

Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of meeting: Monday 5th October 2020 via Zoom

Present: Cllrs. Wood [Chair], Mendel, Clarke, Tweedy, Page

D Cllr. Gould

Amanda Proctor [Tattingstone Speedwatch]

Item		Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Received from Cllrs. Hawes, Clark All accepted.	
2	Declaration of interest	Cllr Page declared an interest in item 9, being the neighbour to dwelling referenced DC/20/03833.	
3	Requests for dispensation	Given dispensation as no monetary involvement.	
4	To approve minutes of meeting 7 th September 2020	Minutes of Zoom meeting emailed out to councillors. Approved by email. Proposed: Cllr. Tweedy Seconded: Cllr. Wood	
5	To receive clerk's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath issue on land by Birchwood farm. Ownership of land [S Paul] was forwarded to Rambling Association. • New restriction on Covid and village halls forwarded to David Brown, Chair of the Village Hall committee • Playground maintenance report forwarded to David Brown, • Chair of the Playing field committee • Forwarded to councillors Bentley Neighbourhood plan for their comments – will put on agenda for Nov. also details of Wherstead NP area. • Police forum cancelled; Next meeting is set for 9th December 2020 at Brantham Leisure Centre. Cllr Mendel usually goes. • Forwarded request for feedback from Babergh on initiative for more trees and hedgerows to councillors and to Mike Ewart, Tree warden. See item 18. 	JCS AM

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forwarded request to Jane Kirk, village recorder, and to Simon Harley, church warden, that came via website for more information about someone who had died at Chedworth in 1970 when it was a hospital. • Forwarded any Community Action emails to relevant people • Registered for new Parish electoral Register out mid-December • Received query from Mr Steven Solley about a road name sign at the Wonder. The clerk raised query with Babergh, their reference number is BMCU255885326. Mr Solley has indicated he is willing to contribute to the cost. • Replied to Community Development officer re Survey on Peoples experiences of end of life. Councillors were not prepared to participate. • Put advert for Active Wellbeing Service in Holbrook and Shotley on village Facebook page. • Copies of new allotment agreements sent to all allotment holders for their signature and return. 	JCS
6	To consider matters arising from minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk emailed head at Tattingstone school about the height of fences. Clerk received reply from school that the matter had been passed to the Grounds maintenance team and it would be their decision. • Clerk reported overhanging trees by Wonder to Suffolk CC • Clerk wrote on behalf of the Council, a letter of thanks to Rupert Dearing. • Pay of the clerk was updated [confidential item – minutes 20.09.07 • Clerk wrote to all household whose house backs onto pavement on School Road about overhanging vegetation. Some have been cut back. • Responded recommended to Babergh planning re: DC/20/03635 	

7	Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Reports circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>D. Cllr Gould commented that Babergh District Council would be responsible for Covid Marshals</p> <p>C Cllr. Wood commented that at the recent planning meeting regarding Sizewell C, EDF had tried to hijack the meeting. The county Council is not supporting their application.</p>	
8	To receive update on Tattingstone Speedwatch Report from Mrs A Proctor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring has not been taking place this last month as the speed gun is broken. Suffolk police have stated that a replacement will be available shortly. • SID poles. • A letter has been received from a villager complaining about the delay in using the SID in the village. Still no progress on erection of poles. Clerk has written again demanding progress, especially on pole on Church Road which just needs an extension. The County Council does not seem to have paperwork from us, although this was all sent in December 2019. Councillor Wood will follow up with County Council. • Road markings have now been replaced along A137 at The Heath. So far they have had little effect on motorists speed. • Speed reduction option quotes More detailed quotes are needed regarding various options such as village gates, road markings etc. The Parish Council is not expected to pay for these but once feasibility of each option is considered, fundraising would be done by Speedwatch. <i>Action: Cllr. Wood will request a site visit to discuss possibilities.</i> <i>Agenda item for next meeting to review progress</i> <p>The Parish Council thanked AP for all her hard for SpeedWatch</p>	<p>JCS DW</p> <p>DW JCS</p>

