

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Council Meeting Held 6th November 2023 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – J. Kershaw

J. Bailey	P. Black	R. Carden	S. Chapman	P. Clark
D. Darnborough	M. Foster	I. Keeping	P. Kerr	N. Matthews
A. Scarratt	N. Sharp	R. Smith		

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 14

APOLOGIES

Christine Elliot – Family commitment

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr M. Foster confirmed he is a member of Sport Tattenhall.

PARISH NEWS

Cllr Andy Scarratt to produce next parish news article.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Police Report

PCSO Rachael McKeivitt confirmed she had been on leave so was catching up with emails and that a newsletter had been circulated. She confirmed there had been an incident the previous weekend involving a number of youths and she had received a number of emails regarding youths behaviour which she will investigate. Sergeant James Dingsdale has been appointed to cover the area and it is hoped he will be able to attend future meetings. PCSP McKeivitt confirmed she would try to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible but that this was difficult given the number of Councils in her area and shift patterns.

Tattenhall Park Primary School

Peter Brown, Chairman of Governors at Tattenhall Park Primary School introduced himself and Ms Nicky Bolton who will be taking over as headteacher in January 2024. He confirmed it has been a challenging time for the school with the Head and Deputy leaving the school since Easter. There have also been significant changes to the governing body with 4 new Governors.

He confirmed the school is focused on working more closely with the community. The Parish Council welcomed this approach and looks forward to working more closely with the school moving forward.

White Lines

It was asked if there was any update regarding repainting of white lines, it was confirmed that highways have not provided an update as to when the white lines are due to be done.

Recycle Centre

It was asked who had commissioned the report on the Recycling Centre. It was confirmed the report was the result of the Health and Safety Inspectorate reviewing all sites in Cheshire and North Wales following an accident on a site in North Wales.

Ukrainian Christmas Decorations Workshop

The Parish Council was thanked for funding the workshop held on the 4th November which were attended and enjoyed by 15 participants. The workshop was a great success and raised £90 for

the Red Cross Ukrainian Crisis Appeal. It was noted that further decorations would be available for sale at the Christmas event on the 1st December.

Youth Pod

It was asked when the Council considered improvements to the Youth Pod a discussion takes place with the young people about not dropping litter as the area can be very untidy, and there is no excuse as litter can be disposed of in other bins or taken home if the bin is full.

Flooding

It was highlighted that during Storm Babet on the 20th October 4 of the 6 roads into the village had been blocked by flooding. It was asked that a multiagency approach be taken to resolve this problem as well as address the issue of poor signage noting the road closed signs for Rocky Lane diverted traffic to Frog Lane which was also closed. It was suggested the police should be involved in these discussions given they are a matter of road safety.

Neighbourhood Plan & Development

It was asked where the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan is up to. It was confirmed the draft revised Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Council's website and that only a few changes were being proposed to the Plan none of which are significant.

It was asked if it was true the Tattenhall Centre was due to be closed due to lack of funding and would therefore be developed. The Parish Council confirmed it has no knowledge of this and CW&C Cllr Mike Jones confirmed to look into this rumour. Another resident stated he understood the Centre was not due to be closed.

It was understood that the Bolesworth Estate is looking to develop the Portico House site (junction of Rocky Lane) in association with a Housing Association, the original application had not been for affordable housing.

It was confirmed that Taylor Wimpey had approached the Parish Council to include a land allocation for development in the Neighbourhood Plan, this had been declined.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 23/228 –That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2023.

MULTIUSE GAMES AREA (MUGA) & GREEN GYM

The Council noted the outcome of the survey which had received 218 responses, from page 288 of the Minutes. It was noted a majority of respondents supported the installation of MUGA and outdoor gym equipment. It was agreed a working group would be formed to progress this project and meet with other stakeholders in the village including the School and Sport Tattenhall. It was agreed Cllrs Carden, Foster, Keeping, Kershaw, and Matthews would form the working group.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors confirmed the planning register as circulated, pages 143 to 146.

2) Planning Applications

No further applications received.

