

# Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Council Meeting Barbour Institute, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## **PRESENT**

### Councillors

Chairman – I. Keeping

P. Black	G. Blackhurst	S. Chapman	L. Gibson	D. Haynes
L. Jones	J. Kershaw	N. Matthews	C. Parry	E. Sadler Williams
A. Scarratt	N. Sharp	M. Wilson	L. White	

### Non-Parish Councillors

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 7

Katie Thompson of the North West Air Ambulance Service received a cheque representing the money raised by the Parish Council during 2019 for the Air Ambulance for £1398.54 she thanked the Council for the donation noting the Air Ambulance receives no government funding and has to raise £9.5m each year to cover its costs.

## **APOLOGIES**

All Councillors present.

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Wilson declared an outside bodies interest in relation to the Item 14 as a member of Tattenhall Park Primary School Governors and confirmed he would leave the meeting when the item was discussed and take no part in the discussion.

Cllr Gibson declared an interest in relation to Item 14 as parent of a child at The Park Primary School she confirmed she reserved the right to speak in public participation and would not speak or vote on the agenda item but would remain on the meeting.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### School Playing Field Funding Request (CIL)

Claire Russell Chairman of The Park Primary School's Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) which was established on March 2019 confirmed the Association has raised £13k to date to fund the installation of a drainage system on the school playing field and a running track. She confirmed the school playing field is extremely wet and cannot be used by the children for a lot of the year. It was noted that the school has been extended and has amazing new buildings but no money was allocated to improve the outside space. The works that are scheduled for this summer are expected to cost £20k. She confirmed the school is growing and it is important to the children and their parents that they are able to get outside to play and get exercise.

### Housing Monitor

A resident and member of Friends of Tattenhall stated the Housing Monitor had now been published and he welcomed the fact it was nearly correct.

### School Playing Field Funding Request (CIL)

Cllr Gibson spoke as a parent in relation to the schools request for funding, she noted that when the consultation took place on the school building plans she had highlighted the reduction in playground space and had been told that there was no funding to compensate for this but that there would possibly be funding in the future, but she did not know if this referred to the CIL money or not. She noted that CIL funding was intended to compensate for the loss of facilities

or to enhance facilities and stated the proposed works on the playing field clearly met that criteria.

## **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED 20/244** - that the Chairman signs, as a correct record the circulated minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

## **PARISH NEWS**

It was noted that Cllr Sadler Williams was responsible for producing the Parish News article for this month.

## **ACTIONS LIST**

Councillors noted the Clerk's report plus the notes of meetings held since the last Parish Council meeting, pages 248 and 249 of the Minutes book including 2020 objectives.

## **PLANNING**

### 1) Planning Register

Councillors noted the planning register, pages 45 and 46.

### 2) Planning Applications

19/04422/FUL, Change of use for 24no. touring caravan pitches and camping site with ancillary facilities including parking area and w/c/shower block, Broad Oak Farm, Birds Lane, Tattenhall, CH3 9NL.

**RESOLVED 20/245** - that the following observations be submitted:

The Parish Council supports this application which is consistent with Policy 3 of the Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan and CW&C Local Plan Policies.

### 3) CW&C policy regarding publication of planning comments

It was noted that the CW&C have introduced the policy that they will no longer publish public planning comments on the Council website due to data protection. It was agreed that the Council should write to CW&C highlighting that this is detrimental to the Parish Council who review public comments to gain an understand of residents' views on a number of applications. It was noted CW&C ward Councillors have now been given access to comments and that this access could be extended to the Parish Council Clerk.

It was also agreed to publicise that need for residents to share their comments with the Parish Council when commenting on contentious planning applications.

### 4) Lead Planning Councillors

It was noted that Councillors Black and Gibson are the lead planning Councillors until the February meeting.