9	To consider any planning applications received	<p>APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/20/03833 Proposal: Householder Applications -Clad front and part side elevations of property including alteration to kitchen windows. Location: Cherry Tree House, Church Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NA</p> <p>Cllr Page said this cladding was also used on adjacent houses so it is keeping with the area.</p> <p>Recommended Proposed: Cllr Mendel Seconded: Cllr Clarke</p> <p>Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/00701 - Condition 3 (Materials) Location: Birchwood House, Cox Hall Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NS approved.</p>	
10	Correspondence requiring immediate discussion	See item 8	
11	Finance to consider and approve	<p>1. Bank balances: Community: £19,648.05 Savings: £3182.72 Bank reconciliation provided by RFO</p> <p>2. To approve payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's wages and expenses: £397.57 Includes £11.99+ Vat £2.40 Zoom Pro per month, postage and stationery. • Business services at CAS Ltd [insurance]: £456.19 <p>Approved Proposed : Cllr Mendel Seconded: Cllr Tweedy</p> <p>3. Expenditure to date figures circulated via email.</p>	

		<p>4. Allotment money since 1997 to 2020 £1099.7 £300 already given to Allotments in April 2020< so balance can be ring fenced. Proposal needed recommend £775 to be ring fenced. Proposed: Cllr Tweedy Seconded: Cllr Page</p> <p>5. RFO had received query from LKF Littlejohn [auditors] about date of Exercise of Public Rights. This had been answered and no further action needed.</p> <p>6. The second instalment of the precept had been received.</p>	
12	To consider possibility of village shop.	It is difficult to contact people about this at present time. The location of a shop is one of the problems. Cllr. Tweedy will raise the issue at the next Village Hall committee meeting. One of the village public houses was suggested as a possible location and this may be pursued.	ST
13	To consider and arrange a Village litter pick	Cllr Mendel has equipment needed. She recommended that this be delayed to early spring when vegetation had died back. It will be put on agenda for consideration in February 2021.	AM
14	Briefing on changes to village website Cllr. Hawes	All content on the village website has migrated to the new site. But the website remains as www.tattingstoneparishcouncil.co.uk Councillors were delighted with the new format and agreed it was more accessible. The Council thanked Cllr Hawes for all her expertise and hard work.	DH
15	To consider steps to recruit new Parish councillors	With the restrictions of Covid 19, it is difficult for councillors to speak to people who might consider coming onto the council. A new notice would be posted. It was felt that until the council could meet directly, the posts would remain vacant. The council is quorate so it is able to function. In	JCS
16	To consider how future meetings would occur.	With new restrictions SALC and SLCC have advised that virtual meetings continue. The conditions needed for the Council to meet in the	

		<p>village hall had been forwarded to councillors. A detailed risk assessment would be needed before the meeting. The number allowed in the village hall is limited and may exclude members of the public attending.</p> <p>After much discussion, it was decided to continue with virtual meetings via Zoom, for the foreseeable future, with members of the public being invited to attend,.</p>	
17	To consider Council's response to the government white paper on planning.	<p>The Council were worried about the erosion of consultation with lower tier authorities. Parish Councils already have little clout on planning as it is. Neighbourhood plans, that are officially recognised, have some effect on curbing unwanted development.</p> <p>Many local Parish Councils are formulating Neighbourhood plans and it was thought Tattingsstone should be doing the same. This must be done independently from the Parish Council. Cllr Mendel however agreed to try and coordinate a group of willing villagers to start work on this. The first act would be to put an article in Tattingsstone News to seek volunteers.</p>	AM
18	To comment on other urgent village matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council agreed it might now be the time to replace the rotting wooden Parish Council noticeboards, outside the church and by the Wheatsheaf, with new aluminium ones placed within the bus shelters. The clerk will investigate cost and present at next meeting. • Trees and Hedgerows report request from Babergh District council forwarded to Mike Ewart, tree warden. A lot of work had been done previously on this and details were forwarded to District Council. Mr Ewart is happy to do further work, if necessary, to pursue the possibility of more green corridors over village farm land. • Launch/ opening of heritage telephone box Jane Kirk, the village recorder sent an update to the Council. This is attached to these minutes. 	JCS

17	Items for next agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update regarding SID and speed restriction measures • Update on village shop from working group • Results of audit • Applications for Parish Councillors • Neighbourhood plan • Noticeboards • Budget for forthcoming financial year 21/22 	
18	Date of next meeting	2 nd November via Zoom	