3) Lead Planners

The following lead planners were noted until the January meeting, Cllrs Elliot, Kershaw and Matthews.

BOLESWORTH ESTATE

1) Bolesworth Estate Meeting

The Council noted the notes of the meeting held on the 18th September with representatives of the Estate and various Parish Councils., from page 292 of the Minutes.

2) Representatives

RESOLVED 23/229 –That the Council appoint Cllrs Kershaw and Matthews to attend future meetings with the Bolesworth Estate and that Cllr Smith acts a reserve.

FLOODING

As a result of Storm Babet on the 20th October a number of properties had flooded on Castlefields due to the attenuation pond overflowing. It was reported that Bolesworth Estate now have a supply of sandbags and had deployed some to a property on Newton Lane.

It was discussed the Parish Council establishing a store of sandbags which residents can access as required as it was understood that CW&C would only be supplying sandbags in emergencies and can also take time to get them on site. It was agreed the Clerk should continue to investigate this matter including speaking to the school.

CW&C Cllr Jones agreed to arrange another meeting with the Highways Dept to focus on addressing flooding issues and signage.

ROCKY LANE

It was reported that a concern had been raised regarding the safety of pedestrians accessing the village from Edgecroft along Rocky Lane. The matter had been raised with CW&C highways who had stated:

There are both feasibility and funding difficulties with the proposal of a new footway. The distance between Edgecroft and the connecting footway is approximately 250m, the construction costs of a footway for such a length would be considerable. I think it extremely unlikely that the Council will be in a position to fund such a provision in the foreseeable future. The introductions of new footway provisions in other areas have been funded by external sources through fundings bids or developers through S278 agreements.

I therefore think it best to give greater visibility to the possibility of pedestrians being within the carriageway. I note there are currently 'Pedestrians in Road Ahead' warning signs in either direction, but both are currently obscured. We will review the placements to see if improvements or additional signage is required and remove the vegetation around the signs.

It was agreed to approach the Bolesworth Estate to see if a permissive path can be established at the rear of the houses to the village noting funding maybe available for this through organisations such as Sustrans.

TATTENHALL RECYCLING CENTRE

The Council noted the response from CW&C to the letter sent following the September meeting which explains the changes had been the result of Health & Safety Executive visit but did not respond to concerns regarding the future of the site. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

HA-HA

The Council noted the notes of the meeting held on the 5th October, from page 297 of the Minutes. It was agreed the first step is to confirm the ownership of the Ha-ha and contact the owners of the Rookery Hall.

YOUTH SHELTER

It was reported two proposals had been received regarding refurbishing the youth shelter one of which required grant funding. It was agreed to hold an informal meeting to discuss two options as soon as possible and report back to the Council.

BENCHES

It was noted the Clerk had contacted both the Bolesworth Estate and Flacca regarding the bench which had been next to the statue on the Flacca and raised the possibility of installing a new bench there in memory of PCSO Hurst and is waiting for their response.

The Clerk reported she had spoken to some adults who had been using the Youth Shelter who had raised that there was a lack of benches around the village and along the Millennium Mile particularly towards Covert Rise.

PATHS AT SCHOOL

It was reported that complaints had been raised with CW&C regarding the paths around the school being flooded and muddy, there had been some communication with CW&C regarding the Parish Council being responsible for the paths in question, however the paths are outside the land leased by the Parish Council.

It was noted this issue has been ongoing for 15 or more years and it was understood that the issue related to a blocked drain in the school yard and that this was due to be investigated and addressed as part of the building works, but it was not known if that had been the case.

It was reported that the school appear to be clearing the paths at present.

VEHICLE CHARGERS

It was reported there had been request for some vehicles charges in the village. Installation of chargers had previously been raised by the Bolesworth Estate on Barbour Square; this is still likely to happen but there are no immediate plans to do this. CW&C Cllr Jones suggested the Council contact CW&C climate change team to discuss the possibility of charging points being installed on the school car park or Church Bank.

PARK PLAY AREA SIGNS

It was noted the sponsors sign on the Park play area had almost worn away; it was agreed to see if a copy of it could be found to obtain a replacement. It was agreed to price replacing the information sign to include an up-to-date telephone number.

