



Tattenhall & District Parish Council Annual Report 2018-2019

Chairman's Report 2018-2019 Iain Keeping

Firstly, I would like to thank fellow Councillors for their support and hard work on behalf of the Parish over the last year. Three members, Councillors Weaver, Spencer and Pritchard, have left this year after long service and we are all very grateful to them for their unstinting dedication to serving our community. We welcome three newly elected Councillors Louise Gibson, Cindy Parry and Matt Wilson.

Council has had a busy year with a number of innovations. The Council office has been closed and replaced with a storage facility. Our Clerk now holds regular drop-in surgeries at the Friday Market in the Barbour institute. The sessions have proved successful and we encourage people to bring any concerns or ideas to us. We aim to have at least one Councillor in attendance.

We continue to tackle the difficult and ubiquitous problem of dog fouling. The Green Dog Walkers' scheme is now in place. Nearly 100 dog walkers have signed up to the scheme. My impression is that there has been an improvement in fouling but we await the results of subsequent surveys later in the year.

There have been some improvements in our roads. Two notorious flood-prone stretches on Chester Road and Tattenhall Road have now been resolved but we will continue to press for action on Rocky Lane which seems to get worse every year. New speed limits on approach roads are currently out to consultation. In the Village itself we have been struggling to prevent 20mph signs being placed in front of the War Memorials. The Local Authority have shown some flexibility but the matter is not fully resolved to our satisfaction.

Under the direction of our Clerk we have updated all of our policies and introduced some new. We will consider applying for General Power of Competence now that the elections are over and we have a full complement of 'elected' Council members. Under the Localism Act 2011 this will allow more freedom to the Council. We will also consider applying for an award under the Local Council Award Scheme run by NALC, the National Association of Local Councils

Planning matters have been relatively quiet this year. Two large developments, one behind Harding Avenue and the other at the retirement village on Frog Lane, are nearing completion. Outline permission has been given, controversially, for 30 dwellings beside Ravensholme Court and Grakle Croft. Permission was given because Tattenhall had not met its housing numbers but we believe that our allocated number had been met as long ago as 2017. Until the Local Authority agree the numbers, permission may be given to future applications overriding the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is currently under review by a reconstituted working group. The aim of the review is to assess the effectiveness of the Policies in confining developments to the wishes of the community as identified in surveys and confirmed at referendum. Equally importantly the policies should allow development to meet the housing needs identified by the Local authority and the Gove

The Parish Council continues to support local initiatives financially. Last year has seen a significant expenditure on Operation Shield which is now nearing completion. Much of our community spending went towards the WW1 commemoration and I thank the Community Pride Group for their expert work in making the event a tremendous success. This year the Council has approved £6,300 in Grants to 15 local organisations.

Cllr. Iain Keeping



Summary of Accounts 2018-2019

In the year to the end of March 2019, receipts totalled £81,197, the Precept received from Council Tax payers in the Parish was 48,384.

With regard to our payments, the main elements in the year were:

£ 10,648	Maintenance - including the play area and grass cutting.
£ 11,855	Community Safety - Roll out of Operation Shield
£ 8,354	Employee salaries, mainly the Clerk
£ 6,587	Community Pride & Events - Including Armistice Commemorations
£ 5,649	Grants
£ 3,217	VAT
£ 2,485	Professional fees and subscriptions, donation to Parish News, other administration
£ 1,077	Room hire
<u>£ 3,146</u>	All other items
£ 53,018	
£ 39,991	Opening funds at 1 April 2018
£ 81,197	Plus Receipts in the year
<u>£ 53,018</u>	Less Payments in the year

Precept 2019-2020

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Grants 2018-2019

Tattenhall & District launched a grant awarding scheme during 2018 (see <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/the-parish-council/documents>) and advertised for grant applications from January 2019, with applications being considered at the March meeting where the following grants were awarded:

Sandstone Scouts	£500.00	Tattenhall Wildlife Group (TWiG)	£311.60
Sandstone Ridge Festival	£500.00	St Albans Tower	£500.00
Loss Café	£500.00	Tattenhall Film Group	£323.09
Tattenhall Gardening Society	£300.00	The Boneyard Skatepark	£500.00
Tattenhall Tennis Club	£500.00	Tattenhall Local History	£500.00
Tattenhall Music Society	£500.00	Sport Tattenhall/Tatt. Rec Club	£500.00
Tattenhall Bowling Club	£214.00	Tattenhall over 50s	£500.00
Tattenhall Croquet Club	£150.00	Total	£6298.69

Attendance at Meetings

The Parish Council has held 12 scheduled Parish Council Meetings and 3 extraordinary meetings during the Council year starting May 2018. During the year the Council has had the full compliment of 15 Councillors, the average of 11 Councillors have attended each meeting with all Councillors present at the October 2018 meeting.

