

## **Tattingstone Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019  
at 7.30pm in Tattingstone Village Hall.**

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

**Cllr. S Clark, Cllr. D Hawes, Cllr. S Page, Cllr. S Gipps**

**D. Cllr. J Gould**

**Ms A Proctor – Tattingstone Speedwatch**

**Members of public: 3**

**The chairman, Cllr. Wood welcomed Cllr. Page to his first meeting after  
co-option.**

**1. Apologies for absence.**

None

**2. Declaration of interest.**

N/A

**3. To consider requests for dispensation.**

N/A

**4. To approve, as accurate, minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November  
2019**

Proposed: Cllr. Mendel

Seconded: Cllr. Dearing

Carried unanimously

**5. To receive Clerk's Report.**

- The Clerk has received Play Report and forwarded it to David Brown, Chair of Playing Field Committee

- All election notices have been put up for the forthcoming election on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The Tattingstone Polling Station is the Village Hall.
- AONB and Rural bulletins circulated
- The Clerk submitted proposal, as requested, to Boundary Commission about Council's recommended changes to Peninsula ward for Suffolk CC
- Police Forum minutes circulated. Next meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Brantham Sports Centre.
- The Clerk updated Council's entry on Suffolk Infolink

## **6. To consider Matters arising from the minutes.**

- Update on the buses through the village: There will be a short broadcast on Radio Suffolk which includes spokespeople from both Bentley and Tattingstone.

A good case has been made to both Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Buses for reinstating the service but to no avail. Cllr Gipps would find out how much take-up there has been on the Connecting Communities transport.

- Cllr. Mendel and Cllr Dearing considered the amendments in the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The amendment involved the temporary diversion of a footpath. No action was considered necessary. The clerk submitted their recommendations.
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## **7. Open Forum for members of the public.**

There were no comments from members of the public

## **8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

Both reports are attached to these minutes.

D.Cllr. Gould asked for the District Council ward be changed on our website to Orwell.

The General Election on 12th December has resulted in budget requirements for the forthcoming financial year have been delayed to January 2020.

New parents are now able to request a tree to plant for free. It was suggested that a tree should also be available to commemorate a life. This idea will be taken back to the District Council

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

Ms. Proctor addressed the meeting. Quotes had been received for the purchase of a SID with the Swarco SID being the recommended option. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that the Parish Council would buy this and claim back the VAT. Any monies collected towards the SID would reimburse the Council.

Prop: Cllr. Wood

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously.

There are 6 possible sites for the SID and Suffolk County Council will pay for the erection. The relevant form will be completed by Cllr. Wood and the Clerk.

**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]**

Request for extension to 10.12 granted.

This is full planning after outline for 4 houses was granted on DC/17/06250

Original was for 2 detached and 2 semidetached, now planning is for 1 detached and 2x2 semidetached.

The footprint of the buildings is very similar.

Demolition work has already started and also groundwork. It has been reported that it is causing difficulties for local residents as access road and bridle way are being blocked on occasions and also churned up, and also a standpipe is leaking.

Letter from resident regarding this has been received.

The Clerk reported these problems to Babergh District Council who will contact their Enforcement Team.

The Parish Council opposed the planning application DC/17/06250 as being too dense, with dangerous access and egress onto the increasingly busy A137. Another dwelling would mean even more cars on the site. The Council proposed to **not** recommend this development on these grounds again.

Proposed: Cllr. Mendell

Seconded: Cllr. Gipps

Carried unanimously

**11. Correspondence requiring immediate discussion at the discretion of the Chairman**

A request had been made to put a plaque on the bench outside the village hall to commemorate a local resident. The clerk will expedite.

## **12. Finance: to consider and approve.**

- **Bank Balances:** Bank reconciliation presented and accepted as no balances for 30<sup>th</sup> November had been received.
  
- **To approve payment :**
  - Clerk's wages and expenses: £265.06
  
  - TGC [ground maintenance]:£ 810
  
  - Suffolk County Council [photocopying]: £15.00

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

Expenditure to date 2018/19 presented. Bank reconciliation agreed and signed.

## **13.To receive Report from Playing Field Representative.**

Cllr Tweedy reported that the Football Club was having a successful season. The Cricket Club had been asked to remove their advertisements which they had agreed to do at the end of their season. A tree had been taken down and a dip in the field had been levelled using topsoil supplied by a local farmer.

## **15. To consider and finalise budget for next financial year 2020-2021**

The clerk presented a suggested budget.

This year the Council has not spent all our £12,000 precept but some of the precept was to build up The Council's reserves. Last year the precept was increased by 9% to take into account any maintenance of verges etc that the Council is now required to do. So far, we have done very little

and Council is awaiting guidance from Cllr Wood after his training. Also, there was allowance in the budget for a couple of pieces of equipment to be bought [e.g. brush trimmer].

The budget takes account of our spending this year with a small allowance for inflation also for allowing a little more towards Speedwatch. As the increase was quite substantial last year, the clerk recommended an inflation linked increase of 2.5% up to £12,260.

The council felt that it needed to increase the reserves slightly to nearer the recommended level. An increase of 3.5% was discussed, that is a precept of £12,420.

This was proposed and agreed. The precept request form will be signed at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### **16.To discuss the need for a dog bin and possible location.**

Following last month's meeting, the Clerk had contacted the Village Hall Committee about locating a dog bin outside the Village Hall. This was turned down. However, with the regular emptying of the rubbish bin by the bus stop, dog waste does not now seem to be a problem. The situation will be monitored for a few months and then the need reconsidered.

#### **17. To discuss arrangements for VE Day 2020**

The VE Celebrations will be combined with the celebrations to mark the 100 years of the Village Hall. Various things are being considered including a tea party and an exhibition. A small working party is to be formed to meet initially before Christmas. Cllr. Tweedy and Cllr. Clark agreed to be on this.

#### **18. Any other urgent village matters**

**None**

#### **19. Date of next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Both Cllr. Wood and Cllr. Mendel gave their apologies for the January meeting

**20. Items for next agenda.**

Update on A137

VE day

Precept request

Update on phone box

**A Merry Christmas was wished to all.**

**The meeting ended at 21.00.**

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