

**Minutes of Tattenhall & District
Parish Council Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom, 1st June 2020**

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – I. Keeping

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

Non-Parish Councillors

Public – 1

APOLOGIES

G. Blackhurst – Family commitment

N. Sharp – technical issues

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that work was progressing on the footway between Tattenhall and Newton-by-Tattenhall and it looked like it might be surfaced soon.

A member of the public had asked that an email was read out which stated that during the national lockdown, Graham Marsden has unstintingly kept a flow of helpful information going via Homewatch - a variety of public information about what is happening to support the community, Police bulletins and more helpful advice and that secondly, Tattenhall Online had also been issuing lots off helpful, and usually positive, information during the same period. For those not connected to Facebook, it has been a great help and support and that both were examples of voluntary work done by individuals, in their own quiet way, helping our Community and asked that the Council formally recognise these contributions to the community.

It was also noted that all the volunteers who make up the volunteer support group helping residents during the Covid-19 pandemic should also be noted as they are busy supporting those in isolation with particular thanks going to the Church.

The Council noted their thanks for these groups.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 20/290 - that the Chairman sign, as a correct record the circulated minutes of Parish Council meeting held on the 4th May 2020 when possible.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors noted the planning register, pages 53 and 54 including comments submitted since the last meeting.

2) Planning applications received following publication of the agenda

No further applications had been received.

3) Lead Planning Councillors

It was noted that Councillors Matthews and Saddler Williams are the lead planning Councillors until the July meeting.

Cllr. Haynes joined the meeting.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

It was noted that the Tattenhall Recycling Centre is still not open while other recycling centres around the Borough are due to safety concerns regarding queuing traffic on the road to the site. It was noted that whenever the Centre reopens it was likely to attract large queues and that CW&C had to manage these and get the centre open as soon as possible. It was noted the Clerk was still pursuing a meeting with the officers and would stress that the Parish Council felt very strongly that the Centre should open without further delay, possibly using an appointment system.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

The draft minutes of the committee meeting held on the 28th May were noted, from page 302 of the minutes, the next meeting is scheduled for the 10th June.

YOUTH COUNCIL

It was noted the Youth Council had held its second meeting and was lucky to have 5 young councillors who are engaged and have strong positive views on what can be achieved, the draft minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on the 27th May were noted, from page 306 of the minutes.

The Council considered the request to relocate the youth shelter or install additional benches on the Park to create an informal meeting place in a more central location for young people to gather as the youth councillors had reported that do not feel comfortable using the youth shelter in its current location partly due to the reputation the shelter has for anti-social behaviour. It was suggested that the Youth Council consider opening up the shelter area by lowering or removing the hedge and look at possibly having the shelter decorated and possibly picnic tables or logs installed on the site as well to change the appearance and feel of the location. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Youth Council meeting at the end of June. It was reported that the Youth Council are to launch a Keepy Uppys challenge, for the most Keepy Uppys in 30 seconds, a number of the youth councillors were planning to attempt the challenge and video themselves to be posted on the Councils website and Facebook pages as such the Parish Councillors were asked to do the same, a number of Councillors agreed they would be willing to attempt this.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 20/291 – that the Council approve the payments as listed on page 46 of the Cash Book:

Grants Garden Services	Grounds Maintenance	MA1&2	270.00
A. McGrath	Geraniums for Planters	CEP	67.80
SPS-Shires	Payroll Month 1	SC3	18.00

2) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 20/292 – that the Council approve the additional invoices received since publication of the agenda:

Ann Wright	Salary (May)	SC1	756.48
HMRC	Paye/NI	SC2	262.40
Nest	Pension Contribution	SC2	52.91
Alison's Country Kitchen	Reimbursements - Prize	CEP	10.00
Grants Garden Services	Grounds Maintenance	MA1	216.00

3) Planters Watering

RESOLVED 20/293 – that the Council agree watering of planters inc. street light planters and the hourly rate.

RESOLVED 20/294 – that the Council resolved that the Council move into private session and ask members of the press and public to leave the meeting.

PART 2

TREE SURVEY

RESOLVED 20/295 – that the Council agree Amenity Tree Care to undertake the tree survey at a cost of £410.00

SPINNEY ECOLOGICAL SURVEY

RESOLVED 20/296 – that the Council agree CW&C to undertake the ecological survey of the Spinney at a cost of £782.42 and in conjunction that the masterplan for the site be drawn up by John Seiler of CW&C at a cost of £550.00 and that this be paid from the CIL funding held by the Council.

It was noted that funding from the project and its future maintenance should not put a future strain in the precept.

GLEBE MEADOW & BARNFIELDS

RESOLVED 20/297 – that the Council agree Grants Gardening Services to undertake the mowing of Glebe Meadow and Barnfields in late August, early September at a cost of £280.00.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 02/06/2020

**The next meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
is on Monday 6th July 2020, 7.30pm**

Minutes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee Held Virtually via ZOOM. 28th May 2020

PRESENT

Chairman: Iain Keeping

Pat Black,

Sheila Chapman,

Adele Evans,

Andy Freeman,

Doug Haynes,

Peter Weston

Ann Wright (Clerk)

Public 1

APOLOGIES

Lisa Fearn (Inspire Villages)

Rebecca Robinson (Business)

Esther Saddler Williams (Parish Council)

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters raised; it was agreed to allow the member of the public to speak during the agenda.

MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2020.

MEMBERSHIP

No change.

OBJECTIVE 1

The Committee noted the following:

Proposed changes to Policy 1, page 9 of the Monitoring Report¹, noting that this was now consistent with the CW&C Local Plans (LP) part 1 and 2.

Recommendations 4.35, page 10 of the Report.

It was noted that the existing policy is not consistent with CW&C LP1 Strat 9 of LP2 DM24 which allows for no development in the hamlets of Newton or Gatesheath.

It was noted development may also be hindered by the introduction of the conservation area along the canal which covers what could become future brown field sites between the canal and railway.

It was agreed that the policy needed to be brought into line with Strat 9 and DM24 and it was agreed wording would be identified to do this.

Recommendation 4.43, page 12 of the Report, it was noted the policy wording had been changed to include the needs of people with a close connection to the Neighbourhood Plan area.

MONITORING REPORT – OBJECTIVES 2 to 8

Objective 2 – Sensitive Development which protects & enriches the landscape & built setting.

It was reported that this policy, particularly 1d has contributed to the refusal of at least 2 planning applications.

1e has not been quoted and its impact is not easy to measure.

Recommendation: No Change.

¹ Version 1.2

Objective 3 – Sustaining & improving excellent local facilities for existing & new residents

4a (page 15) - It was noted that there has been no net gain in shops or commercial services during the plan period. It was discussed if the policy could be adapted to 'encourage' more shops etc into Tattenhall.

It was agreed the policy had been influential and had prevented the development of a shop and car park on Field Lane.

The policy conforms to DM15 of LP2.

4b (page 16) – It was noted that there had been a loss of one shop before and one after the plan was introduced.

It was reported by the CW&C that shop vacancies are high in the primary shopping centres, in Chester the vacancy rate is 16.2% and in Northwich 41.5%.

It was noted that this policy although not noted by the CW&C planning officer had been specifically highlighted by the inspector when refusing the Bear and Ragged Staff appeal. As such the policies use had been limited but important.

Recommendation: No Change.

Objective 4 – Strengthening & supporting economic activity

3a (page 17) – It was noted there had been 2 application before the Plan being made but none since.

Camping & Glamping indicator, no specific policy, there had been 1 application before and 1 since the Plan being made.

3b (page 18) – No applications before or after the Plan was made.

3c (page 18) – It was noted this policy has had limited impact to date.

It was discussed how the policy could encourage this type of new employment development; it was suggested that instead of changing the policy it might be beneficial to promote it.

It was noted that when writing the Plan the steering group were advised that they could only use certain language which had been very restrictive, it agreed that when discussing proposed changes with CW&C it should be discussed if the language which can be used has been revised, which could make policies more 'encouraging'.

Objective 5 – Seek on-going improvements to transport, to utility infrastructure and to digital connectivity

5a (page 19) – It was noted this part of the policy has had little influence on decisions.

5b (page 19) – It was noted the footpath between Newton and Tattenhall was the result of a planning approval before the Plan was made.

It was noted that the CW&C AMR² 2019 does not include data on traffic etc as this was only introduced in the LP part 2 and as such will be included in next year's report.

It was discussed whether anything could be done to create a path between Gatesheath and Tattenhall or whether public rights of way could be improved.

It was agreed that wording should be used to encourage the development of cycleways and to encourage non-motorised travel between the settlements to strengthen the existing policy.

5c & 5D (page 20) – It was noted in 2014 Borough wide there was 68% connectivity to high-speed broadband that stood at 95% in March 2019.

Over the last few months high speed broadband has become more important than ever and people are requiring better broadband to work from home.

² Annual Monitoring Report 2019

5e (page 21) – It was asked if there was adequate parking in Tattenhall and agreed there was not as there was only Barbour Square which is often full with no available parking other than on the High Street itself.

It was suggested that the Plan should encourage the installation of cycle racks to encourage people to cycle rather than drive into Tattenhall.

Objective 6 – Prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and growth

2a (page 22) – This policy has been used in relation to 13 applications and 7 have been refused due to not according with the policy

2b (page 22) – No indicator identified, forms part of the Village Design Statement (VDS).

2c (page 23) – Recognised as an important policy which is evidenced by policy GBC 6 of the LP2 which protects gaps between key settlements but not those identified in the Plan although the gaps are noted in the CW&C Landscape strategy 2016.

2d (page 24) – It was noted that 6 applications have been refused from not complying with the VDS, however 172 planning decisions do not reference the VDS.

Recommendation: No Change.

It was noted that the Parish Council should reference the VDS when commenting on planning applications.

Objective 7 – Protect green-space, the landscape and support nature conservation

2e (page 25) – 1 application before and one application since the Plan was made., the policy has influenced decisions to preserve landscape quality.

