

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Council Meeting Held 4th March 2024 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – J. Kershaw

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

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 9

APOLOGIES

Cllr C. Elliott – personal commitment.

Cllr M. Foster - personal commitment.

Cllr N. Sharp – unwell.

RESOLVED 24/257 – That the Council agree the reasons for absence and apologies to date for Cllr Sharp.

COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted that Peter Clark has stood down from the Parish Council, the statutory vacancy notice had been displayed and should no election be called the Council will advertise to co-opt as soon as possible.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The following interests were declared:

Cllr P. Black, grant applications for TCA and Tattenhall Singers, will remain in the room but not speak or vote.

Cllr R Carden grant applications for Allotments Association and Transition Tattenhall, will remain in the room but not speak or vote.

Cllr D Darnborough, grant applications for Tattenhall Bowling Green and Transition Tattenhall, will remain in the room but not speak or vote.

Cllr R Smith, planning application 24/00396/FUL, will leave the room when the application is discussed and not vote.

PARISH NEWS

Cllr Carden agreed to produce the Parish News article for the 15th March deadline.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gifford Lea Phase 4 Application

The Council were reminded about the application to make amendments to application 22/00194/FUL, phase 4 of the Gifford Lea development.

CW&C Libraries & Museums Consultation

Councillors were asked to consider responding to the ongoing CW&C Libraries and Museums consultation. Which includes a proposal to reduce the opening times of Tattenhall Library by 3 hours which could be seen as a move towards further reductions to the service in the future.

Concerns was voiced regarding the Library Bus visiting Gifford Lea which could be contributing to a fall in numbers of those attending the Library next to the Park Primary School in person.

It was agreed that councillors would submit their own individual comments.

Chester Road Flooding

It was highlighted that that Chester Road floods just beyond the new development and by the railway bridge and on occasions when there is heavy rain residents are unable to leave their properties due to the flooding.

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones confirmed he would investigate this matter and raise with CW&C Highways.

Church Bank Telegraph Pole

Concern was raised regarding the installation of a telegraph pole on Church Bank which is an eyesore in this sensitive location. It was also highlighted that tar is running out of the telegraph pole and has damaged a child's coat which rubbed against it.

CW&C Cllr Jones confirmed he had written to Openreach complaining about the installation of the pole in a sensitive conservation area without following the proper procedure.

High Street Potholes

It was noted that CW&C had closed the High Street to repair the potholes outside the chemist but had only repaired as small number of the potholes. Given the repairs required a road closure and traffic management to be in place this was seen as extremely wasteful given the other potholes will require repairing very soon.

It was noted that gravel from the potholes was not cleared from the road and now flicks up when cars drive over it creating a dangerous hazard.

It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive of CW&C raising these concerns.

MINUTES

RESOLVED 23/258 –That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2024.

PLANNING

1) Planning Register

Councillors confirmed the planning register as circulated, pages 151 to 154.

2) Planning Applications

Cllr R Smith left the room and took no part I the following discussion.

24/00396/FUL – Erection of single storey side extension – 4 Hill Garth Road, Newton-by-Tattenhall.

RESOLVED 24/259 –That the Council submit the following comments:

That the Council is unable to support this application given concerns regarding the loss of residential amenity or privacy to neighbouring properties which will be overlooked by the extension and because the proposed finish to the extension does not match the existing property.

Cllr R Smith rejoined the meeting.

Amendment to 22/00194/FUL – Full planning application for 26 extra care units (use class C2), with associated access, parking, landscaping, ecological enhancements and other works - Gifford Lea Retirement Village, Frog Lane, Tattenhall, CH3 9DN.

RESOLVED 24/260 –That the Council confirm that the proposed amendments do not address the previously submitted objection and as such the Council's strong objection still stands.

3) Lead Planners

The following lead planners were noted until the January meeting, Cllrs Bailey, Darnborough and Keeping.

CHURCH BANK TELEGRAPH POLE

The meeting noted concerns raised by residents regarding the installation of a new telegraph pole on Church Bank.