The Hidden Histories of Alton Water Item 18

October Update for Tattingstone Parish Council

With reference to my August and September updates, the latest on the telephone box is as follows:

- Sadly, in keeping with Government advice, there can no longer be a launch event. Instead there will be some press releases and local publicity organised by Suffolk County Council Comms team prior to the box being open to the public. Whilst there is no set date, we are working to an end of month completion.
- John Royle has almost finished editing the recordings and decisions are being made on exactly which twenty to use.
- These will include an introductory piece by David Wood setting the scene plus other recordings by Griff Rhys Jones, Joan Kersey, the late Bob Scarpe and a few more familiar names from the area.
- Denise Hawes has created five main images of the most significant lost buildings and also some additional smaller illustrations linking the stories to the map.
- John Standeven, one of the original research team, will double check the map and locations of the lost buildings for accuracy.
- The backboard design is being finalised in accordance with design guidelines from the Suffolk Archives Comms Team.
- Suffolk Archives organised the slabs that have been laid outside the box for easier access.
- All the material and more from the overall project will be available to view and listen to in an online exhibition on the Suffolk Archives website.

Jane Kirk

5 October 2020

**News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor.
To the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward
October 2020**

Ward news

Chelmondiston was the first Parish Council in Babergh to be awarded some of the District Councillor's locality fund. I was able to allocate £500 towards the resurfacing of the village car park which will not only benefit Chelmondiston residents but all the other feeder villages who use the local facilities in the village; I am also pleased to be giving Woolverstone United Football Club £250 to help with their Covid 19 risk reduction measures. Other applications are in the pipeline but if you have any community projects that you think would benefit from this fund please speak to me about it in the first instance.

Detailed plans for 75 new homes at Wherstead received the green light on 23 September; the application includes 'affordable homes' for low income house-hunters and the gift of public woodland to the local community. Outline planning permission for the development of Klondyke Field to the west of Bourne Hill, was granted by Babergh District Council's planning committee in December 2018. A decision on the final details of the scheme, scheduled for August 2020, was deferred on recommendation that the plans were amended to improve the design, securing more amenity space for the proposed flats and ensuring a better distribution of the development's affordable housing units. Councillors

also requested improved pathways and boundary treatment to the neighbouring A137 to best meet the needs of future residents. Since then, planning officers have worked closely with the applicant, and other stakeholders to seek further clarity on queries raised and to develop the package of public benefits associated with the application. The development will benefit from 26 affordable homes, with further consideration having been given to the distribution of these. These homes will range in size from one-bedroom apartments to three-bedroom houses. Plans also cater for increasing demand from the district's ageing population with the inclusion of one shared ownership bungalow and two bungalows earmarked for affordable rental properties, allowing residents to benefit from lower rents than the local market rate. Proposals incorporate public woodland which was previously privately owned enabling use of a community nature area by residents of both the development and local area. An obligation set out by the council, will see the applicant fund the management of the woodland, guaranteeing future enjoyment for years to come. A generous area of maintained public open space to the north of the site has also been included in plans. This will be accessible by proposed new footpath links creating additional connectivity throughout the development and wider area to promote greener, more sustainable transport options in the village.

To further support the council's blueprint for addressing climate change, the applicant will take a 'fabric first' approach to construction minimising carbon emissions by reducing heat and power usage from residents for the lifespan of the building. The developer has also committed to measures to encourage biodiversity, and will fund the installation of multiple electric vehicle charging points on site. Ecological mitigation measures include a 13-15 metre wide hedgerow buffer to the north and east of the site complementing the request made by councillors in August to provide a secure barrier between the site and the A137. In addition to this, the applicant will carry out fence improvements to address safety concerns previously raised about the site's proximity to the road.

There is an application in for 22 new homes pepper potted through Woolverstone and Freston, the consultation period has just ended for this application and we are waiting for it to come to planning committee. The application includes improved connectivity by way of new and upgraded cycle paths and footpaths between Woolverstone and Chelmondiston and Holbrook.

Babergh Chair re-elected

Councillor Kathryn Grandon will serve a second term as Chair of Babergh District Council for 2020/21 following the council's annual meeting. Cllr Grandon, Independent ward member for Hadleigh South, was first elected to Babergh District Council in 2011 and served as cabinet member for Communications before being nominated as Chair in May 2019.

