

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of meeting: Monday 6th September 2021

Present: Cllrs. Wood [Chair], Clarke, Hawes, Page, Mark, Wills

SCC Councillor Harley

2 members of the public

Key points of risk assessment were shared .

Item		Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	D Councillor Gould, Councillors Clark, Mendel, Tweedy	
2	Declaration of interest	N/A	
3	Requests for dispensation	N/A	
4	To approve as accurate the minutes of meetings on 5 th July 2021	Minutes of meeting emailed out to councillors. Approval recommended. Proposed: Cllr. Page Seconded: Cllr. Mark Carried unanimously	
5	Open Forum	There were no comments from members of the public.	
6	To receive Clerk's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forwarded to D Brown, details on training for village hall events• Sent link to Babergh DC parking survey to DW, also details of proposals• Forwarded annual play inspection report to DB• Drop in starts again 6th September. Poster put on FB• Reported fingerpost opposite chapel down – ref 322736• Co-ordinated repair of fence to play area. Thanks to Mr R Talman• Put up posters about neighbourhood plan and shop exhibition.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put John Taylor [AW] in touch with Jane Kirk about history before reservoir • Mr Connell-Smith has removed name board from old notice boards and refurbished them. These are now put up opposite church and at Wheatsheaf. • Cllr Hawes has put a number of items on website as requested. • Clerk deals with in excess of 200 emails each month. 	
7	To consider matters arising from minutes	Street light on Lemon Hill Bridge now repaired.	
8	To consider application for the position of Parish clerk and RFO.	<p>One application had been received from Mrs J Lee. Her CV had been circulated via email. The Council considered carefully and were impressed with her qualifications and experience. She was appointed from 1st October 2021. She will work with the present clerk during the month to enable a smooth takeover.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Wood Seconded: Cllr Hawes Carried unanimously.</p> <p>A pay committee of Councillors Wood, Page and Hawes was set up to decide rate of pay for new clerk.</p> <p>The present clerk will forward NALC pay scales to committee and also enquire on training opportunities with SALC.</p>	<p>DW SP DH JCS</p>
9	Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Report from D Cllr Gould circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Report from C Cllr Harley circulated by email.</p> <p>He reminded people that shortly that number of councillors in Suffolk would be reduced from 75 to 70.</p>	
10	Update on the setting up of a village shop by	The main stumbling block to proceeding is location. The village hall is not viable because of limited space both inside and	DH

	the village shop working group	<p>in the car park. The church is a possibility and a presentation, by the village shop group, will be given to the PCC later this month. There are a number of grants available to support opening of community shops which the group is investigating.</p> <p>The project may have to be abandoned if no venue is found.</p>	
11	To receive update on The Tattler. Cllr Hawes reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paucity of advertising is still an issue if the council wishes The Tattler to be self-financing. • The clerk will again enquire of Suffolk County Council the payment of £500 locality grant promised last financial year. 	DH JCS
12	To consider any planning applications received	<p>DC/21/04746 Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single-storey rear enclosed porch extension Location: 5 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2ND</p> <p>After a discussion the following objections were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for similar in Chedworth Place rejected as Grade 2 listed property. • Window not in keeping with others in the property. <p>The application is not recommended. Proposed: DW Seconded: SP Carried</p> <p>DC/21/04629 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use, conversion and extension of stables and workshop to form 1No dwelling (revised scheme to withdrawn DC/20/01625) Location: 1 Coxhall Cottages, Cox Hall Road, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2NP</p> <p>This is a revised application as the previous application was withdrawn.</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves change of use of outbuilding to residential which still constitutes backfilling. • In an area of special landscapes. <p>The application is not recommended. Proposed: SP Seconded: DW Carried with 1abstension.</p> <p>Babergh DC had given approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC/21/04309 – 9 The Close • DC/21/03971 – new access and dropped kerb off A137 West of Rose House 	
13	Correspondence requiring immediate discussion	None received.	DW
14	To receive playing field report.	None received.	
15	To receive update on Tattingstone Speedwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have been 6 more sessions by the volunteers of Speedwatch. 32 drivers in total were found to be exceeding the limit. • The SID is having a marked effect in slowing traffic down. • Funds from their previous fundraising have been used to buy a new speed gun as the battery on the old one was failing. • The application for Gates for the A137 has been made. • Coroner has made recommendations following fatal accident in August 2020, regarding signage on A137 by Waller's Farm. 	
16	Finance to consider and approve	<p>Bank balances at 30.06.21 Current account: £18,292.13 Savings account: £3183.40 The Bank reconciliation was signed by SP as correct.</p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p>	