RESOLVED 24/261 –That the Council write to Openreach objecting to the installation of the telegraph pole without following proper process in a highly sensitive historic location on Church Bank surrounded by listed buildings. Highlighting that this location is frequently photographed and has been used in the filming of period dramas. Concern will also be raised regarding the finish of the pole which has already damaged a child's coat. That Openreach engage with the Parish Council and remove the pole and find an alternative location or install underground cabling.

FLOODING

1) Highways Flooding

It was noted that since the January meeting the flooding of roads into Tattenhall has continued. It was agreed to work with CW&C Cllr Jones to hold a meeting with key stakeholders in late spring early summer to discuss how these issues can be resolved.

2) Former Railway Flooding

It was noted the flooding caused by the infilling of the railway at Gatesheath has not been resolved. It was reported that CW&C enforcement are still working to resolve this issue which is made more complex by the sale of the land involved. It was suggested that the landowners adjacent to the site should take their own private legal action.

Cllr. N. Matthews declared an interest in this matter.

It was agreed to write to CW&C enforcement to reiterate the concerns noting the flooding at present is 10 foot deep and is impacting a large area of land.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

The meeting noted the notes of meetings held on the 7th and 22nd February, from page 332 of the Minutes. It was reported that the working group is almost at the point of going out to public and Reg. 14 consultation. Following a 'health check' or review carried out by Locality the working group needs to reassess the Local Green Spaces.

It was reported to complete the Plan the Council will require support with the consultation which can be provided by Cheshire Community Action and handling responses which are likely to be complex as a result of the Reg 14 consultation.

The Council will apply for grant funding if it is available.

RESOLVED 24/262 –That the Council budget up to £4k to complete the Plan review.

CW&C LOCAL PLAN

It was noted a number of councillors had met and reviewed the Local Plan consultation documents and had made a number of comments which will be updated and circulated by email to all councillors.

It was noted as part of the consultation respondents are asked to comment on whether the proposed sites are suitable for housing development and if not what type of development the land would suit. There is no option for land to continue as farmland for food production which was regarded as disgraceful.

The Council was asked to consider what infrastructure it would require with any additional development.

RESOLVED 24/263 –That the Council delegate authority to the Clerk to submit comments in consultation with Councillors by email.

COMMUNITY ROOM

The meeting noted the notes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2024, page 336 of the Minutes. It had been agreed that an agreement can be drawn up between the school and Parish Council to allow the school to manage the Community Room.

However the exterior doors and fire alarm system need to be updated to allow public access which will cost approximately £15k and CW&C had indicated this should be funded 50:50 by the Parish Council and School.

RESOLVED 24/264 –That the Council write to CW&C stating that it will not pay 50% of these costs which are wholly the responsibility of CW&C Council who were responsible for the building project and who spent the community funding earmarked for the Community Room.

BOLESWORTH ESTATE

The Council noted the notes of the meeting held on the 19th February, page 339 of the Minutes, noting that an additional meeting has been arranged for 12th March where the Estate will be presenting their response to the CW&C Local Plan consultation.

YOUTH SHELTER

It was confirmed that the works to the youth shelter will go ahead when the company has availability noting the company are providing the service for free.

PARK PLAY AREA SIGNS

The Clerk reported that she had received a quote to replace the metal sponsorship sign on The Park play area with a stainless-steel laser engraved sign for approximately £297.00 the Clerk has requested prices for cheaper options.

RESOLVED 24/266 –That the Council delegate authority to the Clerk to agree a new sign in consultation with councillors.

ACCOUNTS & PAYMENTS

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 24/267 –That the council approve the accounts, payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 128 of the Cashbook including the following payments:

PJ Hellmers Ltd	Xmas lights removal	120.00
Lite	Xmas lights removal	1275.60
Dutton Traffic Management	Remembrance Closure	486.00
Shires Accountants	Payroll - backpay	18.00
A. Wright	REIM: Zoom, Cloudnext	123.01
HMRC	PAYE/NI	782.65
A. Wright	Salary inc. back pay	1883.43
Signs of the Times	Footpath & other signs	105.00
Cumbria Clock Company	Clock Service (Church)	234.00
Nest	Pension contribution	55.99
Barbour Institute	Room Hire - January	43.33
Ensign Flag Co. Ltd	St George Flag & Rope	174.00
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Tree works (Spinney)	120.00
SSE	Memorial Power (Dec)	74.44
NatWest	Bank Charges	5.25
SSE	Memorial Power (Jan)	74.44
Nest	Pension Contribution	218.30

2) MUGA Earmarking

RESOLVED 24/268 – That the council earmark £1757.60 towards a future MUGA from previous fundraising.

3) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 24/269 – That the council approve the following payments:

Continuity Electrical Contractors	Bracket testing	392.40
St Helen's PCC	Ful page Parish News 2024	300.00
A. Wright	Reim: Zoom, Cloudnext & Land search	33.57
A. Wright	Salary	1006.79
HMRC	PAYE/NI	201.20
Nest	Pension Contribution	72.22

GRANTS

RESOLVED 24/270 – That the Council award the following grants:

1	Tattenhall PCC	Church yard maintenance	500.00
3	Working Title Artists Collective	2024 Art Trail	500.00
4	Tattenhall Allotments Asso.	Mower	500.00
5	Tattenhall Bowling Club	Green & Facilities works	500.00
6	Transition Tattenhall	Mini Meadows & Repair Café	500.00
8	Tattenhall Community Asso.	A3 Printer	500.00
9	Tattenhall Tennis Club	Court maintenance	250.00
11	Tattenhall Local History Website	Hosting & domain name	79.15
12	Tattenhall Singers	Castors for piano	300.00
13	Tattenhall Park Primary PTFA	Forest School	500.00
14	Tattenhall Park School Garden Project	Garden tools & raised planter	500.00
16	AFC Tattenhall Juniors	Line painter	250.00
17	Opal (Tattenhall)	Craft materials & Activities	350.00
Total			£5229.15

It was agreed that the Tattenhall Beer & Cider Festival be asked to contact the Council when looking for sponsorship of beer barrels as the Council would be willing to consider that as an alternative to a grant.

A discussion took place regarding providing funding to the Allotment Association towards a mower on behalf of Transition Tattenhall to allow their volunteers to use it to mow the Orchard. It was agreed that Transition Tattenhall be asked to provide scheme and cost for undertaking the mowing in the Orchard over a three-year period which could include equipment costs for the Council to consider.

SCHOOL CIL PAYMENT

RESOLVED 24/271 – That the Council confirm payment of £1543.50 to Tattenhall Primary School previously agreed in March 2020 for the CIL budget for works to improved drainage on the playing field.

PRIORITIES WORKSHOP

The Clerk reported she is awaiting confirmation of a date the workshop.

D-DAY COMMEMORATIONS

It had been suggested that the HORSAs building at Tattenhall Centre was related to the building of HORSAs glider wings however it was understood this hut has been erected after the War as part of the **Hutting Operations for Raising School Age** as such it was an extremely rare building and it was agreed the Clerk should contact CW&C conservation team about its possible listing.

A D-Day display will be installed on Church Bank in Rhoysda's window over D-day and the following weekend.

A ticketed event is proposed to be held on Friday 7th June with a period entertainment, a fish and chip supper and bar to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-day with any profits going to the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED 24/270 – That the Council agreed a budget of up to £1k to organise the events but that the supper event should be self-funding through tickets sales.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Ann Wright
05/03/2024

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm
Billiards Room, Barbour Institute.

**Notes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group
Held in The Boys Room, Barbour Institute
7th February 2024.**

PRESENT

Chairman: Iain Keeping

Sheila Chapman
Ann Wright (Clerk).

Adele Evans

Ian Waddington

Apologies

Pat Black, Caryl Roberts & Peter Weston.

Declaration of Interests

No interests declared.

Notes of Previous Meetings

The notes of the following meetings were agreed, 15th November, 6th December 2023 and 19th January 2024.

Public Participation

No public present.

Neighbourhood Plan Health Check

The Group reviewed the latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan 9.3.1 which had incorporated the comments made in the Health Check.

It was discussed that the Health Check had made it clear the examiner would look at the Plan as a whole as if new and there was a risk of policies being removed or rejected that have not been amended. It was agreed the risk of this needs to be considered against the risk of not completing the review and the Plan being deemed as out of date.

It was noted that contents pages have been added to the Plan as recommended.