All Council meetings are open to the public who have the right to speak in public participation, on average 9 members of the public have attended each meeting. The highest public attendance was at the July Extraordinary Meeting which dealt with the Bear and Ragged Staff Planning application which was ultimately turned down by Cheshire West & Chester Council.

Planning & The Neighbourhood Plan

Tattenhall and District Parish Council has been notified of and commented on 32 planning applications during the Council year which runs from May to May.

7 applications related to works to trees either with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on them or trees which were within the Conservation Area, a further 4 applications related to changes to conditions of previously granted planning applications. 5 applications were for extensions to existing dwellings.

Possibly the most significant planning application during the year was to convert the Bear and Ragged Staff creating 7 apartments and 3 dwellings, the Parish Council strongly objected to this planning application which was refused by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C).

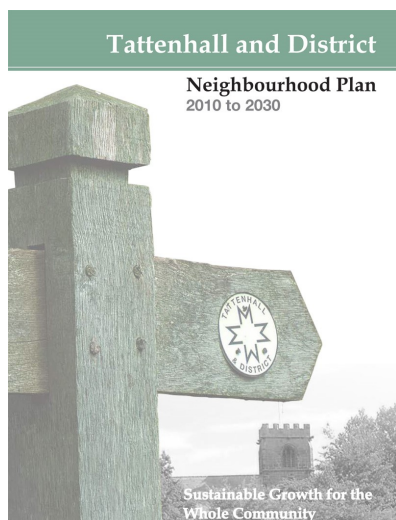
A number of applications have been received from the Bolesworth Estate including one to erect a new workshop to replace the temporary building at the Marina which at the time of writing has not been decided by CW&C. The Estate also applied and have received permission to demolish Portico House and erect 7 new dwellings.

It should be noted that Tattenhall & District Parish Council does not have the authority to decide planning applications, this power lies with CW&C. However the Council can influence planning decisions by commenting on applications and whether or not they comply with planning policy including the Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan.

To ensure the Neighbourhood plan and it's policies retain their strength a small working group has now started the task of reviewing the plan and it's polices to make sure it is up to date these works will continue during 2019. The working group will be assisted by CW&C strategic planning officers to confirm the plan complies with their Local Plans.

Once the review is complete an independent examiner will look at the plan and decide if the any of the changes are significant enough to require a referenda.

We will keep you updated!



Another article.....

Community Safety

The Community Safety Group is a Parish Council working group which has on it both Parish Councillors and members of the community.

Its deals with general road safety, so works with Cheshire West and Chester Highways Department on matters such as speeding, parking and the condition of the roads.

It also deals with the safety and security of residents and their property by working with the Homewatch committee (members of which sit on the Community Safety Group) and the Police and PCSO on matters such as Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), speeding and home safety and security.

As part of this the Parish Council last year paid for property marking kits as part of **Operation Shield**.

Operation Shield is Cheshire Constabulary's unique DNA marking system that protects homes and businesses by reducing burglary opportunities, deterring offenders, and identifying and recovering stolen property.

Operation Shield works by using a unique DNA liquid which contains an individual code to mark property in your home, garage and shed. The DNA coding in the liquid is registered solely to your address and added to a database. This means that if anything is ever stolen it can be traced back to you.

The liquid is barely visible and once applied to property is extremely difficult to remove, meaning that if an offender is ever caught in possession of stolen items they can be linked directly back to the crime scene. All property recovered by Cheshire Police is scanned by Ultra-Violet beams under Operation Shield to check for traces of the DNA liquid.

Residents who have not yet received their kit can get one by contacting the Parish Council Clerk.



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Tattenhall Best Kept Village Update



At the January PC meeting it was resolved that Tattenhall would enter the Cheshire Community Action Best Kept Village Competition 2019.

Formerly known as the Community Pride Competition, the BKV was initiated in 1957, its aim is to develop and highlight a sense of pride amongst local people throughout Cheshire. The competition has also diversified its outlook from the primary focus on the look of the village to a broader outlook to encompass key themes that increase sustainability and quality of life for residents of the parish.