Housing

Heather Tucker who is the Corporate Manager, Housing Solutions, reports that Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been successful in securing funding to ensure interim accommodation for the most vulnerable over the winter period. Heather says "We have been awarded £100,000 to help cover the costs of any commercial hotels we may need to rely upon to provide accommodation, especially if we get a second 'Everyone In' during the colder weather. The funding has been secured via the Next Steps Accommodation Programme, which is part of the government's landmark commitment to end rough sleeping for good. We have never had a 'winter provision', such as a night shelter in our Districts before, so having funding to enable us to get rough sleepers off the streets promptly, is fantastic. Last year we were awarded up to £2,500 per Council so to get £100,000 is incredible. We are one of 274 Councils who are

being allocated £91.5m to help ensure vulnerable people are housed and continue to be housed during the pandemic.”

Public Realm

Babergh’s cabinet has approved plans which will see the management of public open spaces, playgrounds, and litter bins move in-house, in line with neighbouring Mid Suffolk. Public realm services in Babergh will be directly managed by the council from November 2021. The change will follow the end of the council’s current contract with Idverde in October 2021. Bringing the service in-house, as is already the case in Mid Suffolk, will allow for consistent service standards and increased flexibility. It will also enable the council, jointly with Mid Suffolk, to manage land more holistically to increase biodiversity. Planting wildflower meadows to replace strict grass cutting regimes where suitable and creating wildlife corridors are all options currently being explored by the councils’ biodiversity task force sub-group. The in-house option was recommended by Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee earlier this month, with cross-party support. The committee also praised the work of Mid Suffolk’s existing in-house team, highlighting their efficient service. The public realm offer includes:

- Countryside
- Amenity areas, parks, and open spaces
- Street scene
- A14, highways verges work for Suffolk County Council
- Playgrounds
- Public conveniences

Babergh District Council worked with experts from the East of England Local Government Association to look at current service levels, and ensure all options were fully explored.

Please 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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Parish Report – October 2020

Councillor

David Wood

Triangle

Ipswich Road



Children's Centres cuts given go-ahead by Scrutiny Committee

Following the Cabinet's decision in August to close 10 children's centres, my group joined forces with the Labour group to challenge this decision. Our challenge focused on concerns over the lack of financial analysis and the lack of clarity over the new outreach model.

The challenge was discussed by the Scrutiny Committee on 11 September. Unfortunately, the majority of the Committee voted against our challenge and endorsed the Cabinet's decision. This means that the planned changes to children's centres in Suffolk will go ahead.

Suffolk County Council decides to oppose Sizewell C

The Cabinet at Suffolk County Council agreed on 22 September that they can no longer support EDF Energy's proposals for Sizewell C in their current form. However, the Cabinet maintained their support for the principle of a new nuclear power station in Suffolk.

The Cabinet's key concerns were regarding transport impacts, site design and the environmental impact on the Suffolk coast. The Cabinet also believe that the current proposals do not sufficiently avoid, minimise, mitigate or compensate impacts of the proposed development.

These concerns will be submitted as Relevant Representations to the Planning Inspectorate.

Financial impact of Covid-19 on Suffolk County Council budget

Suffolk County Council has published their Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring Report. This focuses heavily on the impact of Covid-19 on the council's finances.

The council is currently forecasting a net overspend of just £0.4m (0.1%) for the 2020-21 budget. The headline figures are:

- Additional expenditure from core budget - £41.2m
 - o £43.9m – additional expenditure and lost income due to Covid-19
 - o Offset by underspend of £2.7m from non-Covid business as usual activity
- Additional funding - £40.8m
 - o £39.1m – non-ringfenced Covid-19 grants from the Government
 - o £1.7m – additional funding from business rates

Boundary review restarts with consultation on draft recommendations

Following a delay due to Covid-19, the Boundary Commission has restarted the boundary review for Suffolk with a consultation on their draft recommendations, which include a reduction to 70 councillors. Any boundary changes will not be implemented until the 2025 elections.

The draft recommendations and boundary changes are available to view on the Boundary Commission's website: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-county-council>

The consultation on these recommendations will run from 15 September – 23 November and can be found here: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/18495>