CHRISTMAS EVENT 2023

It was noted the Christmas Event this year will be taking place on Friday 1st December from 6 until 8pm on the Barbour Square and will include singing by children and Tattenhall Singers plus a display of festive tractors which will form a tractor run from 7.30pm.

It was noted that councillors are needed to volunteer to prepare the area and Marshal the event. It was noted without councillors volunteering it would not be possible to hold events in the future.

It was agreed Cllrs Bailey, Kershaw and Matthews would install the Christmas wreaths on Sunday 26th November.

It was noted the Children's Christmas Parties are scheduled for Saturday 2nd December, Cllrs Black and Clark will attend the younger children's party and Cllrs Darnborough and Chapman the older children's party.

ALLOTMENTS

RESOLVED 23/230 – That the Council agreed the following rents increases for 2024-2025:

Full Plot +£2 to £56.00 concession reduced to 30% £39.20.
Half Plot +£1 to £38.00 concession reduced to 30% £26.60.

SCHOOL WORKSHOP

RESOLVED 23/231 – That the Council agree to fund the school workshop at a cost of £150.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) 2ND Quarter Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 23/232–That the council approve the accounts and payments as circulated, page 124 of the Cashbook including the following payments:

A Wright	REIM: MUGA Survey	48.86
P J Hellmers Ltd	Noticeboard installation	120.00
Boston Seeds	Wildflower seeds	259.99
Barbour Institute	Room Hire August	25.00

2) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 23/233 – That the council approve the accounts and payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 125 of the Cashbook including the following payments:

A. Wright	Salary & Reim: various	988.71
CW&C	2023 Election Fees	213.00
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Haha clearance	2400.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI	144.79
P. Marsden	Salary (watering)	24.86
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Grounds Maintenance SEPT	1759.94
Shires Accountants	Payroll Oct23 - April24	315.00
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Planter removal	120.00
Groundwork & Leisure Ltd	Play area (tunnel) repair	504.00
Barbour Institute	Room Hire - September	93.33
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Tree works	480.00
Nest	Pension contribution	55.99
Water +	Allotments Water	8.58
SLCC Cheshire Branch	Cheshire Conference	17.50
Tattenhall Parochial Council	Pumpkins	10.00
Y. Keeping	REIM: Xmas paint	39.79
P. Kerr	REIM: Marshmallows	8.10
I. Garieieva	REIM: Workshop	33.00
A. Wright	Reim: Various, Zoom, Cloud	170.22
Centrewire	Gates inc H&H	2455.20
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Misc works	108.00

3) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 23/234 – That the council approve the following payments:

Lite	Lights & Installation Barbour Institute	996.00
A. Wright	Salary	907.79
HMRC	PAYE/NI	138.19
Nest	Pension contribution	55.99
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Grounds Maintenance – October	1459.96
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Kissing Gate Installation	1620.00
P. Black	REIM: Halloween	35.96
A. Wright	REIM: Gazebo weights, scissors, glue	59.47

4) Toddler Group Funding Application

RESOLVED 23/235 – That the council award Tattenhall Toddlers £500.

It was noted the Council had received an additional grant application from Sport Tattenhall, the Council declined to consider the application requiring more information and agreed consider it at a future meeting.

5) Donation to Barbour Institute

The Council agreed in principle to providing funding towards the project to replace the toilets at the Barbour Institute and will agree an amount once it is clear what funding is required.

6) Planter Maintenance

RESOLVED 23/237 – That the council appoint Walker's Nursery to plant up the planters for the next 3 seasons at a cost of £200 per planter.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION FUNDING

It was agreed the Clerk apply for funding for an additional defibrillator, it was noted it would be good if there were defibrillators located in Newton-by-Tattenhall and Gatesheath.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND & D-DAY

1) Remembrance & Exhibition

It was noted the Cheshire Villages Great War Society Exhibition is taking place in the Barbour Institute on the 11th November. The Parade and Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 12th November.