The Competition exemplifies the community spirit in all the villages. It demonstrates and emphasises

just how much voluntary work is undertaken to keep Cheshire a beautiful and attractive County. The competition encourages villages to improve every aspect of village life which is under threat in so many different ways. Judging takes place at the beginning and end of the summer.

Tattenhall's inaugural BKV meeting was held on Saturday 23rd March inviting volunteers to come along and get involved. There was an excellent turn out of people from across the village, all eager to help in many different ways.

As a result of the meeting we now have volunteers responsible for some of the key categories including floral displays, the War Memorial, the Flacca, benches and notice boards, the Spinney, the play areas and bus stops.

We are also very keen to involve businesses and groups throughout the village and will be meeting with the School, Punch Taverns, Gifford Lea, TWIG, Bolesworth, uniformed organisations and in addition will be writing to all the shops inviting them to participate.

As part of our entry we also have the opportunity to identify those areas over which we have no control and these could include for example (depending on meeting outcomes) the Bear and Ragged Staff.

In addition to the physical aspect to promote sustainability and quality of life for residents we will be including supporting evidence such as Millennium Mile Trail, the History Trail, Green Dog Walkers Scheme, Glebe meadow and Jubilee Wood.

We are also looking to carry out a series of planned litter picks at different locations throughout the village over a number of weeks focusing particularly on well known 'grot spots'.

A key element of BKV is community spirit and this year will see the Tattenhall's first ever Squirrel Trail. A wooden template is available to individuals and organisations (for a small fee) which can be decorated in any theme or design of their choice. Participants must register to be involved in the trail and a leaflet will be produced detailing the locations and names of all the squirrels with a dedicated trail to follow. There has even been mention of squirrel biscuits!

The vibrancy of Tattenhall has already been demonstrated by the enthusiasm of the initial group of volunteers and we are very hopeful that many more will become involved during the process. As this is the first time many of the members of the Community Pride Committee have been involved in this competition our aim this year is to reignite the pride in our village and community with a wider group of residents and to see what can be achieved, whilst understanding those aspects where we are strong and those aspects where we can focus more attention for next year!

Tattenhall Armistice Commemorations 2018

The TDPC Community Pride Group formed an Armistice Committee with many groups and individuals from Tattenhall Village and spent many months planning a weekend of events.

After much debate we agreed on the strapline 'IN GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO SERVED'. This was to be seen on our Invitations, Postcards, Posters, and is engraved on the memorial benches at the War memorial. The windows in the shops and businesses in the High Street had black silhouette soldiers on their display windows complementing our design.

The WI took on the huge responsibility of creating our wonderful 'Poppy Tribute Display' that adorned the Barbour Institute and St. Alban's Church. A book of remembrance was opened with messages from those donating poppies in memory of their loved ones, and with stories to tell.

The Park School, the Guides, Brownies and Sandy Bear's Nursery all contributed.

As part of their film night The Barbour Institute showed 'A Journey's End' along with Trench cake that had been specially made by a local resident.

Many thanks to The Trustees of the Barbour Institute who kindly donated the use of the building for our weekend of events.

TAD's were instrumental in providing an old fashioned sing a long evening with refreshments of the era and Tattenhall Music Society held a special Concert for the occasion on Sunday evening, pausing at 7.05 for the 'Ringing out of Peace' by our local bell ringers.

A Peace Party was organised for families on Saturday afternoon with games and activities of the era.

All events brought reflection alongside laughter, merriment, song and music to the weekend.

Thom Morton's single use plastic bag initiative has resulted in the installation of two commemorative benches at our War Memorial, which will provide a focus for quiet reflection. Thom also sponsored the 'Peace Babies' given out to the children.

A commemorative wrist band was given to each child in the village.

Tattenhall Local History group painstakingly researched a myriad of projects over many months to create a new Historical Trail Pamphlet, the Interpretation Panel, a new oak Roll of Honour for Burwardsley Church and the Poster Exhibition 'A Community United By War'. These were unveiled on Saturday afternoon and followed by refreshments in the Barbour Institute.

We were successful in securing a 'Silent Soldier' and 6 'There but Not There' Perspex soldiers that captured the imagination of the entire village. Particular thanks to the many individuals involved in the success of each initiative.

Many thanks to Bolesworth Estate who helped throughout the preparations, and for arranging the construction and lighting of the Beacon at Beacon Hill that took place after the Ringing out of Peace.

