

**Minutes of
Tattenhall & District Parish Council Meeting
Held 5th September 2022 at the Barbour Institute.**

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – Iain Keeping

J. Bailey	P. Black	R. Carden	S. Chapman	C. Elliott	M. Foster
D. Haynes	P. Kerr	J. Kershaw	N. Matthews	L. White	

Clerk – Ann Wright

Public – 8

The chairman thanked all those involved in the Spinney Celebration held on the 3rd September as the evening had been very enjoyable.

APOLOGIES

A. Scarratt – Family Commitment
CW&C Cllr Mike Jones.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Foster declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 22/02611/FUL, 21A Covert Rise and agreed to leave the meeting if the matter was discussed.

Cllr Carden declared an interest relating the bus service agenda item as a resident of Rookery Drive and confirmed he would remain in the meeting but not take part in the discussion.

Cllr Carden declared an interest in the Memorial pointing agenda item as he knows one of the people quoting for the works, he confirmed he would leave the meeting when this matter was discussed.

PARISH NEWS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bus Service

A representative of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) reported that no one had contacted the Doctor's Surgery regarding changing the bus route to have a stop by the Surgery and that the surgery has received no complaints regarding the lack of a bus service or bus stop.

It was noted if S106 funding is available it would be better spent increasing the size of the surgery which is very small for the size of village it is now serving.

It was noted that Rookery Drive is not suitable for buses to travel along and that rerouting the bus would mean the well-used bus stop on Tattenhall Road, which was funded by S106 funding would no longer be used.

The PPG asked that an appropriate dialogue was undertaken with the Surgery so that the Surgeries views could be heard.

Gifford Lea Phase 4 Planning Application

A resident stated that they stand-by their previous objections to the application stating the amendments to the application were purely cosmetic. It was highlighted that when original discussions took place about the scheme the plan was for 156/158 dwellings and intensive care facilities, which due to amendments to the scheme have not been delivered.

The development had also been presented as allowing residents of Tattenhall to downsize freeing up family homes in the village, this has not been the case with only 39% of phase 1 and 2 residents moving from a 20-mile radius of Gifford Lea. It was noted that the very few of the Phase 3 properties were occupied.

Concern was raised about the access and egress from the site particularly during construction given the increasing amount of traffic to the site including residents, delivery vehicles plus construction traffic. It was noted 65 vehicles were counted on the site recently and that is before phase 3 is occupied.

Police/PCSO Presence in Village

It was noted that there has been a large number of posts on the local police Facebook page of visits to surrounding villages but not Tattenhall. It was asked that this be raised with the police and that visits are required to the village particularly around the Flacca where large amounts of litter can be left.

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the police and ask for regular visits to the village and attendance at Council meetings.

Christmas Lights

It was asked when looking at replacement Christmas lights the council consider the lights being in-keeping with a Victorian village with warmer shades.

Boneyard

The Council was thanked for considering the application for funding noting the Parish Council had provided funding previously. It was highlighted the Boneyard had had a tough summer but had implemented changes to increase its sustainability and that the organisation is now registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club and is a not-for-profit organisation.

Speed Watch

A resident reported that he had attended the speed watch training (speed indicator device & speed gun) recently with other residents and asked in the Council was going to run a campaign to tackle speeding in the village. It was confirmed that there would be further speed training before the Parish Meeting on the 21st September.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

No applicants.

It was noted that Council will be subject to all out elections in May 2023 as such it was important the Parish Council encourage people to stand for election to fill the seats.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 22/128 – That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2022.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors noted the planning register as circulated, pages 108 to 112.

Cllr Foster left the meeting and took no part in the follow discussion.

Councillors noted the letter of objection that had been received in relation to application 22/02611/FUL, 21A Covert Rise.

RESOLVED 22/129 – That the Council submit the following comments:

That on review of the application the council notes that the proposed extension with the existing extension equates to a 100% increase of the original footprint of the

property which is contrary to the CW&C Supplementary Planning Document: House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings (January 2021).

Cllr Foster re-joined the meeting.