2) D-Day 80th Anniversary

It was noted it will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024 which will also be National Fish and Chips Day.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Ann Wright
08/11/2023

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting
Monday 15th January 2023 at 7.30pm
Billiards Room, Barbour Institute.

Multi Use Games Area & Outdoor Gym Survey 2023

218

Responses

02:39

Average time to complete

Closed

Status

View results

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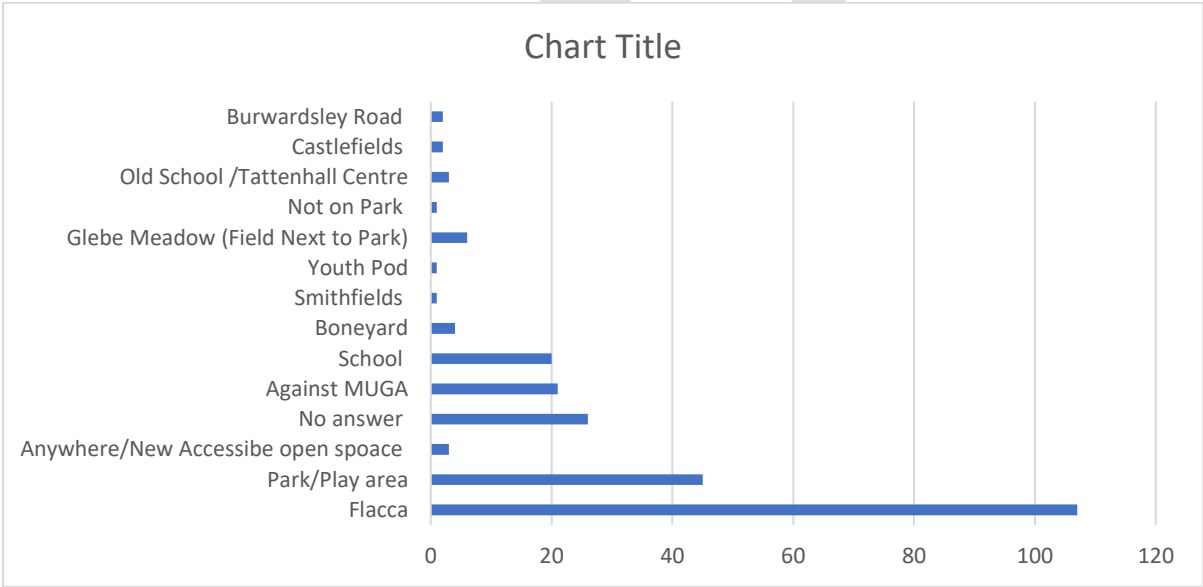
1. Would you support the creation of a MUGA in Tattenhall?

[More Details](#)

Yes	148
No	48
Maybe	22



2. Where would you like to see a MUGA installed?



3. Would you or your family members use the MUGA?

[More Details](#)

Yes	112
No	64
Maybe	42



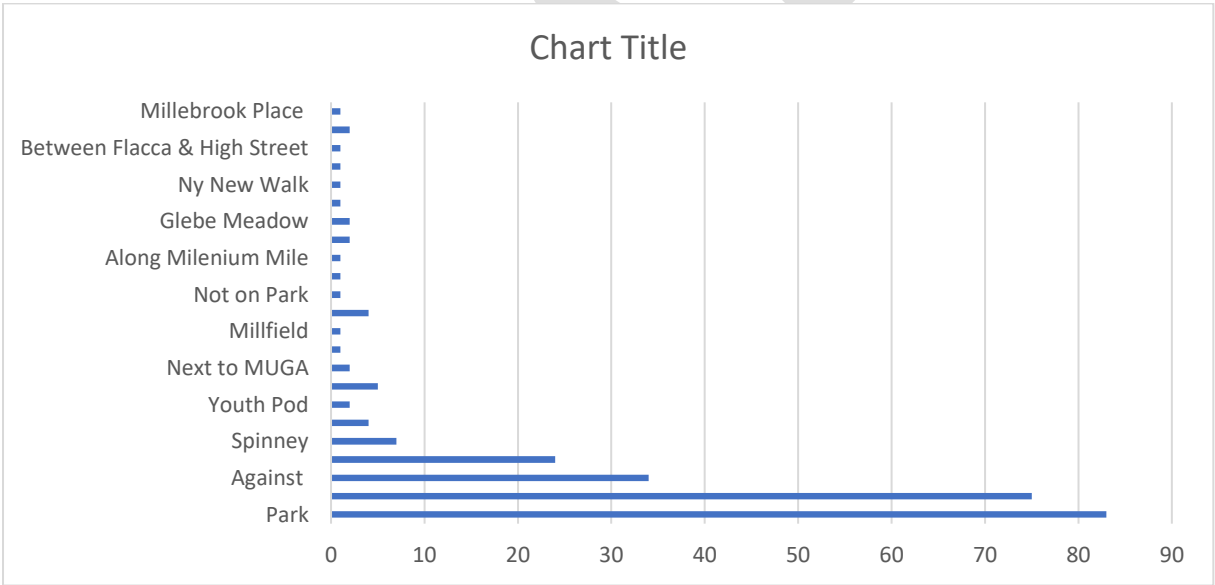
4. Would you like to see some outdoor Gym equipment installed in Tattenhall?

