulations to Manish Patel for winning Business in the Community award and Norman Bugg for being named the district's Community Champion, and a huge well done for all the members of the Shotley & Erwarton Good Neighbours' Scheme, Carly Welham and James of Hollingsworths Store & Butchers 01473 780225 and Stutton Community Shop, nominated by Alastair McCraw to make it a great night for the Shotley Peninsula at the Stars of Babergh District Council awards night at

the beautiful Hadleigh church.

There is a new pop up Customer Service point in Hadleigh. A year after leaving Hadleigh, BDC are back. The partnership with Suffolk Libraries has been a success at Shotley. Assisted access to our website is available the rest of the time the Hadleigh library is open.

There is a 2 week consultation on The Homelessness Reduction Act is a statutory requirement that increases the Councils responsibilities in the area. The Housing Strategy is definitely something worth having. How much control the Council will actually have in delivery remains to be seen.

### **Playing field report September 2018**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting. The Cricket Club representative sent his apologies as did the Football Club representative as he was busy marking out the pitch for the coming season.

The Cricket Club had had a good season and were happy how everything had gone. The Football Club were looking forward to the new season and were happy with the state of the pitch, thanking Brandon for his hard work.

The Cricket Club brought up the fence to go around the children's play area. They stated that this would be erected free of charge if the company doing it could erect advertising banners along it. Not everyone was in favour of this and they are going back to speak to them again and it will be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Council would order two benches which they have funds for so that the VAT could be reclaimed.

The Tennis club representative was happy with how things were this season but would like to see more people use the courts.

The lawnmower was mentioned and it is hoped it has now been sold.

Sheila Tweedy.