St Alban's Church obtained 4 Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) signs which are now installed on each church gate.

On Remembrance Sunday an overwhelming number of individuals, families, uniformed and non-uniformed groups attended St Albans service and then walked the short distance to assemble at our War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance. All went smoothly thanks to David Bish who had organised this part of the proceedings.



Tattenhall Armistice Commemorations 2018 cont'd

Our new Poppy wreath Sculpture specially created by local Master Forger Andrew Smith sited by our War Horse 'George' was then unveiled.

The Church and Barbour Institute remained open throughout the week for people to view the displays again and without the crowds.

Many people returned to our War Memorial and to the Millfield, to reflect on the many wreaths and to

admire our Poppy Wreath Sculpture and painted Poppy Pebbles that had been decorated by the girls of Tattenhall Brownies.

The Community Pride Group would like to thank all involved in making the Centenary of the Armistice a truly commemorative Community event.



Christmas 2018

Our second Village Lantern Parade proved to be well attended again this year. Families and children met on the Mill Field where Santa was waiting for us all on his sleigh to the delight of the children (courtesy of the Round Table).

Our parade took us along the footpath towards the Flacca field, through the Barbour Square, along Church Bank and into the beautifully decorated St. Albans church to sing Christmas Carols. The Lantern parade then continued to Ravensholme Court where residents were able to join in with some more Carol singing. The parade took us through the village to the Barbour Institute where we were welcomed with hot chocolate and mince pies donated by Alison's coffee shop.

Two Children's Christmas parties were organised on Saturday 15th December at the Barbour Institute. An entertainer was booked for the children and Santa was in his amazing Grotto to visit and give out presents.

The community Pride group moved away from books this year to suitably age related gifts which proved to be a real hit with the children. We do have some presents left in storage for next Christmas.

Many thanks to the Trustees at the Barbour Institute who readily donate the Barbour Institute free of charge for our events.

The village was decorated and looked very festive with Christmas trees, lights and Wreaths. Some new lights with timers were purchased so that all of the lights would come on at the same time. Thank you to all of our helpers.



The Community Pride group liaised with the 'Tattenhall Singers' this year to try and revive the old tradition of Carol singing in the Sportman's Pub. A number of Hampers (made up from the generous donations of the Parish Councillors) were raffled. The money raised was given to the charity 'Shelter'.

The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the Tattenhall Singers and the Sportsman's pub for the venue and snacks provided free of charge.

New Community Room on its way.

Following completion of the works on Tattenhall Primary School a small working group has been formed including representatives of the School, Parish Council and Community to establish an agreement on how the new community room will be managed and let.

The working group are keen to see the room used by local residents and groups as well as for holiday clubs and have agreed that priority will be given to the young people of Tattenhall using the room for.

Currently the working group is looking at the creating a Charitable Incorporated organisation (CIO) which will manage the room, the working group is also looking for volunteers who would like to join the CIO and get involved with running the room.

Did you know... the Parish Council now holds a drop-in surgery each **Friday, 9.30 until 11.00am at the Village Market** which is held at the Barbour Institute. You can all in for a chat, to raise an issue or seek advice from the Parish Council



**Tattenhall Park Primary School
&
Tattenhall & District Parish Council**



Could you open these doors to new users?



We are looking for volunteers to promote the **NEW COMMUNITY ROOM** at The Park Primary School by joining its management committee.

The new room will be available for hire outside school hours and also during the school holidays giving **priority to activities for young people** in Tattenhall and surrounding area.

We are looking for **enthusiastic** people who are up for a **challenge** and who **get things done** with a range of skills including people to take bookings and manage the accounts as well as those who just have a **passion to get involved!**

For more information contact the School Business Manager Yvonne Morgan,
Tattenhall Park Primary School, Chester Road Tattenhall, CH3 9AH
01244 981260 or email admin@tattenhallpark.cheshire.sch.uk
Or Clerk to Tattenhall & District
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The Squirrels are coming....



Tattenhall & District Parish Council
**Did someone say Tattenhall
Squirrel Trail?**



Tattenhall Squirrel Trail 2019

We need Individuals and groups to create Squirrels to be displayed in and around Tattenhall this summer.

You can make your own Squirrel out any waterproof materials or you can paint a wooden 'cut out' squirrel which can be obtained through the Parish Council.