		<p>Proposed: DW Seconded: SP Carried unanimously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clerk's wages and expenses: £263.42 + £13.50 = £276.92 ○ Community Action Suffolk [web hosting]: £60..00 ○ Mrs A Mendel [expenses Neighbourhood plan] : £125.60 <p>A letter had been received from St Mary's Church Tattingstone for help with the maintenance of the church yard as in previous years. £800 had been budgeted for this. The Council agreed to the same amount being paid this year.</p> <p>Proposed: DW Seconded: SP</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>It was agreed to renew the Council insurance with CAS as we had agreed to a 3 year agreement at a discounted rate of £456.19. Cheque will be presented for payment at October meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: SP Seconded DW Carried</p> <p>Expenditure to date 2021/22 circulated</p>	JCS
17	To consider the review of the Complaints procedure by the working group.	<p>Cllr. Page had circulated new Complaints Procedure. Councillors had perused this and any questions answered. A proposal was made to accept the complaints procedure.</p> <p>Proposed: SP Seconded: DH Carried</p>	SP

18	To consider possible plans for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022.	DW to investigate plans for the Jubilee by the Village Hall. He will attend a Zoom presentation later in the month.	DW
19	To receive report on the progress of a Neighbourhood Plan,	30-40 people attended the open event on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan that took place in the village hall. The village website now has a page dedicated to this. We are awaiting grant to cover expenses.	AM
20	To consider recent SARS report.	This had been circulated to Council and also put on the website.	
21	To consider responses to Babergh DC survey on planning .	This had been circulated and survey completed by several councillors and clerk.	
22	To comment on any other urgent Village Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The litter pick organised by AW went well. • AW carparking machines only accept cash so are difficult to use for many drivers. Unfortunately, this might mean cars parking on public roads in the village. The Parish Council will monitor. 	JCS
23	Items for next agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field report • Alton Water carparking • Village shop • Queen's Jubilee 	
21	Date of next meeting	4 th October 2021 in the village hall.	

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor, to the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward September 2021

Ward News

I'm pleased that some parishes in Orwell Ward have already asked for some of my locality fund for this year, I'm willing to consider all requests and to point you in the direction of other District Council grants if they are more appropriate for your parish projects. It was good to have a site visit in Belstead this month to see for myself some of the issues on the ground, thanks to David and Richard for giving their time to facilitate this.

Babergh agrees funding to identify wildlife corridors

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have given the green light for £72k, £32,849 and £38,678 respectively, to go towards biodiversity mapping and a tree canopy survey across both districts. The work is based on [outline costs agreed as part of the councils' Biodiversity Action Plan](#). The mapping will determine suitable locations for tree and hedge planting, and identify wildlife habitats and local green spaces.

Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan approved without targets

In June the Suffolk public sector leaders group agreed to provide £1.5m from business rates to help fund the implementation of its climate emergency plan to get the county of Suffolk to zero emissions by 2030. The list of measures in the newly published plan includes:

- A minimum sustainability standard for workers carrying out public sector contracts
- Retrofit energy efficiency options in homes and public buildings
- Develop incentives for people to adopt heat pumps in their homes
- Upgrade walking and cycling infrastructure on key routes
- Prioritise low-emission freight
- Develop means to utilise waste heat

But other than 2030, there are no timescales or targets set for any of these important actions and the plan has so far been very lightly promoted. The full plan can be seen here www.greensuffolk.org/about/suffolk-climate-change-partnership

Devolution

Public sector leaders in Suffolk have written to the Secretary of State responsible for local government to say they welcome early discussions with

Ministers about a possible devolution deal for Suffolk. In a joint letter sent to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Babergh's Cllr John Ward and Mid Suffolk's Cllr Suzie Morley, joined leaders of all of Suffolk's six councils and Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, seeking early discussion over devolved decision-making powers and public funding for the county.

Housing

The former Angel Court care home in Angel Street, Hadleigh has been converted into 21 new homes, all available as social housing, helping lower income house-hunters find a home of their own. The development, funded by Babergh District Council and Homes England, is a mix of one and two-bedroom flats offering affordable rent, that is, rent that is below market rate, and shared ownership options to residents as well as adding a further nine homes to Babergh's council housing stock.

An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk

August saw us reach the end of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, however our work to support the district's recovery continues. Regular bulletins continue to be produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins [via the Suffolk County Council website](#). An update on the vaccine rollout can be found on the [SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website](#). We continue to play our part in response to the pandemic, alongside public sector colleagues within the Suffolk Resilience Forum, supporting in the event of local outbreaks as well as continuing to offer support to our communities and businesses. Please see the council website for more details.

Statement regarding Afghan refugees

August also saw the Government announce its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. Whilst the full details are yet to be confirmed, it is clear that the Government needs local authorities everywhere to step up and support this national effort. A [Suffolk County Council webpage](#) has been created in the event of offers of help from towns and parishes.

Local Energy Showcase will champion green businesses

Businesses and community organisations are being urged to tackle climate change by joining Suffolk's first ever showcase event celebrating sustainability and green energy. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to take part, more details on the websites.

2021 Annual Canvass continues

To help streamline the annual canvass process we are continuing to encourage residents to update their household details online.

Districts to play crucial role in international cycling event
Babergh and Mid Suffolk will host the thrilling Sprints and challenging Queen of the Mountains climb in stage six of the Women's Tour.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues that you think I can help with and all the very best to you all.

