

Tattenhall & District Parish Council Annual Report 2019-2020

Chairman's Report - Councillor Iain Keeping

What extraordinary times! As this report is being written we are all still in 'lockdown' although 'quarantine' was the word in my youth. Parish Council activity has been almost stopped by 'the virus', or at least face-to-face meetings, the last full Council meeting having been held on 2nd March 2020. Meetings are being planned to be held remotely for the foreseeable future and possibly no closer than two arm's-length ever again! Following changes to the regulations in early April, the Annual Parish Meeting is now postponed to May 2021 although improved circumstances may allow the meeting to be held earlier. Remote Council meetings will inevitably restrict access for electors as well as being a challenge for Councillors. Agendas and minutes will be published as usual.

Before 'the virus', the usual business of the Council had been pressing on. Social-contact was very much in order in the summer 2019. The Squirrel Trail proved to be very popular for all ages and even brought people into the village to participate. A total of £1398.54 was raised and donated to North West Air Ambulance Service. A photographic record of all the squirrels is available to view on the Parish Council website and in hard copy in the Library. Plans for a repeat for 2020 have been shelved, but ingenuity may allow an alternative.



Celebrations for VE day this year have also been shelved although the Council has secured a grant to install new brackets for bunting and possibly even lights in the future. When we all will feel like celebrating again, is as yet unknown, but at least we will be prepared.

There have been a few infrastructure changes. The Council office above the Library has been closed and new, cheaper, storage secured. A defibrillator has been purchased and is due to be installed outside the Spar Village Store. The Community Room is now established at the Park School and administered by the school. Volunteers are still being sought to help. This would be a good venue for a Youth Club, for instance. A Youth Council has now been established, led by Cllr Gibson, which held its first meeting on 27th April, which due to lock down was held virtually.

Highway matters, from gritting to flooding and speeding have been a concern in the community for years. We have had limited success in dealing with the Highways department. Despite one of the wettest winters on record, flooding has been less than usual as a result of attention to drainage, particularly on Rocky Lane. Hopefully, the plan for regular inspections and appropriate action will be effective for the future. In common with most West Cheshire Villages, we now have 20mph speed restrictions in the centre of the village and, depending on affordability of the new signs, most of the approach roads will be restricted to 50mph. The gritting route, it seems, is set in stone rather than the slightly more fluid ice, by CW&C's criteria. We were not successful in changing the criteria which include volume of traffic, number of buses and steepness of gradients - in West Cheshire? Given the propensity for global disasters at present, climate change might make ice a curiosity in the future and gritting unnecessary.

As part of a review of our open space, a new exciting idea has formed to unify the under-utilised open areas in the centre of the village. A plan is being developed to allow better public access while preserving the valuable natural habitats. More detail is given later in this report.

For those interested in planning, there have been no new applications for large developments. The long-planned new housing at Newton is nearing completion and soon a new footpath will link the

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settlement to Tattenhall - essential for 'sustainability'. Permission granted in 2018 for 30 new houses beyond Grakle Croft adjacent Chester Road has not yet been converted to a firm plan. The permission was given in order to meet a perceived shortfall in a projected housing number of 250 before 2030. We had argued that the planning department had not taken into account the number of new dwellings at the retirement village. Now that Phase 2 of Gifford Lea has been completed, the planners have agreed that, if the existing permissions are all completed, then the 250 housing unit target will be met, notwithstanding the Chester Road development. Targets have the ability to move and, with this in mind, a Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee has been actively monitoring the performance of the Neighbourhood Plan against the objectives defined when the plan was made in 2014. Inevitably, the review has fallen foul of the pandemic restrictions, but remote meetings will be possible to move the project forward. We would like to thank the many non-council members of the review committee who have given so much of their own time so willingly.

The Parish Council has again made grants, totaling £6096 to 13 local organisations and clubs. In addition, the Council agreed, in March 2020, to make a payment of £1543.50, 10% of our Community Infrastructure Levy, towards the cost of draining the Park School playing field.

Finally, I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for their help, support and enthusiasm throughout the year. Nothing that we do would be possible without the diligence and work beyond duty of Ann Wright, our parish Clerk.