2) Planning Applications

22/00194/FUL – Full planning application for 27 Extra Care Units (Use Class C2), with associated access, parking, landscaping, ecological enhancements, and other works (Amendments). - Gifford Lea Retirement Village Frog Lane Tattenhall.

RESOLVED 22/130 – That the Council submit the following:

The Parish Council wished to resubmit its previous strong objection to this application for the following unchanged reasons:

The proposed development will create an unacceptably large-scale uniform development which is not in keeping with the character of the local area in terms of its scale or grain. As such the application is contrary to Policy 1 of the Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan (TDNP). The Phase 4 application is against the spirit of the TDNP as identified by Mr Justice Supperstone in his findings of the judicial review with regard to adding additional phases of less than 30 properties to developments.

The proposed development will increase the pressure on the already overstretched services in Tattenhall including medical facilities and health as well as on infrastructure including roads. Given the nature and age of residents of the proposed development the pressure on these services will continue to increase over a number of years following the occupation of properties.

The application fails to provide adequate detail as to the tenure of the affordable properties to be provided.

The addition of more older person's housing threatens the vibrancy and vitality of Tattenhall village centre and its businesses by contributing to the population of Tattenhall being dominated by older generations and is therefore contrary to Policy 4 of TDNP.

The application does not maximise opportunities to increase walking and cycling and will create properties outside the walking distance to Tattenhall village centre increasing the reliance on vehicles and as such is contrary to Policy 5 of the TDNP. The proposed development will contribute and extend the period of pollution, noise and disturbance suffered by adjacent residents and will have a lasting detrimental impact on their well-being.

Tattenhall has already reached its housing numbers and the application fails to justify the need for this development, particularly given the number of empty properties in Phases 1 and 2 of the Gifford Lea development.

As such the developer is called upon by the Parish Council to undertake an up-to-date housing needs survey in partnership with the Parish Council to establish the true need for older people's accommodation in Tattenhall. As such no application should be approved until an independent housing needs survey has been completed.

Should CW&C be minded to approve this application the Parish Council requests that S106 funding is agreed for the following:

- Improving access to and from Gifford Lea into the village of Tattenhall for pedestrians and those using mobility scooters/wheelchairs.
- Improvement of cycling facilities to and from Gifford Lea into the village of Tattenhall.

- Play and Opens Space noting residents of Gifford Lea will use existing play and open space facilities with their visiting families.
- Improving health care and health care facilities at the Village Surgeries Group in Tattenhall.
- Improving accessibility of the public rights of way in and around Tattenhall noting the benefits to residents' wellbeing of keeping active.
- Creating an access to the Community Orchard adjacent to Gifford Lea (already requested from Inspired Villages)
- Improvements to public transport including promotion of services.

3) Lead Planners

Cllrs Chapman and Foster lead on planning beginning of October.

Cllrs Black and Kerr lead on planning until the November meeting.

MEMORIAL UPDATE

It was reported that the working group had obtained two quotes to underpin the Memorial and has had a second meeting with Mainmark, since that meeting Mainmark has requested to undertake some tests on the Memorial to confirm what foundations are under the Memorial.

RESOLVED 22/131 – That the Council approve the recommendation of the working group to contract Mainmark to undertaking underpinning of the Memorial.

It was noted once this work had been completed the Memorial will require pointing with lime mortar.

It was noted that the CW&C conservation officer had recommended removal of the plants around the Memorial which had been raised with Barbour Institute.

RESOLVED 22/132 – That the Council appoint PJ Hellmers Ltd to remove the dog wood from around the Memorial as quoted.

It was agreed the working group should look at changes to memorial surround to improve accessibility and undertake consultation on any proposals developed and seek grant funding for the project

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW)

1) PROW Access Issues

A discussion took place regarding FP8. It was noted that CW&C has replaced 2 bridges with new bridges and kissing gates. It was noted that sections of the old bridges had not been fully removed and that 2 large sandstone blocks had been left in the Brook which could cause a blockage, it was confirmed this had been reported to the PROW officer at CW&C.

2) Stiles Project

Following walks of the two footpaths it had been identified that 5 kissing gates were required in the first instance noting that some stiles did not need replacing at present as they were not in use, should they start being used in the future these should be replaced.