[More Details](#)

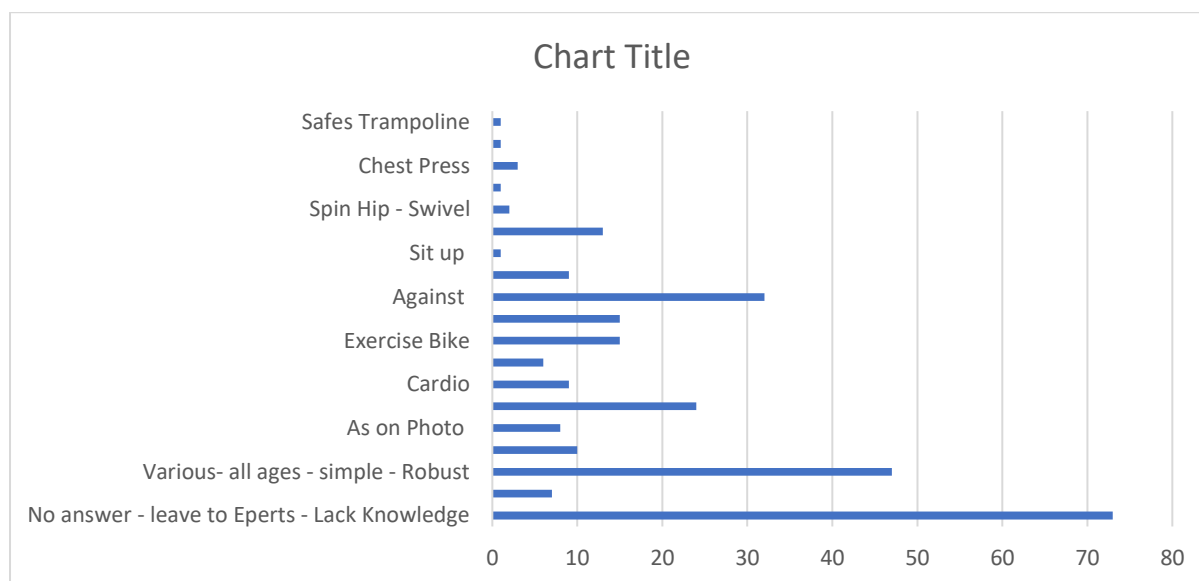
Yes	120
No	60
Maybe	38



5. Where would you like to see the outdoor gym equipment installed?



6. What pieces of outdoor gym equipment would you like to see?



7. Would you or your family members use the outdoor gym equipment?

[More Details](#)