If you have read this far, could I suggest that you jump to the Community Pride article of this report to find out how Tattenhall performed in the Best Kept Village competition.

Planning

Between May 2019 and May 2020 the Parish Council has been notified of 36 planning applications, the vast majority of which were in relation to building extension to existing properties including the conversion of garages into habitable rooms.

Two listed building consents (LBC) were received and four lawful development (LDC) applications, only one application relating to a protected tree (TPO) was received.

Applications were received for eight new dwellings in Council's area, three of which were conversions of existing buildings, one referred to a new dwelling in the grounds of an existing house, however, this application was withdrawn. The Tattenhall and District Community Land Trust have applied to build four affordable dwellings on Keysbrook Avenue, at the time of writing this application has not been decided by CW&C.

In June 2019 the Council was notified that the application for conversion of the Bear and Ragged Staff into seven apartments plus two



new dwellings, previously objected to by the Parish Council and refused by CW&C had been submitted for appeal, the appeal was dismissed. The Parish Council now awaits the outcome of an application to create a single storey extension with roof terrace and internal alterations to the Bear and Ragged Staff which the Parish Council supported.

Councillors recently had discussions with representatives of Lister Carter Homes about their proposals for the land off Chester Road which currently has permission for 30 dwellings, the notes of that meeting plus drawings can be found at <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/the-parish-council/minutes>, at the time of writing the Parish Council has not been notified of this planning application being submitted to CW&C.

Tattenhall Community Help Group - Covid-19

Early during the Coronavirus pandemic, social-contact and self-isolation restrictions were widely predicted. Representatives of the Parish Council and St Albans Church Parochial Parish Council decided to establish a group of volunteers to support the significant number of people likely to be unable to leave their own homes for shopping, collecting essential supplies or even just needing to talk to someone. A meeting, possibly the last face-to-face for the year, was held on 16th March 2020. A decision was taken to form the 'Tattenhall Community Help Group' with the aim to provide support, emotional spiritual and practical, to people self-isolating for whatever reason. A call for volunteers would be made and a leaflet would be designed and delivered to every household in the parish with details of the offered service.

By 18th March a dedicated phone and help number had been sourced, and request for volunteers was made through local social media groups and websites. Two days later leaflets were ready from the printer and there were easily enough volunteers to delivery in 15 defined areas in the Parish. The first call for help was received two hours after the leaflet delivery started.

Volunteer recruitment proved to be easy and currently we have 37 registered volunteers. There was a surge in number of calls to the helpline following the Government issuing letters confining the most vulnerable indoors for 12 weeks, on 23rd March. The following day guidelines and risk assessment for volunteers had to be rewritten when the Government changed the rules to "Stay at Home". Requests to pick up medication from the pharmacy have been the commonest calls, but anxiety about access to food delivery was clearly high. As the weeks have passed the number of calls has fallen and food parcels have started to be delivered by Localities Team at CW&C. More recently, an informal food bank has also been established, based at St Albans church, for distribution of donated food.

The Parish Council has been able to secure funds to support the group from the Ward Member's budget. The willingness to help has been extraordinary and we would like to thank all the volunteers. We also recognise that local businesses have been outstanding in their effort for home-deliveries, especially Morton's Spar and Alison's Country Kitchen.

Are you expecting to self-isolate or otherwise affected by Covid-19?
The Tattenhall Community Help Group
 (formed by Parish Council and St Albans)
are here to help

We can help with

Shopping	A Chat
Posting Mail	Pastoral Support
Pet Walking	Urgent Supplies
CALL: 07595 613 668 (9am-5pm)	

Useful Numbers

Many local businesses are happy to make home deliveries and all can accept non-cash payment

Father Lameck (St Alban's Church) Pastoral care and advice regarding funerals and weddings	770245
Morton's Spar Grocery deliveries and post drop off	770302
Alison's Kitchen Delivering food and baked goods	771330
Tattenhall News Delivering papers, magazines and other goods	770678
Well Pharmacy Advice on ordering prescriptions. The delivery list is full (Use the number above and volunteers can help).	771294



Precept 2020-2021

The Precept is the main source of income for the Parish Council. It is set annually and collected together with the Council Tax charge levied by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

In January 2020 the Parish Council set a Precept for the year April 2020 to March 2021 of £54,486.