Comment Number Reference	Action
Introduction Comment 1.2	No change
Paragraph 1.14 Comment 1.3	Remove paragraph
Paragraph 1.15 Comment 1.4	No change
Vision & objectives Comment 1.5.10	No change
Five Year Review Comment 1.6	Remove – no longer required as 5 year review will have completed, will be noted in changes list.
Designated Area Comment 1.7	New explanation added as suggested. To include point that only very small number of the people /properties were impacted by the new area designation it was open countryside.
Objectives Comment 1.9	Wording to be amended to: The Plan has successfully delivered small scale housing development of 30 or fewer. Last sentence to be deleted as repetition.
Objective 4 Comment 2	No change

Paragraph 3.16 Comment 3	Reword stating Design Code to be adopted along with the Plan.
Paragraph 5.1 Comment 5	Corrected. IK to check number match with new Housing Needs Survey.
Paragraph 5.2 Comment 6	Corrected.
Paragraph 5.5 Comment 1.10	Corrected.
Paragraph 5.8 Comment 1.11	No change
Paragraph 5.19 Comment 1.12	Consultation to be undertaken. Suggested this includes explanation of change that at least 30% of a development is affordable housing and that the Group is not proposing to change the 30 limit – do residents etc support this stance.
Policy 1.3 Comment 7	Corrected
Policy 1.4	Corrected
Local Character 6.3 Comment 1.15	Remove 'adopted by CWaC'.
Policy 2.8 Comment 1.16	Corrected
Local Economy 7.2 Comment 1.17	Corrected
Policy 3 Comment 1.18	Include 'and retail' Corrected.
Policy 4 Comment 1.19	No action
Policy 5 Comment 1.20.1 1.21.3 1.22.4	Corrected No change No change
Policy 6 Page 22 +	Local Green Spaces It was noted that the Health Check had raised some concerns regarding the Local Green Spaces which had previously been listed as: i) Sites of Open Space Value ii) Sites of Sport, Recreation & amenity Value iii) Sites of Nature conservation Value The Report suggested there was not enough justification for the sites which had been added and also those which had been removed. It was noted the Sites had been justified based on the CW&C guidelines which is based on those in the NPPF. It was agreed to create a table of the removed sites with a check list to show where they do not meet the criteria. The justification of the new sites will be reviewed.

It was reported that revised maps will need to be created through the Ordinance Survey website.

Next steps inc. consultation

It was discussed that we need support to undertake the consultation and possibly also planning support to deal with comments and that Cheshire Community Action (CCA) could possibly support the Group through the consultation and had suggested planning consultants who may be able to offer support.

It was noted that given time scales the Council may need to consider funding the works to complete the Review.

It was also discussed that the document will need to be professionally produced as well as proofread.

CW&C Local Plan Consultation

It was agreed to recirculate the CW&C consultation email for consideration.

Next meeting

Wednesday 13th March 2024, 7pm, Zoom.

DRAFT

Notes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group
Held virtually via Zoom
22nd February 2024.

PRESENT

Chairman: Iain Keeping

Pat Black Caryl Roberts

Ian Waddington

Ann Wright (Clerk).

Cheshire Community Action (CCA) – John Heselwood

ONH¹ – Neil Homer

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss consultation & technical support.

Background was provided on the Neighbourhood Plan review process and where the working group had got to. It was noted the group needs help managing the consultation and depending on the consultation results is likely to need professional planning advice.

Neil Homer confirmed that the examiner cannot alter unchanged policies and justification which has already been through examination.

Concerns raised in the health check about Policy 6 and Local Green Spaces were discussed. It was stated that adding new green spaces would trigger a referendum. Land allocated as green spaces are expected to have longevity and last beyond the Plan period. It was noted the land listed in the made Plan were listed as Local Green Spaces and then divided into 3 categories. It was confirmed there is no need to retrofit justification for land already allocated.

The Group was asked why they were reviewing the Plan:

To strengthen Policy 1 and bring into compliance with the Local Plan.

Update Designated Area to match the Council's amended boundary.

To retain the planning weight of Plan for the remainder of the Plan period.

It was noted the Plan should retain its weight during the Plan period unless CW&C fails to have the necessary housing numbers.

A discussion took place regarding views which had also been highlighted in the health check as lacking a policy. It was noted Policy 2, point 5 includes views. It was suggested the Group consider strengthening this policy.