These will be provided free of charge to community groups, £10 for families and individuals and £20 for businesses to cover the costs of materials.

To find out more or to register your Squirrel please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

All squirrels to be erected between the 1st & 8th June 2019

For more information contact the Clerk to Tattenhall & District Parish Council
Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH
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2019 will be the first year of the Tattenhall Squirrel Trail and at the time of writing we have approximately 40 squirrels registered. The trail which it is hoped will attract more visitors to Tattenhall will hopefully also boost our chances in the Best Kept Village Competition as well as encourage community involvement and have some fun.

Community Groups, families and businesses are either making their own squirrel or decorating one of the wooden squirrels supplied by the Parish Council.

All the squirrels will be listed in a flier which will be available to purchase with all money going to the Air Ambulance, the flier will include the Squirrel's Name, location and a little bit about the Squirrel.

Squirrels will go on display week commencing the 1st June with the official launch on Saturday 8th June, the squirrels will then be up over the summer.

From what we are hearing there are going to be lots of different squirrels including glittery ones, historical ones and also some very artistic ones, so make sure you pick up the leaflet and follow the trail.

Things you need to know about the Tattenhall & District Community Land Trust....

- The Group is registered as a corporate body (Community Benefit Society) with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is legally constituted and regulated by the FCA and we have an appointed accountant and files its accounts to the FCA. BramwellMorris.
- We have around 150 members from Tattenhall & District.
- We have received funding from CW&C, Tattenhall Parish Council and the National Community Land Trust Network for the early stages of organisational development.
- Community led Housing is a High priority from Government who have pledged £60m/year for 5 years.
- For 2019 and beyond funding is through Homes England. The CLT Board met with Homes England in December, which confirmed that it will fund the group to 'get to planning' and cover all the professional fees involved with the planning stage of the project. Application is currently being progressed
- We have a Board decision from Sanctuary Housing (current land owners) to transfer the freehold of the site subject to the CLT paying the legal costs of transfer.
- A topographical survey of the site has been completed by a surveyor.
- We have appointed a solicitor to provide legal advice throughout the land transfer process, Swayne Johnson.
- We are working with the architect to pull everything together to submit a planning application as soon as possible.
- The CLT Board is planning to engage a registered provider / or management company to manage and maintain the properties on its behalf once the scheme is built. Further development work on allocations, occupancy and detailed financial forecasting work will take place during 2019 create a longer-term business plan for the scheme.



Whilst that is the headline news, nothing is as easy as it sounds and there have been a number of issues as we have progressed through the activities

- We are the first group to do this in Cheshire, there is a learning curve that we are all going through, the group, CWaC, funders.
- Appointment of architects – we have the group we want in place but in order to get a number of different views and quotes we have faced issues when companies stop responding, pull out of discussions
- Transfer of freehold – red line diagram, contacts, meetings etc
- Pre-planning discussions, Meetings, Policy discussions, Potential restrictions on numbers of units
- Funding process through Localities

Going forward in 2019

- Planning application submission
- FUNDING - In terms of funding the build, the section 106 funding from CWaC is crucial to helping the group secure loan finance from commercial and / or social lenders. This is a new organisation with no assets or track record of development, which means convincing lenders to part with money is more difficult than a larger commercial developer that already has assets. Provision of secure grant funding via the section 106 monies held by CWaC is key to unlocking other finance.
- Transfer on land/freehold ownership
- BUILD

IT IS WORTH POINTING OUT THAT ...This will be the first community led housing scheme in Cheshire and the group has been operating on a voluntary basis for 3 years to get to this critical point in the process. Therefore, the success or failure of this scheme is likely to have a big impact on whether future community led housing schemes are supported by communities, Parish Councils and the Local Authority.

Green Dog Walker's Scheme

Something else...

And another..

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Meeting Dates 2018-2019

Monday 3rd June 2019
 Monday 1st July 2019
 Monday 5th August 2019
 Monday 2nd September 2019
 Monday 7th October 2019
 Monday 4th November 2018

Monday 2nd December 2018
 Monday 6th January 2020
 Monday 3rd February 2020
 Monday 2nd March 2020
 Monday 6th April 2020
Tuesday 5th May 2020 (Annual/First Meeting)

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month from 7.30pm at the Barbour Institute unless advertised differently.

Extraordinary meetings of the Council may also be called if required, and will be advertised on the Council's website and Council noticeboard.

All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and include public participation.

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