For households with a Band D Council Tax band this charge will be £48.84 per annum or 94p per week.

The main expenditure envisaged for the 2020-21 year includes:

£13,500 maintenance of council owned land and property, including the play area, the park land and the Spinney

£12,750 staff

£11,000 community safety projects including new speed limits

£7,000 grants & donations including support for the Parish News, church clock, Millfield mowing and community groups funding

£5,000 community events, including best kept village and Christmas decorations

£3,500 administration including audit, printing, website and insurance

£1,750 room hire and storage



Grants 2019-2020

The Council received 13 applications for grants which were considered at the Council's March meeting, the council agreed the following grants: -

Tattenhall Cricket Club	Junior Cricket initiative	500.00
Tattenhall Tennis Club	Junior Tennis	500.00
Tattenhall Community Asso.	Millfield Path Surface	500.00
Tattenhall Community Asso.	Storage Shed	500.00
Tattenhall Community Asso.	Film Nights - Electric Screen	406.00
Netball @ Rec	Court lines	500.00
Tattenhall Village Market	Insurance	350.00
TWiG	Tree planting	500.00
Tattenhall Squash Section	Junior Coaching	500.00
Tattenhall Croquet Club	Mallets x4	340.00
Tattenhall Bowling Club	Striking boards, artificial grass & Jacks	500.00
Tattenhall Allotments Asso.	Remedial Works	500.00
Tattenhall Recreation Club	Pre-Season cutting & bicycle racks	500.00

Attendance at Meetings

During the 2019-2020 Council year which runs from May each year the Parish Council has held ten Council meetings having taken the decision not to meet in August at its Annual Meeting in May, and as a result of cancelling the April 2020 meeting due to the Coronavirus.

As a result of the May 2019 Elections all fifteen council seats were filled in an uncontested election. An average attendance for Councillors for the year is twelve, however, this average was reduced by four councillors representing the Council at the Best Kept Village Awards evening in November 2019 which was on the same night as the Council meeting.

The majority of the year's meetings have been attended by CW&C Cllr Mike Jones and PCSO Jon Hurst who provides a verbal police update date for the month.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and include public participation where members of the public can speak, average public attendance at Council meetings through the year is seven.

The Parish Council will be holding its first 'virtual' meeting on 4th May as a result of the on-going coronavirus pandemic at this time it is not known how long it will be before the Council can meet again in person, however until such time we will continue to meet virtually and allow public access.

Tattenhall & District Youth Council



A NEW Tattenhall Youth Council has taken its first steps to giving a voice to local young people.

The Tattenhall Youth Council is in the process of being established, with some fantastic young people having attended the initial meeting last month virtually, along with Cllr Louise Gibson and Clerk, Ann Wright.

Cllr Louise Gibson shared the aims for the youth council: "We wanted to get young people together to hear their ideas and views. The Parish Council will be able to give funding suggestions, advice and guidance and see what we can do to help but we want it to be the young people's ideas. They know what Tattenhall needs for its young people, far more than any adult Councillor does.

We are not making decisions for them but we are here to give advice. We are proud to support them in the process and will help in any way we can.

The group will now look at electing

a chair and vice-chair, recruiting new members, and holding regular meetings to decide on their priorities and projects.

They will then relay their work back to Tattenhall Parish Council, as its other sub-committees do, to gain advice and get recommendations discussed and hopefully approved.

If you would like to join the Youth Council please contact Cllr. Louise Gibson at lmgibson1979@icloud.com or email the Clerk at tattenhallpc@outlook.com



Community Safety

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

The remit of the group covers the following areas:-

- Highways Matters
- School Transport
- Police and Homewatch
- Residents Safety, particularly of vulnerable groups
- Community Emergency Plan

Highways Matters necessitates working with Cheshire West and Chester Highways Department and during the past year there have been discussions about road markings at the Newton crossroads and Park Avenue/Harding Avenue junction, possibility of mirrors on Bolesworth Road/Rocky Lane junction and exit from Barbour Square onto High Street. (Mirrors will not be authorized by CW&C as they encourage people to rely solely on the mirror.) The implementation of speed limits on the approach roads to the village has been delayed because CW&C officers have to implement the 20mph roll out across the Borough.