Wildlife Corridors

It was discussed that wildlife corridors usually go beyond 1m either side of a brook and would normally include a wider hinterland.

It was agreed the working group needs to meet and discuss what support it requires including help with wording.

Neil Homer suggested that his company could handle the Reg 14 responses while the Group with support from CCA could handle public responses.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Next meeting

Agenda to include review of Policy 6, support required.

Wednesday 13th March 2024, 7pm, Zoom.

¹ <https://www.oneillhomer.co.uk/>

Notes of School & Community Room Meeting Tattenhall Park Primary School 29th January 2024.

PRESENT

Park Primary School

Nicky Bolton – Headteacher

Peter Brown – Chairman of Governors

Parish Council

Pat Black, Christine Elliot, Paul Kerr, Ann Wright (Clerk)

CW&C

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones.

Janine Smart – Capital Development Manager

Kelly Stanton – Children Services Liaison Manager

Helen Thomas – Property Services

Purpose of Meeting – To discuss Community Room.

Peter Brown welcomed all to the meeting and stated that it was possible to overcome many of the barriers which had been discussed at the previous meeting around the use of furniture and the kitchen area, although it was highlighted that access was still the key issue.

Access & Fire Alarm

Quotes had been obtained for the fire alarm £8664 and door/entry system £6180 as such the cost to carry out the required works is approximately £15k.

Works to the Fire Alarm will include creation of a second panel which would be accessible from the Community Room and would not require the school to be accessed if there was a false alarm.

It was discussed if the alarm connected to the Community Room would also be connected the fire service it was agreed that it should be as any damage to the Community Room by a fire would also impact the school.

Funding

It was noted that at this time no funding has been identified to cover the above costs and that CW&C would be unable to provide any funding.

Cllr Jones confirmed he would contact Craig Green, CW&C Localities regarding possible funding including crowd funding.

It was also discussed that some of the costs could be included in some of the school's projects.

It was noted that the Parish Council could consider providing when they meet in March.

Storage & kitchen Area

It was agreed that there should be no issues with users of the room using the furniture and kitchen area so long as it was looked after.

It was agreed that storage areas and areas with food could be locked.

It was noted that some regular user groups may want storage facilities, however given the lack of space that would not be possible. It was noted that the Barbour Institute does not allow groups to store equipment due to a lack of space and also fire risk.

It was agreed a clear code of conduct needs to be drawn up for users to abide by.

Agreement Documentation

It was explained the document which had been considered at earlier meetings was a community use agreement however following the discussion at this evening's meeting it was thought an agreement between the school and the Parish Council would be more appropriate and the CW&C officers would provide a draft 'Heads of Terms' which could be used as the basis for the agreement.

Usage

It was agreed access to the Community Room would be from 6.30pm on weekdays to accommodate the after-school club. It was also agreed priority should be given to holiday clubs using the room during school holidays.

It was discussed that the room had been intended to provide a facility for the young people of Tattenhall and it had been hoped it might become the venue for a youth club. It was noted that in discussion with young people they had stated they did not want to come back to the primary school for a youth club however this may change once the room becomes more widely used by community groups.

Cleaning

It was confirmed the Room is currently cleaned as part of the school and a discussion took place as to how this could be managed when it is hired out as it needs to be clean and tidy ready for the TASC (Tattenhall Around School Care) for 7.30am.

It was suggested the caretaker could clean the toilets ready but that users would need to leave the space clean and tidy and may need to access a Hoover or other basic cleaning equipment.

It was agreed to revisit this topic in the future once the room is being used.

Management of the Community Room

It was suggested that the school should manage the room and that money from the hire should cover the cleaning and admin costs and should the room make a profit the money should be reinvested into the Room.

It was suggested the school could produce an annual report with accounts (retrospective) which would show room hire, receipts and payments.

It was noted that the school would require a booking form, Cllr Black advised that the Barbour Institute would be happy to share their documentation and booking forms and hire rates.

It was also discussed deposits could be taken for cleaning if required.

It was discussed that a licence may be required if the room is hired for a large block of time for example a number of weeks for a holiday/sports club.

Insurance

It was recommended that the school check its public liability insurance for hiring out the room, noting that companies hiring the room should produce their public liability when booking.