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**Report for September 2021 to Parish Councils
Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)**

Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan

This document was released in June by the 'Suffolk Leaders Group' (County, District and Borough Council leaders) as a follow up to the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership report of 2019.

This sets out broad goals for change in behaviours and technology to achieve zero carbon by 2030 by means of measures of: 'transitioning to a fully decarbonised heat supply for homes; improving energy efficiency; behavioural change to use less energy; low carbon travel; reducing car use; more efficient freight transport; reductions in commercial and industrial carbon use; improvements in renewable energy production and a flexible grid' among others.

The Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group on Council will be putting a motion forward to the next Council Meeting to require the Council to set specific benchmarks and targets each year up to 2030 to encourage the modal shift in

behaviour and technology required as without this we believe that the targets set out, laudable though they are, are unlikely to be achieved in practice.

For example:

In July 2020 the Government's Gear Change paper called for a doubling in the amount of journeys walked or cycled. This spring, Suffolk Conservative's County Council election manifesto said "we have identified over £20m of upgrades for our cycle network"

We will ask for this money to be allocated to specific projects to improve our cycle network, such as across our Peninsula where the current state is pitiable and completely unfit for purpose.

Review of SEND provision

Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision which has now been completed.

The report, with any recommendations, is due to be published this month on Suffolk County Council's website, shared with those who contributed to it, and also scrutinised, in public, by the council's Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee. We await it with interest.

Suffolk's expression of interest in discussions with Government on Devolution for Suffolk

A 'levelling up' white paper is to be produced by Government. Robert Jenrick MP (Sec of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) has invited Councils to express interest in involvement in this. The aim appears to be to allow local 'leaders groups' to have more power in local decision making including 'greater financial efficiency, administrative streamlining and/or more joined up services'. It is not necessary to be a unitary authority although Government want evidence of working together.

It is not clear yet what the benefits and draw backs or any details of these proposals are yet.

The 'Suffolk Leader's Group' (Leaders of County Council, District Councils, Ipswich Borough Council, and Police and Crime Commissioner) have written to the Government expressing interest in this proposal.

Excerpts from some recent SCC press releases:

Zero Carbon battle bus visiting Suffolk

The purpose of the Zero Carbon Tour is to discuss the concept of net zero carbon and why it is critical for businesses. Suffolk's businesses, organisations and community groups will share their stories about how they have started their journeys to net zero. This will inspire and give confidence to those considering how to reduce their carbon emissions.

Steve Malkin, Founder and CEO, Planet Mark, said:

“There is no doubt, we are living in a seminal and historic moment in time. 2020 – 2030 has been coined the Decade of Action, a period in which we need to tackle the climate crisis and halt biodiversity loss. The global pursuit of net zero carbon emissions is a huge undertaking, and only possible with help from businesses and communities alike.

“We are excited to bring the net zero message to Ipswich, and share the ‘carbon stories’ of organisations, community groups and individuals playing their part in creating a sustainable future for Suffolk, the United Kingdom and beyond.”

This event and others are taking place across Suffolk in the lead up to COP26, as part of Suffolk's collective campaign of Creating The Greenest County, and be net zero by 2030. As part of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, these events look to encourage collaborative action by educating and engaging with residents and businesses to develop net zero journey.

Other events which are being planned in Suffolk in the lead up to COP26 include:

- 1 September – Zero Carbon Tour visits Ipswich
- 12 October – Ten Steps to Net Zero (Suffolk Chamber of Commerce)
- 21-22 October – Local Energy Showcase (Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council)
- TBC October - A Greener NHS day
- 12 November – Greenest County Awards (Suffolk County Council)
- 23-25 November – Low Carbon Homes

All events are subject to change, visit www.greensuffolk.org for the latest details and information about starting your journey to net zero.

‘Katch’ – a new electric taxi-bus service

The Katch service provides a travel solution for local residents and visitors in Wickham Market and Framlingham, as well as for those who need to meet their rail connections at Wickham Market train station in Campsea Ashe.

Suffolk County Council, with support from East Suffolk Council, Framlingham Town Council, East Suffolk Lines Community Rail Partnership, the Department

for Transport Community Rail Development Fund, Community Rail Network, Greater Anglia and Cars Smart, launched the Katch service earlier this year in May. The service, which is a pilot scheme, delivers on the commitment Suffolk councils have made to grow the region's passenger transport in a sustainable way. It also plays a part in cutting carbon to help reach the Government's ambition of zero emissions by 2050 and Suffolk County Council's own target of being carbon neutral by 2030.

The service is available seven days a week from 06.30 to 22.30 Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 19.00 on Sunday. All journeys must be booked in advance via the Katch App or telephone by calling 01728 55 44 55. The cost of a return journey is £7 and a single journey is £4.

If the service proves a success and is regularly used by local people in addition to commuters and rail passengers, Suffolk County Council is keen to facilitate further schemes across the county.

(would there be interest for a similar scheme for the Peninsula to Manningtree and/or Ipswich stations?)

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