School Transport to Bishop Heber High School in Malpas was overcrowded at the beginning of the academic year in September. The Parish Council added its support to the parents' concerns and an extra bus was provided.

Police and Homewatch report to the group about safety and security of residents and their property. The Homewatch coordinator was complimented on the excellent work he does in managing what is one of the biggest Homewatch areas in Cheshire.

Residents' Safety has focussed on the provision of dropped kerbs around the village and the problems encountered by visually impaired residents when crossing Church Bank and Rosemary Row. CW&C Highways have been consulted and will design and implement improvements. (Bolesworth Estate has agreed to work with CW&C on the work necessary on Rosemary Row.)



Cheshire Community
Resilience Network
Help your community to be prepared



Cheshire West
and Chester

Tattenhall & District Parish Council



Community Emergency Plan

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

is to formulate a way of coping with an event or events that might put people in a vulnerable situation.

Remember, it is vital that in the event of an
EMERGENCY SITUATION the initial action is to call

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'It's your problem only 'til I get there'

PLAN UPDATED

FEBRUARY 2020

Community Emergency Plan was constructed a few years ago to enable the community to be prepared for and to cope with an incident if the Emergency Services are not immediately available to help.

The plan highlights possible 'disasters' that could happen in Tattenhall and District. The most likely one was thought to be FLOODING but many scenarios were mentioned including EPIDEMIC. The plan has been reviewed and submitted to CW&C for approval BUT this is only the start. The documentation must be kept up-to-date and also tested. When the world returns to normal a Table Top Emergency Trial will take place. All local volunteers will be invited to take part in the exercise to observe 'Tattenhall's Disaster' unfold and to take the appropriate action.

Tattenhall Nature Project Cllr Cindy Parry

In the run-up to Christmas, the Parish Council has been reviewing its Priorities and Objectives for the community in 2020. These objectives fall into 4 distinct categories - Infrastructure, Physical and Mental Well-being, Economic and Administrative. Within these categories there were many areas identified as being especially important for our parish residents. The council duly set up numerous working groups involving Councillors, local groups and interested residents to join forces and look at what initiatives and improvements could be made.

One such group that falls within the Health & Wellbeing category, the Open Spaces working party, identified several potential community initiatives felt to offer real value - support, relaxation and enjoyment for the community. The group meetings have involved representatives from the Parish Council, Tattenhall Primary School, Bolesworth Estates, TWiG and CWaC, and from that group "Tattenhall Nature Park working group" was set up. Tattenhall is incredibly lucky to have a great green space, accessible and central to the community. It has long been valued by our local wildlife and flora groups, with much work and activity quietly going on to ensure its survival and protection. However, its additional value as a peaceful communal area has not really, until now, been explored. Plans are now underway to look at project feasibility and design, and raising the considerable funding necessary to make this area fully accessible for outdoor enjoyment and learning by both the community and the school. Whilst not interfering with the natural habitat, we are looking to incorporate Glebe Meadow, Barn Field, the Spinney, the Mill Brook and adjacent land, Jubilee Wood and the Flacca wetland sympathetically, with walkways and areas to sit and appreciate the beautiful surroundings. School and pre school children will

be able to access safe learning environments and work on 'forest school' projects – bug hotels, identification areas, wildlife observation posts etc

To achieve this ambition, the 'Nature Park' will connect conservation sites already identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and include other small, but important, sites in the village. Over time, other sites might be brought into public use as changes to be introduced in the new 'Agriculture Bill' and the forthcoming 'Environment Bill' will see public access to the countryside extended and the farming community rewarded for managing land appropriately.

In these dark times of lockdown, family separation, financial hardship and isolation due to Covid-19 and its hideous far reaching effects, it has become even more apparent that we need to focus on our physical and mental wellbeing when we emerge from this pandemic. Areas of beauty to exercise, walk with family and friends, explore and learn about the natural world, or just take some time out, are much needed and often undervalued.