All were thanked for attending what has been a very positive and productive meeting.

NEXT MEETING

TBC

Ann Wright
30/01/2024.

DRAFT

Notes of informal meeting with Bolesworth Estate & Neighbouring Parish Council.

Bolesworth Castle

Monday 19th February 2024

Present

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

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

Tattenhall & District Parish Council – Jonny Kershaw, Neil Matthews, Ann Wright (Clerk)

Apologies

Bolesworth Estate – Nina Barbour

Broxton & District Parish Council – Kathryn Borman, David Williams.

Sandstone Ridge Area of Natural Beauty

Andrew Hull from the Sandstone Ridge Trust provided an update on the process to have the Sandstone Ridge area designated as a National Landscape. He reported that the process is about halfway through but there is still a lot of work to be done.

He confirmed the designation is all about protecting the landscape and if the area is designated it will be the first National Landscape to be wholly located within Cheshire West's and Cheshire East's boundaries.

National Landscapes, the new name for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, will sit under National Parks.

Over the last 2 and half years since the Secretary of State identified the Ridge and Yorkshire Wolds for possible designation Natural England have appointed consultants to work with the working group to collect evidence.

The Sandstone Ridge area itself is Natural Character Area (NCA) 62 however the group has been working to collect evidence as to which areas should be included in the designated area. It was noted CW&C and CE have areas of special county value and sites of interest adjacent to the Ridge which meet the criteria to be included. It was noted the criteria takes into account views into and out of the Ridge as well as sense of place.

It was confirmed the area will be announced following Natural England's next meeting. It was noted Natural England can reject the proposed designation at this stage however it thought this is very unlikely to happen.

The next step will be a 6-month stakeholders' consultation which will include major landowners, Parish Council's etc. It was noted that this is another key stage in the process. To date landowners and stakeholders have been supportive of the designation however there could be objections particularly from developers.

This will be followed by a 6-month public consultation.

It was not known what impact a general election could have on the process. However, it seems unlikely a change of government would stop the process.

It was noted there has been no new designations in the last 35 years although some designated areas have been extended.

It was discussed what impact the designation may have on the planning process. It was suggested the designation would not have a large impact on development of housing as houses have been built on areas already designated however development of fracking and solar farms are less likely to get permission.

It was noted planning in National Landscapes remains with the principal authority in our case CW&C, whereas National Parks have their own planning authority.

It was noted that the Local Authorities have been supportive of the designation to date and have regarded it as a benefit. However, with designated they will be expected to provide 25% of the funding for a small team to manage the area.

It was discussed that the designation would have a positive impact on the rural economy, increasing the visitor numbers which will support cafés, public houses, hotels, campsites etc.

The designation is likely to make the area a more desirable place to live which is likely to impact house prices.

It was discussed that funding which has just closed is expected to be renewed for farming in a protected area. It was reported that the Sandstone Ridge Farmer Network had raised some concerns regarding increased footfall. It was noted that since covid footfall to rural areas has already significantly increased and is likely to continue to do so even without the designation.

Once the consultation is completed the results will be considered by Natural England who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State.

It was confirmed that the process to date has kept to the predicted time scales.

It was noted that there was a lack of car parking and catering in this area compared to the Northern areas of the Ridge.

Andrew Hull was thanked for attending the meeting.

Notes of Meeting held 20th November 2023

The notes of the meeting of the 20th November 2024 with a correction stating the Harthill site has a number of current designation uses were agreed.

Developments update & feedback:

It was agreed to attach the handout provide by Bolesworth Estate to the notes, from page 4.

Harthill

It was confirmed the Estate is continuing to work with CW&C officers and have moved the proposed footpath routes onto the former mountain boarding site. It was reported the Estate is still waiting to meet with highways officers noting highways along with noise are key issues that need to be addressed.

Cheshire Workshops

It was reported that clearing of the property is almost complete with a large amount of the items found in the property being given away for reuse. Once the building has been cleared the site will be secured.

Portico

It was confirmed discussions are ongoing with Muir regarding affordable housing for the site.

It was noted that the Parish Council had received complaints regarding erection of event signs on the site, the Estate will look at this issue.

Events

It was noted that a reduced number of events will be held at the Castle during 2024 and it is not yet decided if there will be a Christmas event.