It was noted that landowners on the route through to Dark Lane had raised no objections to the installation of the stiles, responses were still required for the path through to Manor Farm.

RESOLVED 22/133 – That the Council purchase and install 5 of the larger kissing gates on the footpath up to a maximum cost of £3k.

It was agreed CW&C should be asked to replace any broken stiles with kissing gates moving forward.

It was agreed the process of surveying the footpath to the Ice Cream should now start.

BUS SERVICE

It was noted that CW&C Cllr Mike Jones has asked the Council to consider a proposal to amend the current bus routes to include a stop at the Doctor's surgery. The Council agreed that the proposals presented were not practical and that they could not support the project as it stands.

The council noted the letter received from Transition Tattenhall and agreed to invite the CW&C bus officers to meet with Councillors and representatives of Transition Tattenhall to discuss the bus service and any opportunities for change.

GREEN WEEK

It was reported that The Big Green Week will run from 24th September to 2nd October.

The idea of the Big Green Week is "to look at how we can create a cleaner, greener healthier world and help with climate change." The aims in Tattenhall are to protect and improve our green spaces. To try and remove single use plastic from the village and gain the bronze level award and to reduce waste. To improve the energy efficiency of our homes and use less energy. During the week there will be a Green Dog Walkers walk starting at Barbour square, walking through Glebe Meadow, on into the Spinney and down to see the Platinum Jubilee orchard and the giant crown. The Sports Club are now joining in with providing free biodegradable dog poo bags (acquired by the Parish Council) as their area is used by many dog walkers. There will be a litter pick of all twelve areas of the village and a collection of all the litter so people can see what needs to improve. Hopefully some of the parents at the Primary school will help by litter picking the park play area as they are now volunteering to do this. The school is involved via their Eco council as is Sandy Bears. The Church are going to be involved and might be finding a suitable area for a mini meadow. There will be a Repair Cafe. At the weekend there is a Family Day for all the village at the Flacca and they will be inviting people to volunteer to create a mini meadow at the club. Transition will be present with a stall explaining about single use plastic, issues with cigarette stubs and signing up for hopefully using a thermal imaging camera on villagers' homes later in the year. This will be borrowed from CWAC hopefully. There will also be a village market selling local food and crafts thus providing items which have not travelled miles to get here! Hopefully, these activities will encourage people to become more aware of the need for a cleaner, greener healthier world and do our bit to help with climate change.

HIGH STREET BINS

The Clerk reported she and Chairman had met with an officer from CW&C to discuss the public bins on the High Street, he had confirmed he would seek to replace the bins with new larger black and gold plastic bins with covers but could not confirm when this would be done. The bins to be replaced would be by the Rectory, outside Pluto House, by the Spar bus stop, Barbour Institute and the brick bus stop. He agreed to provide a metal bin with cover for by the Youth Shelter.

It was noted the bin at the end of Park Avenue is in a poor condition and is likely to fall over, it was noted this has been raised with CW&C.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

It was agreed to hold a surgery from 7 to 7.30pm before Council meetings and also have a stall at the Village Market on the First Friday of June, August, October, December, February and April.

S106 PAYMENTS

The council noted the S106 payments relating to the Chester Road development and agreed to write to CW&C to claim the Play Areas funding marked for child and youth play and express our disappointment that the funding for Parks and Recreation had been limited to just the Castlefields play area.

BENEFITS & SUPPORT ROADSHOW

It was agreed to arrange a drop-in session with as many agencies as possible in Tattenhall for residents to seek help and advice on benefits and available support given the current cost of living crisis.

PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

It was noted that during a recent informal discussion with a representative of the Flacca it had become clear that they are seeking to develop an additional football pitch and were of the view that a MUGA¹ was not required. During the discussions it became clear that there is a need for different organisations in the village to work together to identify their priorities and agree ways of working together to achieve their goals, as such it was agreed to hold a workshop with all the groups represented with a facilitator to develop a plan of how priorities can be achieved.

It was agreed to circulate a list of groups/organisation to invite plus the Council's priorities which may require updating for comment. It was suggested that CW&C Cllr Jones be asked to facilitate the event.

