

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

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – Iain Keeping

J. Bailey

P. Black

C. Elliott

M. Foster

D. Haynes

N. Matthews

A. Scarratt

L. White

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 8

The Chairman thanked the Events Working Group for their hard work to put on the Jubilee Jamboree on the 2nd June which had been a huge success and had taken a lot of hard work to organise. It was noted that a number of residents had suggested there should be an annual event in the village. It was suggested this be discussed at the Parish Meeting in September.

APOLOGIES

S. Chapman – Family Commitment

P. Kerr – Sponsored cycle ride.

J. Kershaw – Family Commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests declared.

PARISH NEWS

It was noted that Cllr Black is to produce that next Parish News article.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Speeding

Concern was raised regarding speeding vehicles on the western side of the village particularly towards the Rocky Lane junction and on Frog Lane which it was reported that there are few speed limit signs and on Covert Rise. The Council was asked to consider re-establishing the community speed watch group in the village.

The Clerk reported after a number of delays a date had now been set for community speed watch training, 10th August at 1pm, the training will be advertised shortly.

Inspired Village

Will Gardiner of Inspired Villages provided an update on the Phase 4 application. He reported that they are still waiting for CW&C statutory consultees to comment on the application including health, housing and ecology. Inspired Villages are continuing to hold meetings with residents of Gifford Lea to keep them updated regarding the application. Amendments to the application have been submitted to CW&C including the removal of one dwelling and an increase in separation distances between the proposed and existing properties, plus other 'tweaks'. As such the Parish Council will be reconsulted on the application and the changes.

Mr Gardiner confirmed he would provide a list of changes made to the application.

It was reported the completion of Phase 3 had been delayed by shortages of materials.

However, it was hoped the development would be handed over at the end of the month.

Once the new maintenance store is completed the former marketing suite will be removed.

Mr Gardiner confirmed Inspired Villages would welcome further meetings with the Parish Council.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

It was noted the Council currently has two councillor vacancies.

RESOLVED 22/117 – That the Council co-opt Mr Richard Carden, who signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 22/118 – That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May 2022.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors noted the planning register as circulated, pages 104 to 107.

2) Planning Applications

22/01946/LDC – Continued use of The Barn, Church Bank, Tattenhall as residential purposes/ playroom/music room and occasional sleeping accommodation, the current owners now wish to upgrade the internal accommodation in line this existing use – St Albans House, Church Bank, Tattenhall, CH3 9QE.

RESOLVED 22/119 – That the Council submit no objection.

22/01972/FUL - First floor side extension, single storey rear extension, rooflights to side - 2 Higher Huxley Hall Cottages, Red Lane, Huxley, Ch3 9BZ

RESOLVED 22/120 – That the Council submit no objection.

3) Lead Planners

Cllrs Elliot and Kershaw lead on planning beginning of August.

Cllrs Haynes and Keeping lead on planning until the September meeting.

MEMORIAL UPDATE

It was noted that following the meeting with experts from Chester Cathedral who had advised the memorial should not be dismantled as it was likely to shatter. The working group had obtained two quotes for underpinning the memorial using resin piles down to the sandstone base.

It was agreed the Council should seek a third quote if possible and that the working group would meet to discuss stem quotes in detail noting they had only been received at the end of the previous week.

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones confirmed he would provide the contact details of the CW&C expert working the Chester Walls project.

FOOTPATH STILES

It was noted that the stiles along footpaths FP 8 (Chester Road to Manor Farm) and FP2 (Burwardsley Road to Dark Lane) had been identified on the circulated plans, a total of 15 stiles. The clerk had contacted the Bolesworth Estate regarding FP2 and they had confirmed they would discuss the proposal with farmers along the route, the clerk had also made contact with FP8 landowners and representatives.

CW&C had provided the details of 2 metal kissing gates a wider one (£408) and a narrower one (£378) the cost of these as such the cost of 15 gates would be £6210 or £5670, there was also an additional cost of approximately £30 per gate for any posts and rails required.

In addition, concerns had been raised regarding access particularly for dogs on the Chester Road to Newton Lane path this route has 7 stiles however CW&C have 3 gates which they could reuse along the route, to include this route in the project would require an additional 4 kissing gates.

If we opt for the narrower gates, which CW&C are now using the cost would be approximately £7,750 (19 gates plus sundries).

It was noted that no gates could be installed without the permission of landowners.

It was confirmed the Council has budgeted £5k for an unidentified project plus £2k for visitor improvements.

It was reported that there were additional concerns along FP8 as number of the bridges are in a very poor condition and these had been highlighted to CW&C, it was therefore suggested that it might be better to concentrate on FP 2.

It was stated that if the Parish Council were to fund the gates CW&C should agree to install them. However, it was noted that CW&C were unlikely to be able to install all the gates quickly, and the works could take a couple of years to complete. In addition, the Parish Council would need to store the gates.

It was agreed the Council wait to hear back from landowners before progressing the project and also to undertake group walk of the paths.