This a community led project, and any help and support our parish residents can offer is greatly appreciated.



Council Vacancy

Tattenhall & District Parish Council is currently looking for a Councillor....

The Council **meets** a minimum of eleven times a year (*First Monday of every month except August*). **Comments** on Planning applications.

Helps with community events and activities.

We need someone to speak up....

Someone who cares about their community....

*Who wants to get involved.....the question is, **is it you?***

To apply please send your contact details plus a short explanation as to why you would like to join the Council to the Clerk by Monday 31st August (10am)



Tattenhall & District Community Land Trust (CLT)

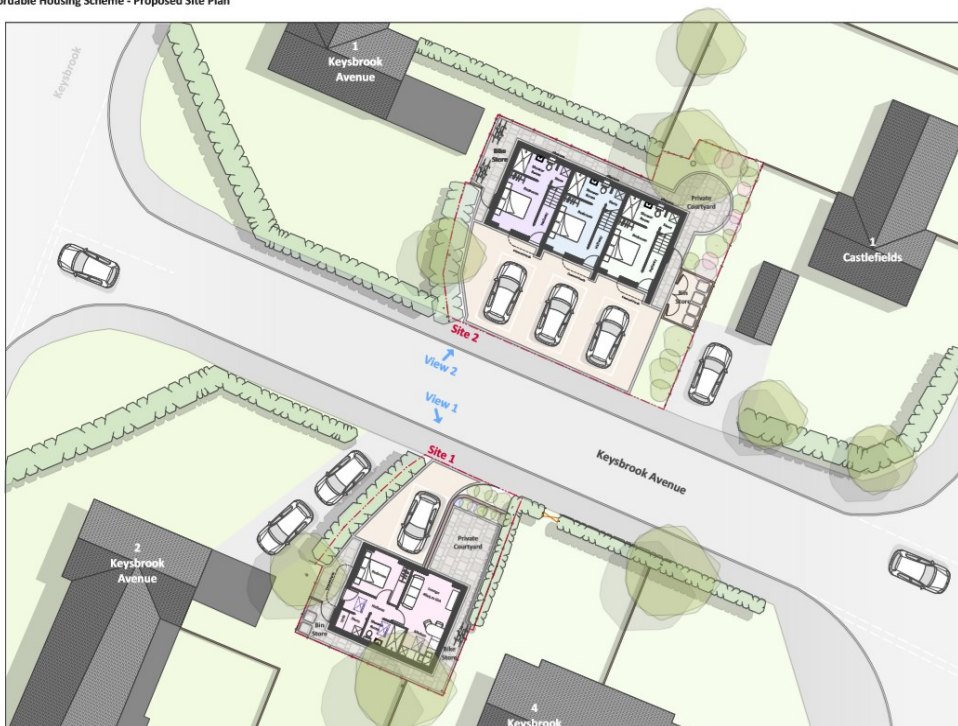
Things you need to know about the Tattenhall & District Community Land Trust....

- 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. 2017-2018 Accounts were filed in April 2019, the accounts for 2018-2019 are ready to file.
- We have around 145 members from Tattenhall & District Parish.
- 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.
- In December 2019, Homes England approved an application for a grant for £26,363 payable on production of receipts paid for spend approved in that application. To date some £13,000 has been reclaimed.
- 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. We have appointed a solicitor to provide legal advice throughout the land transfer process, Swayne Johnson. Unfortunately this process has not progressed very far and the vendors reluctance to fully engage is frustrating.
- An Ecology Study was undertaken with the report feeding into the planning application.
- The planning application was submitted in January 2020, somewhat later than we had hoped. A planning officer has been assigned and queries/minor amendments have been identified/answered.

The 2019 AGM was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The FCA were informed. The meeting will be rescheduled as soon as we are able to do so.

There are currently 145 members and 6 board members. Should anyone wish to join as either a member or a board member or just require further information please contact the Chair - Lesley Grainger email: grainger486@btinternet.com.

Tattenhall District & Community Land Trust
Affordable Housing Scheme - Proposed Site Plan



Site Plan of proposed CLT development of **4 Affordable Dwellings** on the former garage site on Keysbrook Avenue, Tattenhall. Full details of the application can be found on the Cheshire West and Chester Website at: <https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications> by entering the application number **20/00378/FUL**.

