

## Tattingstone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Present: Cllrs. Wood [chair], Mendel, Page, Mark, Hawes

D Councillor Gould

SCC Councillor Harley

2 members of the public.

	Agenda item	Detail	Action
1	Apologies for absence	Councillors Tweedy, Clarke, Wills, Clark Mrs M Proctor [SpeedWatch]	
2	Declaration of interest	Cllr Wood declared interest in item 10 [correspondence from a relative]	
3	Requests for dispensation	Accepted	
4	To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Minutes of meeting emailed out to Councillors. Proposed Cllr. Mendel Seconded Cllr. Page Carried unanimously	
5	Open forum	A member of the public raised concern over the height of the bund on Collins Landfill site behind her property. Cllr Harley will investigate planning and contact Collins.	SH
6	To receive the clerk's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent minutes of Good Neighbours AGM to go on web site</li> <li>• Put up posters for Coast and Heaths AONB</li> <li>• Sent possibilities for funding to Village Shop group</li> <li>• Posted Christmas rubbish collection days on FB and website</li> <li>• Unfortunately, Cllr Mendel could not go to police forum and no one else could</li> <li>• Circulated training dates for Councillors at SALC no takers</li> <li>• Put up posters about AONB award</li> <li>• Attended Zoom meeting with School about village shop as governor, parish clerk, PCC member. Cllr Tweedy attended this meeting too.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated details from SLCC about bullying of councillors and clerks.</li> </ul>	
7	To consider matters arising from the minutes	<p>Search for new Auditor.</p> <p>Cllr Page has approached Holbrook Clerk and has some details of their auditor. The Auditor could be changed for this financial year [21/22] if discussed fully at next meeting and vote for it. At first glance it looks less complicated than SALC and would reduce the onerous task. It may be a bit more expensive. £350 has already been allocated in budget for audit. Cllr. Page and Clerk will investigate further and it will be an agenda item on January meeting.</p>	JCS SP
8	To receive Reports from County and District Councillors	<p>Report from D Cllr Gould circulated via email Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>There still has been no decision about parking in Hadleigh or Sudbury. Payment for parking is expected at Pin Mill.</p> <p>Report from C Cllr Harley circulated by email. The introduction of Free ports has increased the likelihood of the development at Bathside Bay Harwich. This would no doubt increase traffic from A12 and A14, especially container lorries and hence impact the Copdock interchange.</p> <p>Extension of Vaxi taxi scheme to all residents if requested.</p> <p>Attached to these minutes</p>	
11	To receive an update on the proposed village shop	<p>Brought forward.</p> <p>The village shop steering group reported that a grant had been received for £5000 to begin preliminary concept design work and an architect had been appointed. The church and diocese were fully behind the scheme. A request was put in about using some of the recently received CIL money for the next stage. Stage 2 would require £4000.</p> <p>Queries were raised about whether CIL money could be used in this way as it was not infrastructure. The clerk will liaise with AA and Babergh infrastructure department about this and report back to the next meeting.</p>	



		A printed version will be available in the new year for distribution. The youth questionnaire is still to be finalised	
13	To consider funding of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembrance Wreath from British Legion The church had paid for this in the past but Cllr Wood queried why this was, as the village memorial had been put in the church and was the responsibility of the Parish Council. If funded by the Parish Council, it becomes part of the precept so it is funded by the community. Cost £50 per annum Proposed : Cllr Wood Seconded: Cllr Mendel Carried</li> <li>• Grant to Citizens Advice Service in Ipswich. A request had been received about this as their funding from the County council had been withdrawn. This is often the first place of call for anyone who is having difficulties. It was proposed that £50 be donated. Proposed: Cllr Wood Seconded: Cllr Page Carried</li> </ul>	
14	<p>Finance: to consider and approve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Balances:</li> <li>• To approve for payment</li> </ul> <p>Expenditure to date 2020/2021</p>	<p>Current A/C: £25,613,50 Savings A/C: £3183.48</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's wages and expenses: £276.92</li> <li>• Village hall committee [village shop group] £16</li> <li>• Mrs J Lee. £120 [see confidential item 21.11.06]</li> <li>• Colchester Printing Ltd [ The Tattler] £235</li> </ul> <p>Approval Proposed: Cllr Mendel Seconded: Cllr Mark</p> <p>Circulated</p>	

