

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Council Meeting Held 4th April 2022 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – Iain Keeping

J. Bailey

P. Black

S. Chapman

C. Elliott

M. Foster

D. Haynes

P. Kerr

N. Matthews

N. Sharp

L. White

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 5

The meeting held a minute silence for those suffering as a consequence of the wars in the Ukraine and the Yemen.

APOLOGIES

J. Kershaw – Unwell

A. Scarratt – Family commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests declared.

PARISH NEWS

It was noted the next Parish News will not be until the end of May, it was agreed Cllr Kershaw would produce that article.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 22/86 – That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2022.

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) UPDATE

It was reported this agenda item had been added in anticipation of an update however there was no further update, the Trust is still waiting for CW&C to register the strip of land.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Millennium Mile Posts

A query was raised regarding the unmarked wooden finger posts erected in the village; it was noted these are replacement Millennium Mile posts which have the original discs on them but not the words Millennium Mile engraved.

UKRAINE WAR

A number of councillors reported that they had joined the CW&C webinar earlier which had reported there were currently 88 sponsor households in the county and 222 guests due to arrive shortly. It was noted the focus was on housing refugees in more urban areas where there is more support available.

It was agreed Tattenhall should work with CW&C to provide support noting that updates and requests for support will be provided through the CW&C Community Champions updates. It was noted that Cheshire Voluntary Action are leading on the project.

CODE OF CONDUCT

RESOLVED 22/87 – That the Council adopt the revised CW&C Code of Conduct.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors noted the planning register as circulated.

It was noted a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive of CW&C and copied to Cllr Jones regarding the flooded railway line at Gatesheath and a response is awaited.

It was understood a planning application has been submitted regarding the outbuilding erected at a property on Tattenhall Road and that a site visit has been made to the marina and only 6 floating lodges were in place as per the permission.

2) Further Planning Applications Received

No further applications received.

3) Lead Planning Councillors

Cllrs Scarratt and Sharp lead on planning until May meeting.

SPEED LIMITS – BURWARDSLEY ROAD & TATTENHALL LANE

The Clerk reported she had contacted the Highways Department requesting information on undertaking speed assessment of these roads as it was understood a speed assessment will only be undertaken by CW&C free of charge if the Council confirms it will cover 50% of the cost of implementing any new speed limits.

The road safety officer has asked if the Council would like the following roads to also be assessed, Carrs Lane, Platts Lane, Wood Lane and Back Lane.

It was agreed that no decision could be made until the cost of implementing new speed limits were confirmed.

It was noted the recently introduced speed limits are in the process of being monitored with the final areas being reviewed after the Easter Break.

It was noted that there were plans to train volunteers to undertake speed gun training, this had been delayed as the CW&C officer was not able to undertake face to face training, PCSO Hurst had confirmed he could provide the training but was currently on sick leave.

It was agreed to advertise for volunteers who are interested in undertaking the speed gun training and see if other PCSOs in the area can provide the training.

MAINTENANCE PROPOSALS

Councillors reviewed the maintenance proposals as circulated and were reminded that the Council does not own Barnfields but rents it on a long-term agreement from Sanctuary Housing.

RESOLVED 22/88 – That the Council agree the proposed maintenance schedule with the inclusion of the encouraging bees to the Orchard.

It was also agreed to undertake a soil test on the Orchard to assess what wildflowers would be successful there.

GLEBE MEADOW

RESOLVED 22/89 – That the Council agree to undertake ecological surveys of Glebe Meadow and Barnfields.

FUTURE BURIAL GROUND

It was noted that informal reports had been received that there was an expectation that when full the graveyard would be extended further into Glebe Meadow which given its importance as a wildlife area may not be appropriate.

It was agreed that the Council should open discussions with the Church and landowners including Bolesworth Estate regarding the plan for burials once the current church yard is full. Cllr Matthews agreed to be part of the discussions.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

It was reported that a number of footpaths in and around the village would be improved by the installation kissing gates in place of stiles and that approximately 70 stiles had been identified by a recent survey. It was noted that the cost of a kissing gate was approximately £378 but this may have increased recently, there would also be other cost including addition fence posts etc.

CW&C have confirmed they would be willing to install new kissing gates and include in the cost the supply of a way marker post but could only install a limited number per year due to budget restraints.

Permission would also need to be obtained from landowners.

It was agreed to concentrate on the two paths which run from opposite the Doctors surgery to Manor Farm and the Burwardsley Road to Dark Lane both of which had 8 stiles each.

It was agreed to identify the landowners of this land and contact them to see if they would give permission for kissing gates to be installed and to obtain a price for the gate.

Concern was noted about the quality of the bridge which had been installed on the footpath to Manor Farm, it was agreed the Clerk would raise this with the CW&C officer.