Tattenhall Best Kept Village Competition 2019

The Best Kept Village competition was initiated in 1957 with an aim to develop and highlight a sense of pride amongst local people throughout Cheshire. The competition has diversified from the primary focus 'the look of the village' to a broader outlook encompassing 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 and encourages villages to improve every aspect of village life which is under threat in so many different ways.

As a result of a community meeting early in the year there was an excellent turnout of people from the village, all eager to help and support, and so the big clean up began. Thank you to all who helped and contributed their time.

Squirrel Trail

One key element of the BKV is that of 'Community Spirit' so with this in mind we launched our first 'Squirrel Trail'. A wooden template was made available to individuals and organisations (for a small fee) which were then decorated in a design of their choice. This proved very popular and exciting with lots of squirrels popping up in and around the village.

A Trail Leaflet was produced detailing the locations and names of the squirrels for families to follow on our launch day in the Park and throughout the summer.

Ju Morton very kindly baked and donated squirrel biscuits. These were given to children in exchange for a donation to the Air Ambulance fund.

Along with refreshments donated by Parish Council members, ice creams donated by the Cheshire Ice Cream Farm and the sale of the Trail Leaflets a **sum of £1398.54** was raised at our launch day and presented at a later date to the 'Air Ambulance' service.

Awards

In November councillors White, Jones, Blackhurst and Sadler-Williams attended a presentation at the Town Hall in Ellesmere Port where we were presented with 3 prestigious awards.

Our **FIRST** award was the BKV Little Gem 2019 for our Ironwork Sculptures of 'George the War Horse' and 'Poppy Wreath' both commissioned by local Master Forger Andy Smith. They stand proud in the Millfield in remembrance of WW1.

Our **SECOND** award was the runner up in the Best Kept Village Competition 2019, all of our hard work paid off.

Our **THIRD** award of the evening was the Cheshire Community Action - Les George Memorial OBE award 2019 presented to Tattenhall for its vibrant playground thoughtfully designed to be enjoyed by all age groups.

You may have seen us mentioned in Cheshire Life magazine.

**WELL DONE
TATTENHALL**



Christmas in Tattenhall 2019

Lantern Parade

Our Village Lantern Parade took place 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 on a slightly different route this year stopping at Flacca court to sing a couple of Christmas Carols to the residents.

St Albans welcomed us warmly once again, the Church beautifully decorated for Christmas and more Carols were sung.

The parade continued through the village to the Barbour Institute where we were welcomed with hot chocolate and mince pies donated by Alison's coffee shop.

Unfortunately numbers were down this year as our event unfortunately followed the Park School's Christmas fayre and could not be re-arranged.

Christmas Parties

Two Children's Christmas parties were organised on Saturday 14th December 2019 at the Barbour Institute. Thank you to the BI Trustees who donate the hall free of charge for these occasions.

The first party was for 0 – 5 year olds and the second for 6 – 11 year olds.

An entertainer was booked for the children who enjoyed the puppet show and magic tricks. Santa was in his amazing Grotto greeting children and giving out presents. Thank you to Santa.

The village was decorated as usual and looked very festive with Christmas trees, white lights, and Christmas Wreaths adorning the High Street.

Community – Link Room at Tattenhall Park Primary School

The Community Link Room was developed from the old swimming pool building at the school using money given to the community for that express purpose by Cheshire West and Chester.

After the building work at the school was finished, a working group was established to establish how the new room could be hired out to community groups. The working group, consisting of Parish Councillors and School representatives, has met on several occasions.

A constitution has been agreed in the form of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation so that the room can be managed by a Board consisting of four Trustees drawn from the Parish Council, School representatives and the community. The working group has advertised for members of the public to come forward to be one of the four Trustees and one Parish Councillor has been appointed to the Board. Until another three volunteers come forward, however, no further progress can be made in letting the room out.