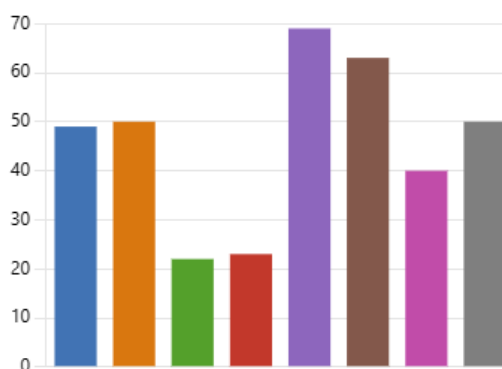
Yes	92
No	75
Maybe	51



8. What age groups do you and your immediate family belong to? (please tick all that apply)

[More Details](#)

0 - 9	49
10 - 17	50
18 - 24	22
25 - 34	23
35 - 44	69
45 - 54	63
55 - 64	40
65+	50



9. Do you live in Tattenhall, Newton by Tattenhall or Gatesheath

[More Details](#)



There were several comments stating a pump track or skate park would be better than a MUGA or outdoor Gym.

BROXTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of informal meeting with Bolesworth Estate & Neighbouring Parish Councils Brown Knowl Methodist Church Monday 18th September 2023

Present:

Bolesworth Estate – Vicky Ball, Gaurav Batra, Nina Barbour, Mike Crowther.

Broxton & District Parish Council – Kathryn Borman, David Williams, Ann Wright (Acting Clerk).

Burwardsley Parish Councillors – Stuart Anderson, Lynn Foster (unofficial attendance).

Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) – Mike Jones.

Handley & District Parish Council – Nigel Johnson.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council – Neil Matthews, Robert Smith.

Welcome & Introductions

All attendees of the meeting introduced themselves.

It was noted the meeting would be noted and the notes published.

Appointment of Chairman

The meeting appointed CW&C Cllr Mike Jones as Chairman.

Cllr Jones confirmed he has had meetings with the Estate and is aware the Estate has plans and is holding more regular events as such it is important that there is open dialogue between the Estate and Parish Councils.

It was agreed there needed to be a 2-way dialogue noting that will be occasions when all do not agree but there can still be a constructive conversation.

It was noted the Bolesworth Estate has been around for 200 years and wants to be around for the next 200 years and that the Estate's aspiration is to always enhance the local area for the long term.

It was noted that both Broxton & District Parish Council¹ and Tattenhall and District Parish Council² have planning protocols in place which provide a framework for how the Councils manage conversations with developers. This enables such meetings to take place with reporting back at the formal parish council meetings (this is a standard practice in Parish and other type of councils).

It was confirmed that Burwardsley Parish Council had resolved at their last meeting not to attend this meeting, as such Stuart Anderson and Lynn Foster were attending in their own capacity and were not representing Burwardsley Parish Council.

It was discussed there are 2 main issues in Burwardsley, the first being the Cheshire Workshops/Candle Factory which is now closed and that the Estate has not kept its promise to keep certain properties such as the Flute Buildings being properly maintained. It was noted the Estate are attending a meeting with Burwardsley Parish Council in the near future to discuss and prioritise projects.

¹ <https://broxtonparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/PlanningStandingOrdersProtocol-May2020A.pdf>

² <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PlanningStandingOrdersProtocol2019.pdf>

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Terms of Reference

Objective of Meetings

To allow Councillors and Estate representatives to have dialogue and obtain factual information which can be fed back to Councils and residents.

It was noted that the meetings are not intended to replace meetings between the Estate and individual Councils and that where progress can be made on bilateral basis this should continue.

Attendance

Meetings to be attended by a maximum of 2 Councillors from each Parish Council in the Estate area, CW&C Ward Councillor and representatives from Bolesworth Estate.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings to be held quarterly and hosted by various attendees.

Review

Format of meetings to be reviewed in 12 months.

Bolesworth Estate Update

Properties

Mike Crowther (Property & Leisure Director) confirmed a new team has been created over the past 3 years to manage the Estate's properties. The Estate is developing a in-house maintenance team to insure that the buildings are maintained to a high standard.

The Estate is monitoring building compliance and all properties meet compliance standards and presented a schedule of % compliance.

A new customer service approach has been developed to ensure the Estate is responsive and is also much more intensively measuring and focusing on tenant satisfaction.

There has been significant investment to date which is continuing as there is still work to do.