TRANSITION TATTENHALL REPORT

The Council noted the report of Transition Tattenhall, from page 157 of the minutes.

It was agreed the Council should seek to increase signposting of services to residents in need and promote this through the Council's website, social media and Tattenhall Online.

It was agreed the Council investigate further if surveys can be done in Tattenhall to identify how residents can save costs on fuel by reducing heat loss etc from their properties and any other ways to tackle fuel poverty the Village.

It was reported that the bus services in the village seem to be use more in recent months and it was agreed the Council investigate if this is the case and if public transport promoted more and possible additional services provided.

SINGLE USE PLASTIC

The Council noted the information supplied, page 159 of the minutes, it was noted that the project was not about eradicating the use of these plastics but reducing it and making people think about what they are using.

It was agreed the Parish Council should take this into consideration when organising all events in the future and avoid the use of single use plastics where possible.

RESOLVED 22/121 – That the Council support this project to reduce use of single use plastics in Tattenhall.

YOUTH CLUB

It was reported that the Council had struggled to find help and support in this project, and it was suggested that the Council might seek to employ/contract a youth worker to engage with the young people of Tattenhall to see if they wanted and would use a Youth Club and what that Youth Club would be like. The Clerk reported she had contacted CW&C and the Youth Federation for help and advice on this matter but the responses to date had been limited.

It was discussed that creating a Youth Club ties into discussions about the Community Room and that the funding for this project could be reallocated to the village via the appointment of a youth worker. It was agreed the Clerk will raise the matter with CW&C.

VILLAGE CUP

It was agreed to advertise for nominations for the Village Cup which would be awarded at the Parish Meeting on Wednesday 21st September, and that a winner would be selected from the nominations by a working group following the Council's September meeting.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 22/122 –That the council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 100 of the Cash Book:

A. Wright	Salary	935.90
HMRC	PAYE/NI	113.47
Barbour Institute	Room Hire - April	67.67
S Gallagher	Willow Crown Workshop	800.00
UK Corporate Gifts	Paperweight - Jubilee	781.20
Clare Stern	Face paint deposit	67.50
BHIB Councils Insurance	Insurance Year 1 of 3	712.62
P. Black	Reim: Jubilee Bugs	156.00
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Bunting & Flags	480.00
CCA	Neighbourhood Plan	342.00
Groundworks UK	Nplan Grant Refund	4678.00
E. Sadler-Williams	Reim - Fancy Dress Prices	16.00
UKPrinting.com	Jub Mugs	774.62
P. Black	Reim. Jub keyring	166.50
Dunkil Developments Ltd	Spinney path repair	264.00
Stuart Morris Textiles	Jub Tea Towels	151.74
P. Black	Reim. Card machine	19.20
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Planter Erection	120.00
Chester Event Hire	Marquee	925.00
A. McGrath	Plants	97.99
Clare Stern	Face paint final payment	67.50
HMRC	PAYE/NI	113.67
A. Wright	Salary	935.70
A. Wright	Reim - Jub & Admin	289.40
Y. Keeping	Reim. Pouches	13.78
Shires Accountants	Pension Redecoration	60.00
Shires Accountants	Payroll & Pension Delegation	42.00
PJH Outdoor Solutions	Grounds Maintenance	1445.40
Barbour Institute	Room Hire (May)	42.75
City of Chester Band (2)	Jub Band	150.00
Shires Accountants	Payroll (Month 2)	18.00

2) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 22/123 –That the council approve the following payments:

PJH Outdoor Solutions	Grounds Maintenance	937.20
Murray Tree Consultancy	Spinney Tree survey	350.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	137.18

P. Marsden	Watering	204.00
A. Wright	Salary	963.19
Nest	Pension Contribution	55.99
A. Wright	Reim: Locks, Zoom, Cloud Next	69.57

3) Reallocation of Grant

RESOLVED 22/124 –That the Council agree the reallocation of the grant to the Barbour Institute towards the stage lighting.

4) Parish News & Graveyard Grant

It was agreed to defer this item until the September meeting when more information can be provided by the Church.

5) Cheque Signatory

RESOLVED 22/125 –That the Council appoint Cllr M. Foster as an additional cheque signatory.

It was noted the Art Workshop held on Saturday 2nd July had been enjoyed by those who had taken part and thanks were recorded for Mrs. Yvonne Keeping who had organised the event and obtained the funding.

RESOLVED 22/126 –That the council move into Part 2 and ask all members of the press and public to leave the meeting.

Clerk's Hours

RESOLVED 22/127 –That the Clerk be paid up to 20 hours per week as required and that the time sheet be approved by Cllrs Keeping or Black.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Ann Wright 05/07/2022

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting
Monday 5th September 2022
 Billiards Room, Barbour Institute.



Update report - Parish Council July 4th 2022

The first Annual General Meeting of Transition Tattenhall was held on June 15th. As the first meeting of the Community Benefit Society we signed up new members, laid out the purpose and plans of the organisation and elected five of the possible eight Directors. The first Directors meeting was held on 27th June, and at the meeting the roles of the new chair, secretary and finance responsibility have been agreed.

