

Tattenhall & District Parish Council Informal Meeting Held 6th December 2021 via Zoom.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – I. Keeping

J. Bailey

P. Black

S. Chapman

D. Haynes

S. Hornby

P. Kerr

J. Kershaw

N. Matthews

L. White

Clerk – Ann Wright

It was noted it had been agreed to meet informally on Zoom following changes to Covid guidance and the lack of urgent business to attend to. It was noted that as this was not a Parish Council meeting that no formal decisions could be made but updates and discussion could take place and that notes would be taken and published.

APOLOGIES

A. Scarratt

Co-Option

Deferred to January meeting, both candidates informed. Further applications will be accepted.

MINUTES

To be agreed at January meeting.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

To be noted at January meeting.

2) Planning Applications

It was noted the Clerk has delegated authority to submit observations for planning applications in consultation with Councillors.

21/04726/CAT - Leylandii (T1) – Reduce size by approximately ½. Copper Beech (T2) reduce crown size by approximately 30%. Hazel (T3) reduce crown size by ½. - Castle View, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX.

No objection.

21/03758/FUL - Single storey rear extension & outbuilding to rear garden with link – 5 Smithfields, Tattenhall, CH3 9RG.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the following grounds:

The application is contrary to a number of policies as described in the House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings SPD, it includes a flat roof and almost completely covers the rear garden of the property.

The proposed extension and outbuilding is more than double the size of the existing property's footprint.

The extension and outbuilding is not in-keeping with the area and is therefore contrary to the Village Design Statement.

The extension and outbuilding do not have the necessary drainage to accommodate the increased surface area water/rain runoff and will have a detrimental impact on the drainage of the surrounding properties gardens.

3) Lead Planning Councillors

Cllrs Hornby and Keeping leading on planning until the January meeting.

Glebe Meadow & Barnfields

1) Management Plan Update

It was noted the Clerk had requested quotes from several companies include CES but had not received any responses to date. She had also contacted CW&C for a quote, and the Green Infrastructure Team leader had offered to come out to site and have a look around. He confirmed CW&C could provide an extended phase 1 ecological survey to determine the current ecological value and characteristics of the site and that any survey work will have to be carried out in April/May onwards, as many species are hard to identify, hibernating or just won't be around again until late spring/early summer.

He stated that CW&C would be happy to provide advice or a formal report with recommendations for management (management plan) and may be able to look at whether Biodiversity Net Gain funds could be directed towards the site to help with management over the next 30yrs, if the site is suitable for habitat enhancement and this fits with what you wish to use it for (as a community).

It was noted the Clerk had requested some dates for the initial visit.

In terms of ownership of Barnfields it was noted that the Sanctuary Housing Association are the Freehold Registered Proprietors (CH471755) and Tattenhall & District Parish Council are the Leasehold Registered Proprietors (CH449253) of the land in question, for a term of 999 years from 13 August 1999.

2) Transition Tattenhall Membership of Working Group.

It was agreed that a representative of Transition Tattenhall should be invited to join the working group.

Flooding & Seepage

Councillors noted the paperwork and information which had been circulated including the Interim Section 19 Report, it was agreed to write to the relevant agencies regarding the findings of the interim report and seek assurances that prompt action will be taken.

Sandbags

It was reported that CW&C has offered the Parish Council 700 sandbags free of charge for use by the Community in an emergency. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted a representative of First Port (Old Mill Place Management Company) to see if they could store the bags, they had confirmed they do not have the internal space to do so but had suggested they be stored on the car park area which had been rejected by one of the businesses.

It was suggested the bags could be stored on pallets on the no parking area which was used by the tanker to fill from the borehole which has now been capped.

COMMUNITY ROOM

It was reported that letters had been sent to CW&C and Mike Jones as instructed at the November meeting. The initial response from CW&C was to look for the funding for the alarm and door through community funding streams.

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones has clarified to the officer the source of the £220k which went towards the Community Building and that the building should have been designed to be used by the community and suggested a motion to CW&C full Council meeting to carryout a review of the situation.

A further response had been received from CW&C stating the school had confirmed the community room was available to use for the Youth Club pop-up sessions and the school had confirmed the intruder alarm issue can be overcome by the use of a nominated keyholder. A response will be considered at the January Parish Council meeting.

Allotments Fees

It was agreed to freeze rents for 2022-2023 and confirm this at the Council's January meeting.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

It was noted the Clerk has delegated authority to make payments once approved by 2 cheque signatories.

The accounts and payments will be considered formally at the January meeting.

SPINNEY PROJECT

Signage

The Clerk will speak to the CW&C regarding signage and forward their recommendation to Councillors.

Arts Project

It was reported the Spinney Arts workshops are scheduled for the 20th December. The Group managing the funding had suggested the Council applies for a further grant of up to £5k for further art workshops. The clerk will submit an application.

Dedication of Bench

It was reported Mr. Blackhurst had confirmed he was happy for a bench in the Spinney to be dedicated to Cllr Georgina Blackhurst.

January Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th January due to the Bank holiday.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Dated

Ann Wright 07/12/2021

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th January 2022
Billiard Room, Barbour Institute