

Tattenhall and District Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish meeting was held in the Barbour Institute on 25th May 2017, Councillor Ian Keeping chairman.

Chairman's report

The outgoing Chairman, Councillor Neil Matthews, thanked the Councillors on behalf of the community for their continued hard work, commitment and time that they volunteer on a regular basis. He reported on the past year as follows:

"As we meet for this annual meeting it is great to see the groundwork on the school field play area starting. Getting this project off the ground has taken much time and effort by the Parish council and the dedicated Parents Playground committee group and is a prime example of a strong community working in partnership for the good of the village.

"We again have had lots of compliments as to the appearance of the village around Christmas time and the bunting and flags for the summer celebrations, there is obviously effort involved in doing so but it certainly adds to the aesthetics of the village.

"The Christmas event, although on a smaller scale, was a great success with a large number of children enjoying the magician and father Christmas, the hog roast and carol singing was a great success and I feel was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

"Tattenhall Online has become a great asset to both the Parish Council and the wider community. The team's efforts in maintaining the website are very much appreciated.

"We have continued to support the Remembrance Sunday along with the Church, it has become a very well supported occasion each year numbers seem to grow and I do know that a group of cyclists from Rossett plan their route especially to attend. I think we should all be proud of how both the young and old of the village stand together to remember.

"The Parish Council has also been involved in discussions with the flooding issue on Tattenhall road junction, James Orme of CW & C

Highways has assured us this work will be completed this summer.

"Glebe Meadow and the Church graveyard have also been on the agenda and I feel this debate will be ongoing and a resolution found through continued communications. The meadow and its boundaries is something that is still work in progress, and with the assistance of Andrew Hull and TWIG I think we need to prioritise this issue going forward.

"The Community Land Trust is now a legal entity and now has legal status with the Financial Conduct Authority, a housing needs survey is being undertaken by Cheshire Community Action, I am sure the Parish council will continue to support this.

"Last year was another busy year of planning with 42 planning applications being received and considered but the main planning news was the success in the appeal process as the secretary of state has dismissed the appeal and refused permission on the 3 sites. This was fantastic news for the village it's been a long journey with lots of hard work from many individuals to get to this stage.

"I would like in my position to congratulate the Post office in returning home, and wish Bolesworth continued success with the International and Carfest events, they continue to work with us on traffic issues and many local businesses benefit from these renowned events.

"Finally, I wish to thank my vice chairs councillor Black, Pritchard and Councillor Keeping who has stepped up to the breach to become chair. I am very grateful for all the help and support I have been given, I also wish to thank Jean for her assistance and glad that she is recovering. I wish both Councillor Keeping and all the council continued success with the year ahead and the challenges it will no doubt bring."

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Financial report

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended
31st March 2017 (unaudited)

INCOME

1	Precept	34,650.00
2	Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant	1,434.00
3	Churchyard Grant	280.00
4	Nat West Bank Interest	27.26
5	Gatesheath Allotments Rents	238.50
6	Community Land Trust - Membership	41.00
7	Community Land Trust - Members Grant	1,641.00
8	Play Area Donation - Picnic on The Park	40.00
9	Play Area Donation - TADS	1,000.00
10	Play Area Donation - Great Bear	1,500.00
11	Play Area Donation - MyDonate	158.49
12	Play Area Donation – Community Spirit Award	50.00
13	Play Area Donation - MyDonate	516.38
14	Play Area Donation - Cèilidh Event	1,960.00
15	Play Area Donation - Letters Inn	80.00
16	Money from Christmas Events	434.70

44,051.33

EXPENDITURE

1	Clerk's Salary (inc. NIC Contributions)	9,645.80
2	Clerk' s Expenses (Telephone, Mileage etc)	584.97
3	Insurances	692.51
4	Royal British Legion (inc. Poppy Wreath)	100.00
5	Community Safety	20.00
6	General Maintenance	1,229.60
7	Grounds Maintenance - The Park	2,219.65
8	Churchyard Maintenance	480.00
9	Subscriptions - Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society	8.00
10	Membership - Cheshire Community Action	50.00
11	Membership - Society of Local Council Clerks	131.00
12	Room Hire	537.31
13	Public Meetings Refreshments	240.00
14	Stationery	281.34
15	Water Rate - Glebe Meadow	43.15
16	Audit Fee - 2015/2016	240.00
17	Church Clock Annual Maintenance	150.00
18	Community Pride Competition - Floral Displays etc	579.53
19	Christmas Decorations and Events	1,608.96
20	Electricity to Lights - Millfield + War Memorial	125.13
21	Spinney and other Parish owned trees	492.00
22	Donation to Mowing the Millfield	350.00
23	Neighbourhood Plan	43.00
24	Community Funding Applications	285.00
25	Community Events	1,078.63
26	Gatesheath Allotments – Maintenance/Water Rate	20.28
27	Land Rent - The Park	1.00
28	Website	46.99
29	Play Area Development/Replacement	6,501.00
30	Community Land Trust	869.56
31	Parish News Donation	400.00

29,054.41

Balance Brought Forward 1st April 2016	52,535.39
Add : Income	<u>44,051.33</u>
	96,586.72
Less : Expenditure	<u>29,054.41</u>
	<u>67,532.31</u>

31st March 2017 -	Balances NatWest Bank	
	Business Reserve	68,138.31
	Current Account.	10.00
Total		68,148.31
Less Unpresented cheques –		
	No.1834 £291	
	No.1836 £325	616.00
Total		<u>67,532.31</u>

Village cup

The Village Cup was awarded to Joyce and Jack Raine, for their valuable contributions to the community.

Open Forum

The proposed fencing of the Park School boundary was raised. The electors present expressed regret at the loss of 70% of the open space of the Park and that there had been no consultation with the community prior to the decision. It was resolved that the chairman should write to the Governing body requesting *'that the Parish Council engage with the Headteacher and Governing Body of the Park Primary School to have a discussion regarding the proposed erection of the fence'*.

The Parish Council and Ward councillor were commended for the outcome of the three appeals, a result of leading the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Iain Keeping