15	To consider possible budget for financial year 2022/23	A brief discussion was held regarding requirements for next year. This will be considered in detail next month. The Council might want to consider spending rest of the CIL money, also to maintain/increase the contingency amount that the council is recommended to keep. Final details will be discussed at January meeting and budget and precept request agreed before deadline of 31 <sup>st</sup> January '22.	JCS
16	To hear report re: Future development of Copdock interchange.	Clerk read letter received from MP J Cartledge. A meeting at Capel St Mary was attended by Cllrs Hawes and Clark. A booklet on the proposed options was shown. They felt as such, little impact would be felt in Tattingstone except possibly along A137 during road works. The chairman thanked them for attending.	
17	To hear report on Babergh East Police and Parish Forum	Unfortunately, no one was able to attend. The clerk will circulate minutes when these become available.	
18	To comment on any other urgent Village Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Mendel had heard that the beech hedge around the village hall carpark was being considered by the village hall committee to be replaced by a fence. The village hall committee will be asked for details.</li> <li>• The street light at the northern end of Lemon's Hill Bridge is on permanently. The clerk will report.</li> <li>• A resident of The Close had commented on the excellent work carried out by Babergh DC clearing leaves. D Cllr Gould will pass thanks on.</li> </ul>	JCS JCS
21	Items for the next agenda	Budget and precept request Village shop Village Plan Change of auditors New clerk	
21	Date of next meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Confirmed	

Confidential Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> November were confirmed as a correct record.

News and information from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor, to the Parish Councils and residents in Orwell Ward December 2021 Supporting our High Streets

As part of the ongoing promotion of our high streets across the districts in the run up to Christmas, Babergh supported the annual Small Business Saturday campaign which was 4 December. The Small Business Saturday initiative is a grassroots, non-commercial campaign, which highlights small businesses and encourages consumers to 'shop local'. It takes place on the first Saturday in December with many businesses supporting the campaign by offering discounts and hosting events to attract more visitors. Our promotion of the districts' small businesses and shop local messages will continue throughout December with the Christmas offers on the Virtual High Street.

Helping people sleeping rough when temperatures drop

Freezing temperatures are an obvious hazard to anyone who finds themselves sleeping rough in our districts. When night-time temperatures are forecast to be below zero degrees for three nights in a row, we trigger our Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP). If anyone is aware of people sleeping rough please contact one of our housing team advisors by calling on 0300 1234 000 or report it via StreetLink with as much detail as possible to help our officers find them quickly and offer them the support they need.

Covid update - the Omicron variant

Increased Covid precautions have been introduced this week following the discovery of the new Omicron variant. Face coverings are once again compulsory on public transport and in shops, all arrivals to the UK must now take a 'day 2' PCR test and self-isolate until they receive a negative result, and all contacts of suspected Omicron cases must now self-isolate for ten days, regardless of their vaccination status. There is also new guidance on testing. We should all be testing regularly and the Government is now advising everyone to also take a lateral flow test before attending any potentially busy or crowded events or locations, for example Christmas shopping, carol services or celebrations, to reduce the risk of transmission. We continue to share the latest public health and Suffolk Resilience Forum messages across our social media channels.

Vaccination information

You can find all the latest information on vaccinations from our local NHS partners at their vaccination website. This includes information about all the clinics they offer, together with FAQs and eligibility criteria. Alternatively, residents can ring the helpline below.

Changes to waste over Christmas

Between Monday 27 December 2021 and Saturday 22 January 2022, refuse (general rubbish) and recycling collections will be amended, due to the public holidays. There will also be no garden waste collections during this time. As always, residents can find our Christmas bin collection calendars on our website to check which day their bin will be collected during the festive season, along with our annual collection calendars for 2022. Our website also has lots of other helpful resources, such as:

- information about Christmas tree recycling
- tool to check your collection day – most residents know their own collection day, however, anyone who doesn't have internet access can contact our waste team to check
- information about reducing waste and food waste
- what can go in your bins
- glass recycling
- recycling centres
- recycling specific items A-Z
- home composting
- and look out for the Green Christmas guidance on Suffolk Recycling's website once it becomes available