It was noted a large family festival is being planned for 2025.

The Estate was invited to get involved in the Tractor Run this Christmas in Tattenhall.

Community Update

A report was given of the Estate's Community Projects.

It was noted the Castle gardens will be open to the public on the 10th and 11th May.

It was noted the Estate is working with Transition Tattenhall looking at energy efficiency.

It was noted there had also been discussion about possible grant funding for siting of vehicle charging points.

Permission has been granted for the siting of a defib. and cabinet at New Russia Hall which the Parish Council has applied for a grant for from the British Hearth Foundation.

The estate is also supporting the Tattenhall Community Association (TCA) in refurbishing the toilets in the Barbour Institute

CW&C Local Plan

It was confirmed that the Estate is preparing a submission for the CW&C Local Plan consultation. The Estate is looking at way of providing affordable housing as well as undertaking works which will ease the ongoing flood issues. They are looking at their employment areas noting that Chowley Oak is becoming a focus for Agri tech businesses. The Estate is also looking at its leisure provision.

It was noted that key to providing housing is identifying the right location and making sure the community has the basic facilities it needs noting the doctor's surgery is under significant pressure.

It was noted the current local plan identifies the former railway lane as a possible cycling and walking route and it would be good to establish this route between Tattenhall and Chowley Oak and that the project could attract grant funding.

It was agreed to arrange an additional meeting for the Estate to explain their submission to CW&C on Tuesday 12th March, 6pm at Bolesworth Castle.

Other Matters

Flooding

It was noted that flooding continues to be a massive issue in and around Tattenhall and is not sustainable. It was agreed to schedule a meeting in May/June with key stakeholders including CW&C, Welsh Water and the Environment Agency to discuss ways of tackling the issue.

Future Meetings

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – 6.00pm – Bolesworth Castle.

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

Monday 19th August 2024 - Venue TBC.

Ann Wright
21st February 2024



Bolesworth & Parish Councils meeting

Monday 19th February, 2024

Harthill Planning Update

- Planning process is ongoing with good dialogue.
- We have submitted a revised trail layout. This utilises the site of the old Mountain Boarding operation and provides direct access to the Sandstone trail.
- Meeting yet to be scheduled with Highways. Hopeful that this will take place in the next couple of weeks.



Cheshire Workshops

- Team working to empty property of items left by tenant and to secure site.
 - Aiming to send as little to landfill as possible so various stock and furniture have been offered to local organisations.
 - External contactor in place to clear all other items from the ground floor of the building and the containers at rear of building. This will take place in the next 10 days.
 - Additional concrete bollards to be put in place once vehicular access to the building is no longer required and Heras fencing will be removed.
 - Security lighting is in place.
- Commercially viable options being sought.



Portico Update

- No further update since November.
- Confirmed Muir can submit application to amend (not a full new application).
- Awaiting internal approval from Muir and proposed amendment.
- We will discuss local connection criteria with Muir.



Events Update

Plans for 2024

- Bolesworth International (6th – 16th June)
- Fireworks in November
- Currently reviewing options around Christmas.
- Working on a schedule of smaller scale corporate events.

Plans for 2025

- Cheshire Balloon Fiesta have postponed both their events in the UK until 2025.
- We have a confirmed booking for a new Family Based Festival in July 2025.



Community Update

- Barbour Institute works. Continue to support the 'Not bog-standard bogs' works.
- Funding & support for Growing Children Project at Tattenhall allotments continues.
- TWiG & Woodland Trust – planting of Oak Avenue (FP2) to be completed in the next few months.
- Sport & Leisure Tattenhall – working with team to support an all-weather pitch on the existing football field.
- Working with CWAC PRow officer to review public footpaths across the estate.
- Arranging for the Millfield footpath to be resurfaced asap following the damage in the January storms.
- Working with Tattenhall Kind to donate various furniture items from the Cheshire Workshops to local people and businesses. In total 16 chairs, 3 high-chairs, 28 tables, 7 storage units, 3 screens, multiple retail stands and a fridge were all re-homed.
- This week we provided topsoil to Tattenhall Park Primary for their new tree pots. Also sponsoring a tree that will go in one of the pots. Hope to work with the school going forward on other projects.