## **HOUSING MONITOR**

It was reported the Housing Land Monitor have now been published and the following points were highlighted in relation to Tattenhall as a Key Service Centre:

CW&C confirm they have a 5-year housing and land supply as such the Neighbourhood plan and CW&C Local Plan policies have full weight.

The monitor listed Tattenhall Key Service Centre as having 158 new completions and a further 146 dwellings with permission as of the end of March 2019, it was noted that 56 of these had been completed since the survey had been carried out and had been built as phase 2 of the Retirement Village and had been classified as C2 extended care self-contained units.

It was noted that the inclusion of the units at the retirement village which had been omitted previously had come too late to prevent the approval of the 30 dwellings on the site adjacent to Chester Road.

## **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

### **1) Chester Road Parking**

It was reported that the scheme has been approved and is with CW&Cs delivery team who will design the signage and their positions once the signage has been supplied the order will be sealed and works undertaken, the Highways officer has requested these works are prioritised. It had been confirmed that these works will be funded by CW&C at no cost to the Parish Council.

### **2) Speed Limits (not 20mph)**

The Highways officer confirmed he was still awaiting a price for these works. It was noted that the 30mph speed limit by Gifford Lea has been installed by the developer beyond the bridge which does not meet Highways regulations as the speed limit should coincide with the new street lights the matter is being investigated.

It was noted the junction signage at the Newton crossroads was facing the wrong direction, it was agreed the Clerk would report this to CW&C.

## **VEHICLE POLLUTION**

It was noted that a resident had raised the issue of vehicles parking with their engines running on the High Street and particularly by the school and play area

It was agreed to launch a poster competition for young people to design a poster to be displayed in areas when people park with their engines running, it was agreed the Clerk would meet with Cllr Gibson to combine the competition with the launch of a youth council.

It was also noted that if commercial vehicles were spotted they could be reported to the Clerk who would raise with the Company.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW**

The Council noted the draft minutes of the last Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee pages 250 to 257 of the Minutes, the next meeting is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## **SPINNEY**

The Council noted the notes of the Spinney meeting which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, pages 258 and 259 of the Minutes which had been a very positive meeting. The notes had been updated to reflect the discussion which took place that money raised by this year's Squirrel Trail could go to the Spinney Project. The Clerk will proceed to get prices for the design of a scheme for a path through the Spinney connecting it to the open space.

## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The Council noted the Priorities, it was agreed that the Clerk would group the priorities together and circulate to Councillors for their comments and for Councillors to volunteer for areas of interest. It was suggested different areas should have an identified lead councillor and that working groups need to be reviewed and aligned to the priorities.

*Cllr Wilson left the room and took no part in the following discussion.*

## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS (CIL)**

A letter was read by the Chairman from the Chair of Governors and the Chair of the PTA of The Park Primary School requesting funding from the CIL payments to improve draining on the school playing field. It was noted the Council holds £15,435.80 CIL money which is paid to the twice a year.

The Council identified the following projects<sup>1</sup> for the current CIL funding:

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Flacca for public use

School Playing Field

Spinney Project

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<sup>1</sup> Items listed in alphabetical order.