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. Jane Gould Babergh District Councillor, Orwell ward,  
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## **Report for December 2021 to the Parish Councils of Peninsula**

### **COVID-19**

Latest SCC information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Latest Government advice is available here: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### **Cabinet Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Climate Change Property Investment Strategy:**

The Cabinet met on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, and unanimously voted in favour of a £12.8m Investment into ensuring Council buildings become carbon neutral. This is in response to the Council's climate emergency, that was declared back in 2019, and includes offices, fire stations, libraries, and others that are owned by Suffolk County Council. The Administration has said schools are not a part of this investment, as many are academies, and only a few are owned by the Council.

#### **A12 improvements:**

The Cabinet voted unanimously in favour of the recommendations outlined for the A12 Major Network Project. The Cabinet agreed a total investment of £57.46m, of which the Department for Transport are to confirm its contribution of £45.19m, in line with the Government's national scheme to improve highways. The balance of about £12m (plus any cost over runs) will have to come from a mix of the county council and any contributions it can negotiate from developers. The project aims to reduce congestion by widening roads and improving public transport along the A12 at Woodbridge and along East of England. The project also aims to incentivise walking and cycling as more practical options to driving short distances. Our Group have brought up concerns that large areas of natural beauty, including mature trees, are being cut down to facilitate more personal vehicle use and money would be better spent on public transport.

### **Full Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Our Group are able to submit two motions to council, as Labour failed to submit a motion of their own. This gives our Group a fantastic opportunity to submit two motions that bring about important attention to road safety in Suffolk. The purpose of our first motion is to ensure that the County Council commits to enforcing 20mph zones, in light of the newly amended Highway Code, making it clear that all speed limits within a red circle are obligatory – including a 20mph limit.

Our second motion asks the County Council to confirm its responsibility to making our roads safer for Suffolk residents and visitors, by committing to further education,

enforcement, and engineering. Further commitments include expanding the Bikeability scheme, meaningful engagement via a visit from a Road Safety Specialist to every school at least once every academic year, and more coordinated between services.

**The results of these motions are to be decided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

### Meeting with Director of Public Health – Brief on COVID Enhanced Response Area Strategy & Countywide Shortage of Flu Jabs

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November, the Group met with Stuart Keeble, the Director of Public Health at Suffolk County Council. This was to discuss recent shortages of flu jabs reported in Suffolk, as well as a brief on Suffolk's Enhanced Response Area Strategy tackling the rising COVID rates.

It was confirmed by the Director of Public Health that there is a regional issue with the supply of flu jabs, and that the entire East of England is experiencing this. Our Group was concerned that Suffolk's agencies would not be able to provide the flu vaccine to all that fit the Government's new broadening of criteria for those who are now eligible for a free flu jab. For further details on the new criteria for a flu jab, please see here: [National flu immunisation programme 2021 to 2022 letter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Director of Public Health confirmed to our Group that the Enhanced Response Area program will be announced as completed, due to the falling COVID rates across Suffolk – stating that the work produced during the period can be replicated by Suffolk officials without being a part of the national strategy.

One step towards vaccinating rural communities and isolated families is through the 'Vaxi Taxi' service, funded by through the Control Outbreak Management Fund. The Council will use approved taxi contractors to provide direct transportation for eligible teenagers and parent/carers to be driven to a vaccination site, and brought back home.

### Lorry Route Map Review in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county, the first major review of the network since 2011. Suffolk County Council has invited parish and town councils for their views, and to provide up to three routes where they believe HGV traffic has the highest impact on their communities. For further information, please contact [lorry.routes@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lorry.routes@suffolk.gov.uk), or visit <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/>

### National Threat Level Changes: Stay Alert

Following the recent bombing incident in Liverpool and the murder of Sir David Amess MP, the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC), took the decision to raise the UK National Threat Level from SUBSTANTIAL, meaning an attack is likely, to SEVERE, meaning an attack is highly likely.



If you've seen or heard something that could potentially be related to terrorism, trust your instincts and report it. Your actions could save lives. Report via <https://act.campaign.gov.uk/> or call 0800 789 321. In an emergency always call 999.

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**Report to Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)**