MILLENNIUM MILE POSTS

It was noted that when the Millennium Mile posts recently installed there were a number that were not reusable, it was agreed to obtain additional posts to replace these.

CW&C STANDARDS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED 22/90 – That the Council nominate Colin Ford and Tim Hodges.

DBS CHECKS

A number of Councillors reported they already have DBS checks in place, it was agreed all councillors with DBS checks would email the Clerk with the details.

GRANTS

The following interests were noted: Cllr. Foster secretary of the Tattenhall Allotments Cllr. Keeping married to applicant for Opal Picnic, they confirmed they would not take part in the discussions relating to those grant applications.

RESOLVED 22/91- That the Council award the following grants:

Y. Keeping	Opal Picnic in Spinney	£75.00
Tattenhall Croquet	Lawn Maintenance & Netting	£300.00
Tattenhall Tennis Club	Repainting back courts area & lineage, repair fencing.	£500.00
Transition Tattenhall	Tattenhall Repair Café	£500.00
Tattenhall Gardening Society	Annual Show	£300.00
Tattenhall over Fifties	Jubilee Celebration	£400.00
Village Market	Public Liability Insurance	£400.00
Tattenhall Bowling Club	Shelter Repair	£300.00
Tattenhall Allotments	Picnic Bench x3	£500.00
Tattenhall Cricket Club	Replacement cricket nets	£450.00

It was agreed the donation to the Croquet Club should be on the basis of at least 3 sessions being held during the year which were open to non-members and that the

donation to the Village Market was to help restart the market but would not be awarded annually.

The Council declined to give grants to the Artists Collective, Ditzzy Rose Makery and Ground Roots Nature Therapy as these were commercial enterprises seeking funding for their regular activities.

The Council declined to fund Cheshire Bears American Football Club as it was not clear how many residents would join the club but would be happy to consider an application next year when the membership is established.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 22/92 – That the council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 84 of the Cash Book:

JM Clayton	Art Workshops & Materials	642.14
JF Lindley	Poetry Workshops & Book	1232.00
A. Wright	Reim. Bunting R/W/B	84.00
Y. Keeping	Reim. Picture Frame	120.00
Printed4You	Jubilee Samples	26.23
Stanley Morton & Son	Exhibition Refreshments	25.00
A. Wright	Reim. Cloud Next Email	61.08
SSE	Memorial Power	69.85
Peak Activity Services Ltd	Climbing Wall 50% Deposit	298.20
CW&C	Spinney Arts Grant Reim.	752.43
Horticon Ltd	Spinney works Invoice 4	13957.97

It was noted that Nest payment had been highlighted on the spreadsheet as these were incorrect and were being looked at by Shires.

RESOLVED 22/93 – That the council approve the following payments:

A. Wright	Reim. Bunting, Postage, Zoom & Donation	138.47
Shires Accountants	Payroll February	18.00
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Fence Repair	190.80
CW&C	Spinney Arts Grant Reim.	752.43
A. Wright	Salary	935.90
MPS	Play area Inspection	90.00
HMRC	Paye/NI	113.47
Nest	Pension Contribution	55.99
Marmax Products Ltd	Decking (Spinney)	40.61

2) Grounds Maintenance

RESOLVED 22/94 – That the council continue the current grounds maintenance contract for a further 12 months noting the 10% increase in costs.

3) Cheshire Flag

In the absence of Cllr. Kershaw it was agreed to consider the costs of purchasing Cheshire Flags for the two flagpoles by email.

RESOLVED 22/94 – That the Council move into Part 2 and ask members of the press and public to leave the meeting.

RESPONSE TO GLEBE MEADOW QUERIES

RESOLVED 22/95 – That the Council provide the discussed response to both TWiG and Transition Tattenhall.

GLEBE MEADOW WORKS

RESOLVED 22/96 – That the Council appointed PJH Hellmers to remove the fencing across the centre of the field, cap the water supply and remove the trough and also install pedestrian gates, exact location to be confirmed.

PAYROLL

RESOLVED 22/97 – That the Council continue to use Shires Accountants to provide the payroll services for 2022-2023.

The Clerk left the room and took no part in the following discussions.

CLERK'S APPRAISAL AND SALARY 2022-2023

RESOLVED 22/98 – That the Council accept the clerk's annual appraisal and development plan and that remuneration should be at SCP 26 of the National Salary scale 2021-22, NALC, as from 21st April 2021. It was resolved that any untaken annual leave could be carried over to the next leave year, to be reviewed at annual appraisal December 2022.

Councillors expressed their thanks for the outstanding work of the clerk and appreciated that the work often extended beyond contracted hours

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

Ann Wright 05/04/2022

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Billiards Room, Barbour Institute.

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