**RESOLVED 20/246** - that the Council defer the discussion to allow further consideration until the February meeting.

*Cllr Wilson re-joined the meeting.*

## BUDGET & EARMARKING

**RESOLVED 20/247** - that the Council agree the following budget and earmarking for 2020-2021

Item	2020-2021 BUDGET	Suggested 2021-2022 Budget	Suggested 2022-2023 Budget
Salary (Clerk & Watering) & NI	12750	13005	13266
Admin, Clerk's Expenses, Audit Fee, insurance (£920), Photocopying & Printing, Legal & Professional, Website, Chairman's Allowance (£200)	3500	4000	4500
Subscriptions, CCA			200
Footpaths, SLCC	150	200	
Room Hire & Garage Rental	1750	2000	2250
Training	500	500	500
Maintenance 1 – General	3000	3250	3500
Maintenance 2 – Play Area Maint. & Inspections (£1500), Grounds Maintenance (£2400)	3500	3750	4000
Maintenance 3 - Land Glebe Meadow Maintenance (£3500), Glebe Meadow Water, Spinney & Trees (£4000)	7000	7000	7000
Allotments	500	500	500
Community Safety	2000	2000	2000
Community Events & Pride Community Events (£4000), Electricity - Trees & Lighting (£240), Xmas Decorations & Events (1400), Community Pride (£800)	5000	5000	5000
CLT	2000	2000	1000
Grants & Donations inc, Parish News Donations (£450), Church Yard Maintenance (£1000), Poppy Wreath (£100), Millfield Mowing (£350), Clock Maintenance (£160) Community Funding (£2000)	7000	8000	9000
Neighbourhood Plan	1500	0	0
Misc	3000	3000	3000
Community Safety – Speed Limits	9000		
Visitor & Business improvement	2000	2000	2000
Projects		100000	10000
Election (accumulating)	500	1500	2000
Play Area Refurbishment (accumulating)	5000	6000	7000
Civic Event(accumulating)	1000	1500	2000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70650</b>	<b>75205</b>	<b>78716</b>

## 2020-2021 PRECEPT

**RESOLVED 20/248** - that the Council set the Precept for 2020-2021 at £54,486, Band D £48.84 a 3% increase, noting that the Council is budget is higher than its income and that while increasing the precept by 3% it must also review its costs and spending.

## ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

### 1) Accounts & Payments

**RESOLVED 20/249** – that the Council approve the payments as listed on page 36 of the Cash Book:

North West Air Ambulance (chq)	Donation - Xmas	182.74
Barbour Institute	Room Hire (Nov)	125.17
S. Thomson	Removal of Spinney Fence	225.00
NatWest	Bank Charges	11.60
Shires (SPS)	Payroll	15.00
Barbour Institute	Room Hire (Dec) & Printing	58.97
A. Wright	Salary (Dec)	869.20
HMRC	Paye/NI	151.16
A. McGrath	Reimbursement – Mulled Wine	74.30
Play Inspection Company	Play inspection	120.00
A. Wright	Reimbursement – Stall x2	5.00
NEST	Pension contribution	53.79

### 2) Additional Invoices

**RESOLVED 20/250** – that the Council pay approve the following payments:

SSE (Direct Debit)	Memorial Lighting	17.71
Shires (SPS)	Payroll	15.00

## CHARITY

It was agreed that the council would look at using money raised through the Squirrel Trail and events on local open spaces projects, any money raised through the VE Day celebrations would be donated to the Royal British Legion.

**RESOLVED 20/251** – that the Council move into private session to discuss the following item and ask the Press and Public to leave the meeting.

*Clerk left the meeting and took no part in the following discussion.*

### **STALL APPRAISAL**

The Council noted the Clerk's appraisal which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> December and that no matters of concern had been raised.

**RESOLVED 20/251** – that the Council accept the recommended SLCC/NALC pay scale for 2019 due to be published for April 2019.

Signed .....

Dated .....