Chairperson - Nick Benefield

Executive Secretary - Adele Evans

Treasurer and Fundraising - Pete Radley

Publicity, Media & Marketing - Alex Roberts

The membership of the new organisation is now 46 and an active membership drive will continue. The next member meeting to agree develop plans for the coming year will be held 7pm on July 6th at the Barbour Institute.

Projects currently in progress:

- **Repair Cafe** - first to be held on July 24th at the Barbour Institute Partners: Barbour Institute
- **Waste and Recycling** - building on activities of 12 litter pickers and new plans from CWAC, aiming to make Tattenhall free of single use plastics, and raise awareness of damage done by plastics to the environment both the countryside and the seas. Partners: Plastic Free Cheshire and three local businesses
- **Meditation Space** - Now a regular wellbeing provision at St Albans providing space to be - helping mental health issues, building personal resilience. Partners: St Albans, PPG, NHS/Healthbox Social Prescribers
- **Mini Meadows Programme** -trail now completed this is the first year of a long term project to increase biodiversity on the village. It is thought that there may be now 6 acres of wildflower meadow in the village, with public spaces and private gardens. The aim would be to double this. Partners: Gardening Society, TWIG
- **Education and Information Activities** -General Public education with continuing occasional roadshows and opportunities for public engagement. Partners:
- **School Engagement** - started with eco hat competition at School Fayre, publicity around the problems of single use plastic and the aim to make Tattenhall free of single

use plastic. Further meetings with dedicated teachers will be held. Partners Park School and PTA

- **Young People Project Meeting** - Meeting of local organisations interested in understanding how the needs of young people in the village can be met. Potential Partners: Young People, Youth Council, Leaders of the local Scouts, Beavers, Guides etc. Hoping that the PC will want to be involved as we understand that the Youth Council has been disbanded.
- **Carbon Reduction Working Group** - Participants being sought to begin the more complex issue of heating and energy efficiency. Partners: ???
- **Tattenhall Kind** - a new project to coordinate and facilitate free exchange - details to be advertised.

Issues for the Parish Council.

Two members of the Parish Council attended the AGM and we hope that collaboration between Transition Tattenhall and the work of the Council can be further developed in the coming year.

On this basis we ask if the Council has any plans as to how, in light of the increasingly difficult economic situation, plans should be developed on how as a village community we can tackle the impact of local food and fuel poverty this coming winter?

Based on 2015 data there are approximately 9% of households in Tattenhall below the threshold for poverty and this figure, in light of Covid, is likely now to be greater. Will the Council lead discussions with partner organisations seeking to meet some of these challenges? eg Food Banks and Warm space provision.

Our Purpose Statement

Our purpose is to:

- develop and support action to tackle the climate, economic and social pressures we face.
- foster a responsive, innovative and collaborative community where support for everyone contributes to the quality of life for everyone.
- establish local projects where shared knowledge, skills and action can build a thriving, resilient community for current and future generations.

Website: www.transitiontattenhall.co.uk

Facebook :Transition Tattenhall

Note to the Parish Council about litter in the village

I am sure that you will all agree that litter is unsightly and certain areas of our village are prone to surprising amounts. Twelve villagers are now signed up to litter pick twelve areas of the village as research shows people are less likely to drop litter if an area is clear. The same probably applies to dog poo and because of this the Parish Council obtain regular supplies of biodegradable poo bags which are made available in the Post office and Newsagents.

Recently the Parish Council kindly supplied twelve portable ashtrays in the hope we can cut down on the number of cigarette ends in the gutters. They will be given out to known smokers in order to see if this will encourage people to bin them at home. The plastic filters in cigarettes are one of the worst pollutants of our seas and waterways as not only do they not biodegrade but they can contain nicotine, lead, arsenic and formaldehyde to name but a few toxins.

A few weeks ago I attended a zoom meeting about single use plastic and the purpose of the meeting was to persuade areas of West Cheshire to apply for the Bronze level in removing single use plastics. This first part involves us in three tasks:

- 1 To set up a regular litter picking hub (which we have already done).
- 2 Engage with the school which we have already done. Hopefully they will be having a talk from Helen Tandy director of the Eco communities project about single use plastic which will explain why it is important to bin litter rather than leave it on the park or our streets. The children are also going to make a plastic monster with a sculptor in the Autumn term which will be placed on the park to remind people to bin their litter. This has been enabled by a grant from Mike Jones.
- 3 To engage with local businesses in the village (one of which is already involved) and they need to demonstrate they have cut down on the use of three plastic items in their work place eg plastic cups or toilet paper without plastic.

Transition Tattenhall is having two pop up stalls explaining the issues with single use plastic and the need to cut down on their use. Also a few of their members are involved in litter picking.

I do hope the Parish Council will see this is a useful initiative and an achievable goal and support the project. We should then be able to obtain the Bronze level award and decrease our villagers use of single use plastic.

Thank you Yvonne Keeping