It was noted that that the basic infrastructure of the properties is in place, and work is taking place to address the following:

- Generally enhancing the upkeep of properties
- Installing Eco ventilation systems where there may be issues
- Improving energy efficiency
- Update of kitchens and bathrooms.

The works are part of a developing 3-year systematic programme. It was reported in the last 3 months over 100 properties have been visited where required works have been identified.

It was noted that the age and nature of the properties mean they can be complex and expensive to maintain and sometimes tenant access and disruption are also important considerations as to when the works should be done.

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The Estate is looking to work with tenants to take advantage of the Governments Eco 4 Scheme and will reach out to Transition Tattenhall to explore opportunities.

Harthill Application

It was noted the school was closed over 15 years ago by the Local Authority, and the Estate has worked for a number of years to find a scheme which can fulfil the properties potential and contribute to beauty of the area. The Estate noted that the range of uses to which the site can be put is very limited given the site's location and the investment required. A small-scale leisure and recreation destination could add to the local community and be commercially viable.

The development is not proposed to be a late night party venue but rather a family venue similar to the Pheasant, with an accessible trail, where dogs can be allowed off leads and children play while providing access to the Sandstone Ridge. The Estate believes that this could significantly add to the quality of life of residents in the local communities.

It was noted the Estate hears and understands the concerns raised by residents and circulated information which sought to address these concerns, Councillors were asked to take this information back to their Councils and provide feedback.

The document includes measures to reduce speeding through Harthill, tackle fly parking and provides for 20% biodiversity gain.

Noise

It was noted that the Estate has no plans or any intention to have loud external amplified music at the Harthill site. The Estate agreed they would speak to the CW&C planning officer about a condition to manage external noise possibly based on decibel levels.

It was noted noise issues can be addressed by both planning conditions and licencing.

It was noted noise is a big issue for residents given that the area is naturally quiet and that is what attracts people to the area and that the noise particularly carries from Bolesworth Castle and Harthill up to Burwardsley.

It was noted that there is concern from residents that the Harthill development will escalate and change to a wedding venue with Airbnb accommodation.

Walking Routes

It was noted that there is concern that the Estate will create walking routes between their sites. It was suggested that route to the Sandstone Trail was acceptable as the Trail already exists but that some residents would be against creating walk routes to other Estate facilities.

Traffic

Concerns were voiced that there needs to be adequate signage for drivers to find attractions as there has been issues with vehicles getting lost and causing issues. The Estate confirmed they are also looking to address these problems, particularly where drivers are following satnavs.

It was confirmed the Estate is 110% behind traffic calming measures but are limited in what they can do by highways regulations. It was noted that Broxton Parish Council has deep concerns regarding the A534 given

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the speed of vehicles including motorbikes travel along the road which vehicles will be slowing down on to turn to Harthill.

It noted that Highways will allow interactive signs on the A534 but these need to be funded by the Parish Council. The Estate is happy to add its voice and explore how it can assist the local Parish Councils in discussions with CWAC to alleviate concerns.

Bolesworth Sites

It was noted that the Estate has a number of challenging sites which it needs to tackle however no master plan has been developed and no decisions have been made beyond the Harthill application. The sites included:

Carriages

Currently providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees, there are no plans for its future and there is no rush to take any action.

Lynedale House / Beehive

It was noted there has been some interest in the property. The property will require quite a bit of work for some future uses given the way the property is divided.

Portico

It was noted this site is really important to the Estate and Barbour family, the development for the site which has been approved no longer financially stacks up as such a solution has been sought to sell the site to an affordable housing provider who would deliver the site as designed with 100% affordable properties. It was asked if a condition could be included on the site to give priority people from or with a close connection to Tattenhall and District Parish Council area as this is considered to be helpful to the local community. (This would be similar to the condition on Grackle Croft)

It was agreed CW&C Cllr Jones and the Clerk would provide additional information to Estate about this.

Harthill Church

Works are near completion to strengthen the structure of Harthill Church and stop it falling into disrepair. The vision for the Church is to compliment the use of the Harthill development, details have not yet been developed.