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Ann Wright 07/01/2020

**The next scheduled PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020, 7.30pm  
Barbour Institute.**

## Actions Since December 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<u>Air Ambulance Payment</u>		Cheque Presentation Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
<u>Allotments</u>	15 11 19 25 11 19	Sent email to Tattenhall Allotments resent email	
<u>Bunting Brackets</u>		Contact Businesses to gauge support.	
<u>Church Bank &amp; Rosemary Road</u>	20 11 19	Meeting Highways	<b>Completed</b>
<u>Climate Day</u>			
<u>Community Room Meeting</u>		Scheduled for Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 5pm	
<u>Defib. Phone &amp; Cabinet</u>		Defib. Cabinet delivered awaiting emergency phone.	
<u>Drop Kerbs</u>		Awaiting update on programme of works	
<u>Emergency Plan</u>		CW & GB to update contacts	
<u>Emergency Plan</u>		Check and restock emergency bags Agree new location	
<u>Glebe Meadow Grant Application</u>	22 10 19 08 11 19	Emailed TWiG to agree process AH completed registration with Heritage Lottery Fund.	
<u>Highways – Flooding</u>	20 11 19	Meeting	
<u>Housing Numbers</u>		Awaiting publication of Housing Monitor	<b>January Agenda</b>
<u>Maintenance</u>		Tender document prep. Inc 1m edge to path from Ravensholme	
<u>Maintenance</u>		Walks Programme developed	
<u>Millennium Mile</u>		Awaiting posts	
<u>Neighbourhood Plan Review</u>	28 01 20	Next meeting	
<u>Noticeboard</u>	28 11 19	Playing Field & Tattenhall Road Bus Shelter Asked for suggestion on FB	
<u>Parking Restrictions &amp; Speed Limits</u>	30 12 19	Requested update inc costs	
<u>Payments</u>	03 12 19	Payments made	<b>Completed</b>
<u>Planning</u>	03 12 19 06 12 19 17 12 19 23 12 19	19/04162/FUL - submitted comments 19/04169/LBC – submitted objection Circulated 19/04278/FUL Circulated proposed comments 19/04278/FUL Submitted comments 19/04278/FUL	<b>Completed</b>
<u>Priorities</u>		Table for January Meeting	<b>January Agenda</b>
<u>Speed Indicator Device - SID</u>		Advertise for volunteers Set date for Training set dates for using SID	
<u>Spinney</u>	10 12 19 17 12 19	Meeting & Discussion Circulated notes	<b>January Agenda</b>
<u>Tree – Fungal Growth</u>	25 09 19 25 09 19 21 10 19	Photograph taken of growth. Reported to CW&C ref:4881769 Emailed JB for update	
<u>Website – Accessibility</u>	19 12 19	Emailed RD for advice on website accessibility	
<u>Youth Council</u>		Advertise	
<b><u>REPORTED FAULTS</u></b>			

## **Objectives for 2020**

- 1) By July 2020, create an accurate Community Assets register which can be easily maintained
- 2) By July 2020, formulate Council's priorities and their progress monitoring in order to move away from 'pothole type issues' and create a more holistic approach to key agreed issues.
- 3) By December 2020, support the definition, design and initial processes for a Climate Change Project within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4) By December 2020 establish links and relationships to increase businesses participation in Council activities.
- 5) By December 2020, continue to increase involvement of groups and individuals with events to ensure wider community involvement & Partnership involvement.
- 6) By December 2020, establish a Youth Council to ensure involvement of a wider demographic in council business and decisions.

**Minutes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee**  
**Barbour Institute, Tattenhall**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**PRESENT**

Pat Black, Sheila Chapman, Steve Densley, Adele Evans, Andrew Hull, Iain Keeping, Neil Matthews, Peter Weston.  
Ann Wright (Clerk)  
Public 1

**APOLOGIES**

Lisa Fearn (Inspire Villages)  
Doug Haynes (Parish Council)  
Rebecca Robinson (Swayne Johnson)  
Esther Sadler Williams (Parish Council)  
CW&C Cllr. Mike Jones

**DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Pat Black noted her role as trustee of the Barbour Institute.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No matters raised.

**MINUTES**

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as a true and proper record.

**MEMBERSHIP**

No change made.

**MONITORING INDICATORS**

The meeting reviewed the monitoring indicators, pages 232 to 239 of the Committee minutes. The following points were raised during the discussion:

**Objective 1**

1a - It was suggested that the wording of the policy be reviewed regarding 30 homes per site. It was suggested an additional column be added to the table for 'actual'.

1c – It was discussed that CW&C should be able to provide affordable housing numbers for the neighbourhood plan area and that the target should be 35%

It was discussed that the results of the Housing Need Survey need to be included.