The Link Room is used by the school during the daytime until 6pm but it could be available for hire in the evenings and at weekends. Although no formal letting can take place without the formation of the Board of Trustees, the school has requested permission to allow a martial arts class to take place and this has been agreed. The working group was also keen that a Holiday Club should run over the summer break and it was agreed that if a provider could be found, this would be supported.

Although disappointed in the lack of volunteers, the working group will continue to meet and strive to find a way forward.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact either 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 the Parish Council Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH, 01948 861 035 or email tattenhallpc@outlook.com



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 and who 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 Ann Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8QH 01948 861 035 or email tattenhallpc@outlook.com

Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan Review

Tattenhall and District Neighbourhood Plan was made in 2014 and sought to inform planners and developers how our communities should grow in the years leading up to 2030. The Plan, among the first to be developed in the country, was made as a result of an outstanding effort not only from the steering committee but the whole community who contributed by expressing their views concerning the future development for the parish as well as voting in large numbers in the referendum.

As a result of the strong community involvement, the plan has been robust enough to withstand challenge at judicial review by three large developers and to allow new houses to be built in line with Cheshire West local authority's growth strategy.

Within the Plan, objectives were set and there was a stipulation that these objectives would be reviewed after 5 years. Coincidentally, in 2019 the Department of Communities and Local Government issued guidance concerning the process of reviewing Neighbourhood Plans.

A new Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee has, therefore, been established comprising representatives of the Parish Council, local residents, landowners, and local businesses. Guidance and support has been provided by the CW&C Planning Department.

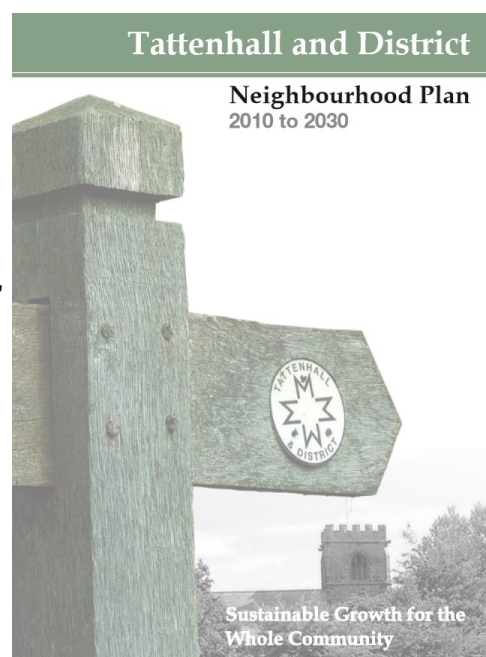
The first step has been to undertake a monitoring review of the performance of the Neighbourhood Plan, judged against the original objectives using defined policy indicators and targets. This stage of the review has been lengthy because every planning application since 2010 up to the end of 2019 has been measured against the indicators.

The final monitoring report is near to completion, but inevitably delayed by the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic. If monitoring shows that there is a need to make alterations to the Plan, then, working with the planning department, new policies will be drafted. Major changes to policies would need to go through the process of consultation and referendum as for the original plan, but for more minor changes this may not be necessary.

Early evidence indicates that the objectives have mostly been met by the Plan but there are important areas which will need to be addressed. With the ability to hold remote meetings, progress should be possible in this new administrative year.

The Neighbourhood Plan along with the agendas and minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee can be found at:

<https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/the-parish-council/the-neighbourhood-plan>



The Virtual Council

Legislation has been recently introduced by the Government as result of the ongoing covid-19 pandemic which allows Parish Councils to meet virtually.

Parish Council's across the country including Tattenhall and District Parish Council have risen to this new challenge.

As such at the time of writing it is expected that over the coming months the Parish Council and committees will take place

virtually, with agendas and minutes being published in the usual ways. The public are still welcome to attend but should contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting to obtain access details.



Meeting Dates 2020-2021

Monday 4th May 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 6th July 2020
Monday 7th September 2020
Monday 5th October 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 7th December 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 1st February 2021
Monday 1st March 2021
Tuesday 6th April 2021
Tuesday 4th May 2021

The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of the month, from 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute, the agenda is published a week before the meeting and can be found on the Council's website and is displayed on the Council's notice board on the High Street. All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and include public participation when members if the public can speak.

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