Mickerdale

Is an investment work for the Estate given the Estate's desire to restore this beautiful historic building to the area following the devastating fire. This project may be an example of where funding is obtained by the Estate by selling other assets.

Rawhead Farm

It was noted this property is in Cheshire East, there are no plans for this property and the property has very poor access which will limit possible future uses. One idea that the Estate has discussed internally is about creating a very small boutique hotel or retreat there but no further action has been taken to explore further.

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Cheshire Workshops / Candle Factory

This is an incredible site but there are currently no plans for the site, although it is a priority for the Estate moving forward. The site is due to be discussed with Burwardsley Parish Council. It was noted that some residents would rather see this site being used for residential purposes rather than commercial to limit traffic in the village, although this proposal may have significant planning issues.

It was noted that the Estate has considered the nature of the area and the possible Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) designation and has looked at small scale leisure developments.

Events

It was noted that the permission for the Christmas event ends after this Christmas and as such the Estate is in conversation with Cheshire West and Chester about plans for the future. It was noted the Estate can not accommodate a large number of high footfall events due to ground conditions and the impact on the fields. Large scale events can only really take place between May and the end of September.

The Estate believes that the events add to the cultural content of the local area and are enjoyed by large numbers of local residents. The Estate explained its ambition to improve the quality of the events rather than the number and there is a consideration to combine the 2 horse shows. The Estate is looking to run more off-site events and also small-scale corporate events on site.

The Estate are looking at developing a 3 year plan and it was agreed these plans for Events will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

It was reported that complaints had been received about the lighting and noise created by the event held over the weekend. It was agreed noise is impacted by weather conditions including cloud levels and wind direction. It was also noted that many locals who had attended the recent event had really enjoyed it. It was noted the noise issue will be taken into consideration and if anything can be done to alleviate the issue.

Reporting Issues

It was noted that residents and Councils can raise any issues with the Estate and should contact Vicki Ball on vicki.ball@bolesworth.com

All were thanked for attending the meeting and taking part in the discussions.

Future Meetings

Monday 20th November 2023 – 7.30pm - Barbour Institute, Tattenhall.

Monday 19th February 2024 – 7.30pm – Venue TBC.

Monday 20th May 2024 – 7.30pm – Venue TBC.

Monday 19th August 2024 - Venue TBC.

Ann Wright
19/09/2023



Tattenhall & District Parish Council
Informal Meeting – Ha-ha Maintenance
5th October 2023

PRESENT

Parish Council – Ann Wright (Clerk)

CW&C – Dr James Dixon (CW&C Built Environment Officer (Conservation and Design))

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss maintenance of Ha-ha.

The Clerk met Dr Dixon at the Ha-ha the review maintenance works the following matters were discussed:

- It was noted the Ha-ha is in a generally good condition.
- It was agreed the metal brackets and barbed wire need to be removed, as the brackets erode and move they will act as leavers and lift the sandstone blocks.
- It was noted there are some small bulges in the ha-ha which need to be monitored.
- It was discussed if the ivy and moss should be removed from the wall. Dr Dixon agreed he would seek advice from Roger Goulding (CW&C) regarding the issue and the impact its removal would have on biodiversity.
- Some sections of the wall appear to have been repaired using cement mortar, these repairs should be replaced with lime mortar.
- It was discussed that for the long-term preservation of the ha-ha the whole wall should be pointed, and the necessary repairs/localised replacement of stones undertaken.
- It was noted there are some large voids visible in sections of the ha-ha, these need to be assessed.
- Dr Dixon confirmed he would speak to the archaeology service at CW&C as to whether it would be advisable to undertake an archaeological survey of a section of the ha-ha ditch, it was noted it was possible to undertake this as a community project including the primary school and residents.
- Dr Dixon confirmed he would investigate if the ha-ha is listed and would pursue its listing if it isn't.
- It was suggested that the project should seek to include the whole ha-ha not just the cleared section.
- Dr Dixon confirmed he would assist in drawing up a scope of works for the project which could include a range of community involvement including people taking part in the repair works, pointing and any archaeological surveys.

Ann Wright
5th October 2023