It was agreed that the Committee should also review the Plan's objectives, it was agreed this should be raised with CW&C.

It was noted that that CW&C have recently approved a 16-point climate emergency plan which should be considered.

It was agreed to contact the landlord of Grakle Croft to find out how successful the solar panels have been.

**Objective 2**

It was confirmed that there had been net gains in habitats on the Redrow site where the number of ponds has increased, and that this information can be found as part of the planning application.



1e - It was noted that CW&C had commissioned a 'Quality of Place report (Andrew Hull to provide details) which may be of assistance, it was noted that quality of place is distinct from a sense of place.

#### Objective 4

3a – It was noted a number of camping and glamping sites have been established in the Plan period which need to be identified.

3b – It was noted development of this kind has taken place.

#### Objective 5

It was noted that these objectives are hard to measure.

It was noted that CW&C are looking at improving the canal path between Chester and Ellesmere Port for cycling and that there might be a discussion regarding it extending beyond Chester.

5c – It was suggested the Bolesworth Estate could assist with this area, it was noted there is still a lack of fibre broadband in the village.

5e – Not aware of any such schemes.

#### Objective 6

2a – Policy has been used in a number of application refusals.

It was noted that the National Design Guide also includes this type of policy.

2b – It was noted Redrow have introduced Cheshire Railings in their scheme although this policy is never picked up by CW&C planning officers.

It was discussed that the policy is not intended to prevent modern design but that modern design should 'respect' its surrounds and not clash with it.

2c – Included in Tattenhall Road application refusal.

2d – It was agreed the target should be 100%.

#### Objective 7

The Committee should consider the CW&C Character Assessment (Andrew Hull to provide details)

2e - It was noted the list of key views in the Plan are only examples and not an exclusive list, as such the wording needs to be changed in the indicator/source column.

It was noted that CW&C's monitoring frameworks do not always include targets.

2f – It was noted this information may be included in the CW&C housing and land monitor or be available from Building Regs.

It was noted that the CW&C 16-point climate emergency plan includes the following:

Increased use of renewable energy

Increased energy efficiency

Increased recycling of waste

6a – It was noted that there has been a gain in habitats with the creation of ponds, hedgerows and tree belts. Both the Redrow and Frog Lane developments have led to a loss of agricultural land but a net gain in conservation.

Target should be net gain over baseline.

6b – Review CW&C landscape assessment.

6c – Loss of public open space.

It was agreed Cllr Keeping will amend the framework in light on comments made and re-circulate for comment and circulate the relevant CW&C monitoring frameworks sections.

## **PLANNING APPLICATION SURVEY 2010-2013**

Page 12 of Committee minutes. Cllr Keeping reported he had now reviewed 247 planning applications.

There were a large number of applications to amend planning permissions (S73) the most significant of which was the application to replace 71 care home beds with 56 stand alone apartments which has had a profound impact but seems to have gone unnoticed.

It was noted that although Plan had not been made during this period it was being developed in the last two years and was having an influence on planning applications. It was suggested that a key reason for this was that planning applications were going to committee to be decided and the developing Plan was being used in arguments against applications.

It was noted that 56 of 247 planning applications did not have the officer's decision reports online, over half of which were are not available as the officers who prepared them no longer worked for CW&C and their reports have been lost.

Cllrs Black, Keeping and Peter Weston agreed to form a working group to review data from 2013.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.56pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm  
Boys Room, Barbour Institute.