TRIM TRAIL

The Council agreed it would be a good idea to install a Trim Trail around the Millennium Mile as such the project including costings will be investigated further.

SIGNS

Purchase of additional signs will be considered once the new signs have been erected at the Spinney.

TREE SURVEY

It was agreed a tree survey will be undertaken in 2023 as recommended by the last Tree Survey report.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

It was agreed the Act of Remembrance can take place at the Memorial this year and it was reported the service is being discussed with the Church this week where this will be confirmed.

RESOLVED 22/134 – That the Council appoint Dutton's to undertake the road closure at a cost of up to £395 plus vat based on the Clerk assisting with the road closure.

¹ Multiuse games area

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was noted the Council had £8K for Christmas lights in this year's budget and had been seeking quotes to replace and extend the roofline lights and/or for lights to be hung across the road.

RESOLVED 22/135 – That the working group continue to obtain quotes and that authority be delegate to the Clerk to make a decision on the lights following consultation with councillors at an informal meeting.

HEDGE LAYING

It was confirmed that community hedge laying of the hedge on Glebe Meadow would take place on Thursday 26th January and potential on the 2nd February 2023. CW&C provide support including 10 semi-professional hedge layers who can advise up to 20 community volunteers. The Parish Council will need to obtain 100 hedging stakes and provide refreshments.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 22/136 – That the council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 102 of the Cash Book:

WE Parson & Co Ltd	Equipment Repair (Bridge)	744.00
PrintHub	Annual Report printing	165.00
Mid Cheshire Footpaths	Subscription	8.00
Shires Accountants	Payroll Month 3	18.00
J. Clayton	Jubilee Art & Painting	630.00
P. Kerr	Reim: Mileage (spinney sign)	33.75
P Marsden	Salary (Watering)	168.00
A. Wright	Salary & Reim.	1042.20
HMRC	PAYE/NI	128.18
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	864.60
Pallet Earth	Spinney Throne	279.00
Nest	Pension Contribution	55.99
B Layfield	Reim: Throne Paints	80.74
Barbour Institute	Room Hire (art)	57.00
Barbour Institute	Room Hire (July)	38.00
I Keeping	Reim - Wood play area repair	17.88
Shires Accountants	Payroll Month 4	18.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	140.38
A. Wright	Salary & Reim Various	1025.01
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	1135.20

PJ Hellmers Ltd	Barnfield Cutting	144.00
Diddi Dance	Children's Xmas Party	90.00
Jupiter Play & Leisure Ltd	Horse Trail Delivery	102.00
Nest	Pension Contribution	55.99

2) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 22/137 –That the council approve the following works:

Clearing of Mill Brook £351 (+vat)

Coppice of Willow rear Breen Close £500.00 (+vat)

Remove Fallen tree by Spinney £500 (+vat)

3) St Albans Funding Request

RESOLVED 22/138 –That the Council award £500 towards the Parish News stating that both Handley & Burwardsley Parish Councils also be asked to contribute and £500 towards the Churchyard stating that in the future the Church should apply for the funding available from CW&C.

4) Boneyard Funding Request

RESOLVED 22/139 –That the Council award a grant of £500 to the Boneyard.

Baby & Toddler Group Funding Request

RESOLVED 22/140 –That the Council award a grant of £500 noting that this cannot be paid into an individuals bank account.

5) Outcome for 2021-2022 Audit

The Council had received a clean audit but had raised in other matters that the internal auditor had not reviewed our internal controls (risk assessment) and that this needed to be covered.

RESOLVED 22/141 –That the council move into Part 2 and ask all members of the press and public to leave the meeting.

Part 2

YOUTH WORK/CLUB

It was agreed to defer this item until the Priorities Workshop has been held as the Council was made aware that Transition Tattenhall are also looking at youth provision.

POINTING OF WAR MEMORIAL

RESOLVED 22/143 –That authority be delegate to the clerk to appoint a company to undertake the pointing in consultation with councillors once a third quote has been received.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Ann Wright 06/09/2022

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting
Monday 7th November 2022
Billiards Room, Barbour Institute.