2f (page 25) - It was noted that Objective 7 does not specifically tackle environmental issues including green energy etc.

It was suggested that specific policies needed to be included to address these issues.

Mr Weston left the meeting.

It was reported that the CW&C monitoring framework for this policy is not yet in place as it related to the LP2.

TWiG³ have reported that wildlife along the wildlife corridor has improved however it was not clear if this can be evidenced.

6c (page 28) – It was noted that there has been a reduction from 4.2ha to 2.2ha of amenity green space since the plan was made, and it was argued that this was a weak point of the plan.

It was noted in relation to objective 7 CW&C has not yet got the necessary data in place to fully review this policy.

The lack of referencing of the VDS by planning officers which is part of the Plan may indicate that the VDS should be subject to review and updating where necessary.

It was suggested that wording of 6c should reflect that no further reduction of green space should not be permitted, or that further shortfall should be resisted.

It was suggested more onus should be put on developers to provide additional greenspace when building developments, it was noted that guidance on green space and provision of play areas is included in the CW&C LPs.

It was agreed that including a policy for the reallocation or provision of lost green space should be explored with CW&C.

Objective 8 – Involve local people in an ongoing basis in the process of plan-making, monitoring and delivery of development

6c (page 29) – It was unclear if this referred to involvement in the making of the plan itself or consultation and discussions through the plan period.

³ Tattenhall Wildlife Group

It was noted that Bolesworth Estate hold public consultations regarding their larger schemes and the Parish Council now publicises all applications received on Facebook. It was argued much of this is down to the developer to consult with residents.

It was suggested that wording needed to be drafted which encouraged developers to have thorough and detailed discussions with the Parish Council before submitting planning applications and to keep the Council updated on the applications and developments progress. It was noted this was in line with the Council's planning protocol.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 7.30pm
Virtually Via Zoom

Ann Wright 29/05/2020

DRAFT

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Youth Council Meeting Virtual, 27th May 2020

PRESENT

Youth Councillors

Amelia Anna Beth Carys Oliver

Parish Councillors

Louise Gibson

Clerk – Ann Wright

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Chairman

It was agreed that Anna would chair the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were given for Amelia who would join the meeting as soon as possible.

Community Events

It was reported that the Flacca were interested in having discussions with the Youth Council to hold an event at the Flacca but due to the current covid-19 pandemic had no events planned for the foreseeable future.

The Council considered holding some form of virtual event including a quiz.

It was agreed to set a virtual challenge where people could submit videos and pictures of themselves taking the challenge, the first challenge would be toilet roll **keepy uppys**.

It was agreed that the Councillors themselves would have a go and film themselves taking the challenge to give people a target to beat, it was also agreed that the Parish Councillors would be asked to take the challenge and video themselves to be put on Facebook and the website. It was agreed to launch the challenge on Monday 8th June and that some of the youth council would work on the wording for the challenge.

Village Improvements

There had been 2 suggestions for possible improvements:

A netball/basketball hoop and to move or replace the youth shelter to a more central location on the Park. It was noted that the benches and picnic tables on the Park are mainly used by parents and as such there isn't anywhere for young people to sit and meet up. It was noted that young people tend to meet on the Park rather than at the Shelter. It was also suggested that the shelter is in some ways associated with anti-social behaviour which makes younger teenagers reluctant to use it.

It was asked if the young people wanted a shelter or just seating positioned for them to meet on, it was confirmed it was somewhere away from the play equipment but in a central location where they could meet and was meant for them.

It was agreed to raise this request at the Parish Council meeting and seek permission to obtain quotes for benches or to relocate the shelter to be located on the Park.

Young Peoples' Support

The possibility of creating an online forum was discussed where young people could raise questions or concerns anonymously was discussed and whether this could be included on the Council's web page, another option was the creation of a dedicated email address which could be used for the youth council which young people could email. It was agreed to look into this in more detail and consider at the next meeting.

Youth Council Website Page

It was noted that the Youth Council now has a dedicated page on the Parish Council's website at <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/tattenhall-district-youth-council>, it was suggested the page could include the new email address for contact by those asking for help or advice.

It was suggested that in the future it should include information about the Council. It was agreed the Councillors would review the page and consider what additional information needs to be added.

Logo

It was noted that it would be a good idea to have a recognisable logo for the Youth Council which can be used on the agenda, website and information from the Youth Council. It was agreed the logo should include a squirrel and that a competition could be launched for its design. It was agreed that if a competition is launched that should be after the Keepy Uppys challenge as the Council as more people will know about the Council. The matter will be considered again at the next meeting.

Future Meetings

It was agreed to consider the following agenda items at the next meeting:

Village Improvement – update from the Parish Council Meeting.

Young People's Support – update and future actions

Logo - update and future actions

Social Media Account – consider creating

Pictures of Tattenhall – by young people showing how they see Tattenhall.

Further agenda items should be emailed to Louise or Ann.

The Chairman thanked all for attending the meeting.

Ann Wright 28/05/2020

**The next scheduled YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING
is on Monday 29th June 2020, Time 4pm (TBC), Virtual (Zoom) Meeting**

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