Ann Wright 29/11/2019

## Tattenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan Monitoring Framework

	NP Policy	NP indicator [and source]	Target
<b>OBJECTIVE 1 Delivery of a housing growth strategy tailored to the needs and context of Tattenhall</b>			
	1a Proposals involving up to 30 homes will be allowed within or immediately adjacent to the built-up part of Tattenhall village over the period 2010 to 2030	Number of developments involving over 30 homes 2014-2030 [CWAC Housing Land Monitor reports] [Planning application monitoring]	Zero
	1b Smaller scale development of exception sites will be allowed within the hamlets of Gatesheath and Newton-by-Tattenhall over the period 2010 to 2030.	Number exception sites completed within the hamlets of Gatesheath and Newton-by-Tattenhall 2014-2030 [CWAC Housing Land Monitor reports] [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
	1c Provide a mix of homes taking into account objectively identified housing needs, and include an element of affordable housing as specified in the Local Plan. The affordable housing will be subject to a S106 Legal Agreement, or planning condition, ensuring that it remains an affordable dwelling for local people in perpetuity.	Number of affordable housing completions in monitoring year with a S106 Legal Agreement, or planning condition, ensuring that it remains an affordable in perpetuity. [CWAC Housing Land Monitor reports] [Planning application monitoring]	35% of homes built
<b>OBJECTIVE 2 Sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting</b>			
	1d Respect and, where possible, enhance the natural, built and historic environment.	Number of planning applications for householder development refused due to DM 2 – impacts on residential amenity. [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
	1e Maintain Tattenhall village's strong and established sense of place.	Number of planning applications for householder development refused quoting policy 1e. [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
		Quality of place [CWAC Quality of Place report]	Improvement from baseline established 2014
<b>OBJECTIVE 3 Sustaining and improving excellent local facilities for existing and new residents</b>			
	4a Development that supports the vibrancy and vitality of Tattenhall village centre by diversifying and enhancing the range of local shops and related commercial services for the local community will be allowed.	Number of new of local shops and related commercial services [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
	4b The loss of shops and related commercial services for the local	Loss of existing shops and related commercial	No loss

	community will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that reasonable efforts have been made to secure their continued use for these purposes.	services [Planning application monitoring]	
<b>OBJECTIVE 4 Strengthening and supporting economic activity</b>			
	3a The conversion of existing buildings and the small- scale expansion of existing employment premises across the Parish will be supported.	Number of conversions of existing buildings and the small- scale expansion of existing employment premises [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
		Number of new camping and glamping sites [Planning application monitoring]	
	3b Small-scale new build development within or adjacent to Tattenhall village and within or adjacent to the adjoining hamlets will be supported.	Number of new build development within or adjacent to Tattenhall village and within or adjacent to the adjoining hamlets [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
	3c All new employment development should respect the character of its surroundings by way of its scale and design, not harm the surrounding landscape, and safeguard residential amenity and road safety.	Number new developments refused quoting non-compliance 3c. [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
<b>OBJECTIVE 5 Seek on-going improvements to transport, to utility infrastructure and to digital connectivity</b>			
	5a Identify the realistic level of traffic it is likely to generate. It must assess the potential impact of this traffic on pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking and congestion within the parish and include measures to mitigate any impacts. Development that would give rise to unacceptable highway dangers will not be permitted.	Planning permissions determined not in accordance with policy [Planning application monitoring]	Zero
	5b Maximise opportunities to walk and cycle, including between Tattenhall, Newton by Tattenhall and Gatesheath as well as supporting public transport where possible.	No indicator [narrative only]	
	5c Make provision for high-speed broadband to serve it [should this be 'IT'].	Proportion of new build developments with high speed broadband connection. [Planning application monitoring] [Bolesworth Estate]	100%
	5d High Speed Broadband - Development of new, high- speed broadband infrastructure to serve the parish will be supported	Proportion of properties in the Area with broadband connection. [narrative – Openreach installation had little to do with the NP]	Increase from baseline established in 2014
	5e Car Parking in Tattenhall Village Centre – Schemes to increase car parking provision to serve Tattenhall	Number/proportion of schemes that do not meet parking standards	Zero

	village centre will be supported in principle.	[Planning application monitoring] [CWAC AMR]	
<b>OBJECTIVE 6 Prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and growth</b>			
	2a Respects the local character and historic and natural assets of the surrounding area, and takes every opportunity, through design and materials, to reinforce local distinctiveness and a strong sense of place	No indicator	
	2b Incorporates, wherever possible, locally distinctive features such as Cheshire railings and fingerposts	No indicator	
	2c Does not unacceptably erode the important, predominantly undeveloped gaps between the three settlements of Tattenhall, Newton-by-Tattenhall and Gatesheath	Number new developments refused quoting non-compliance 2c.[Planning application monitoring]	n/a
	2d Fully accords with the Tattenhall Village Design Statement	Number new developments refused or altered quoting non-compliance 2d. [Planning application monitoring]	n/a
		Number of new developments compliant Tattenhall Village Design Statement [Planning application monitoring]	100%
<b>OBJECTIVE 7 Protect green-space, the landscape and support nature conservation</b>			
	2e Respects local landscape quality ensuring that views and vistas are maintained wherever possible	Number new developments refused on landscaping including views/vistas. [Planning application monitoring] [CW&C Character Assessment]	n/a
	2f Takes every opportunity, where practicable and viable, to incorporate features that improve its environmental performance thereby reducing carbon emissions. These can include both energy efficiency measures and green energy generation	Number of developments with evidence for improved environmental performance [CW&C housing and land monitor] [CWAC Building Control]	100%
	6a Seek to protect and, where possible, enhance wildlife value, on the application site, surrounding sites and wildlife corridors	Number and type of new built developments on greenfield land contrary to policy 6c. [Planning application monitoring]	Zero
		Number of new habitats with the creation of ponds, hedgerows and tree belts [Planning application monitoring]	Increase from baseline established in 2014
	6b Respect local landscape character by reference to the Village Design Statement	Proportion of new build developments where the VDS was referenced.	100%

		[Planning application monitoring]	
		Landscape change [CW&C landscape assessment]	Improvement from baseline 2014
	6c Support the creation of a network of green- spaces for sport and outdoor recreation	Change in capacity of playing pitches.[CWAC Playing Pitch Strategy annual review]	Reduce Quantitative shortfalls in pitch stock from baseline figures.
<b>OBJECTIVE 8 Involve local people in an ongoing basis in the process of plan-making, monitoring and delivery of development</b>			
		Provide evidence of community involvement in the monitoring and review of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as development delivery	n/a

## Planning applications 2010-2013 – a baseline

Tattenhall Village Design (VDS) statement was completed in 2009 but the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was not made until 2014. For the years 2010-2013, the policies of the VDS could (and should) have been used to inform all assessments of the applications. As the NP was emerging later in this period increasing weight could be (and was) given to the policies therein.

### Method

- All Full applications determined between 01/01/2010 and 31/12/2014 were accessed via CWAC planning portal.
- Withdrawn applications were not included.
- Information was trawled from Planning Officer reports. Where relevant, Appeals Inspector reports and Secretary of State reports were also accessed.

### Summary

- Total applications 74
- Refused 8
- Number C2 units applied for 71 completed 56 (not yet cross checked CWAC)
- Number C3 units applied for 165 completed 97 (not yet cross checked CWAC)
- Number affordable applied for 44 completed 20 (not yet cross checked CWAC)
- Number of officer reports referring to NP policies was 3. NP policies were not mentioned in the remaining 71 officer reports. One application was refused based on multiple reference to non-compliance with NP and VDS policies.
- There were 3 refused applications which went to appeal. All Appeal Inspector reports referred to NP plan policies but only one referred to the VDS.
- One application was refused by the SoS after recommended acceptance by the Appeals Inspector. Specific reference was made to NP and VDS policies as reasons for refusal: 1a more than 30 units; 1d respect/enhance natural built and historic environment; 6b landscaping including named views/vistas.
- There were 2 applications for more than 30 units, one of which was refused by the SoS (above) quoting the NP.
- The VDS was in the list of relevant policy documents used by the Planning officer in 9 out of 74 reports but specific reference was only made in 4 reports.
- Specific NP policies referenced:

No.	Description	Freq
1a	Development >30	1
1d	respect/enhance natural built and historic environment	2
1e	Maintain village's strong and established sense of place	1
4a	maintaining vibrancy and vitality of Tattenhall village centre	1
2a	Respects the local character historic and natural assets of the surrounding area etc	2
6b	landscaping including named views/vistas	1

# Notes of Open Space Working Group Spinney Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## PRESENT

Parish Council – Georgina Blackhurst, Louise Gibson, Iain Keeping, Cindy Parry, Esther Sadler Williams, Norman Sharp, Lisa White, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Cheshire West & Chester Council – Hilary Smith Localities, Stephanie Hefferan Countryside Ranger

Other – Andrew Hull Chairman of TWiG, Yvonne Keeping.

The group looked at the open space and coppice area then walked through the Spinney.

The following points were noted during the site meeting:

That if the public are invited to enter the Spinney the inspection regime needs to be increased.

It was noted the Spinney is part of the flood plain and regularly floods and is a 'Wet Woodland' area.

It was noted that TWiG had asked CW&C in the past not to cut the whole of the grassed area next to the Spinney but just a 1m strip on the edge of the paths to create a wildflower meadow. It was discussed if the area could become a wildflower area.

It was noted there needs to be a balance between creating wildflower and conservation areas and providing public access, although it was stated that people could walk through wildflower areas.

It was discussed that the coppice required management and coppicing noting this area has become a key wildlife habitat.

It was discussed that this area as well as the Spinney would be an excellent location for a Forest School which could be used by the Primary School, Sandy Bears and the Outdoor Centre as well as other groups.

It was suggested that money raised through the Squirrel Trail and funding raising this year could go towards the Spinney project.

The following points were raised during a discussion in the Sandstone Ridge Conference Room:

Working needed to take place to identify the route a path through the Spinney should take once this has been achieved the group needs to look at how to make that route safe and costs.

It was noted that a number of grants are available to help with the project including:

Grants for training forest school leaders (finishes January)

Seven Trent – projects linked to water

Awards for All

It was noted that the Council through TWiG are submitting a heritage lottery application for the restoration of Glebe Meadow and it was suggested that a bigger application could be submitted to cover more works including the Spinney.

It was agreed the Clerk should obtain quotes from a range of people who could design the path inc. CW&C, Cheshire Wildlife Trust.



It was agreed that Bob Blackhurst would contact the Bishop Heber to see if they would be interested in being involved with the project. Andrew Hull agreed to provide details of a local landscape designer.

It was suggested that the Parish Council may want to enter into a 'land access agreement' with CW&C to take control of the green space next to the Spinney.

It was noted that the projects costings and design work needed to take account of tree safety management.

It was noted the Coppice is identified as a top-quality habitat and that if coppicing takes place only a third should be done at any one time. It was noted that Coppicing does encourage biodiversity.

The importance of communication was stressed and the need to provide interpretation panels to identify the plants and habitats and even the smells created by the various plants.

It was noted that Barnfield is an exceptional wildflower area and has an interpretation board there for the Mill Brook. The field would benefit from being fenced to allow grazing.

It was noted the area of land between the footpath and Brook on the right when walking from Ravensholme Court towards the bridge is another excellent habitat and that cutting a 1m strip along the edge would help to tidy the area and stop brambles and nettles encroaching on the path. It was agreed that this needs to be included in the Parish Council's maintenance and that it should be discussed with the Barbour Institute if the Millfield cutting should also be included for economies of scale.

It was noted that the Spinney needs to be seen at different times of the year to appreciate the plant growth etc, it was also agreed that councillors should visit other areas including Caldby Valley Nature Park, Farndon and Stanney Woods to gather ideas.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

TBC – Late January / Early February

Ann Wright 10/12/2019

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