

Tattenhall & District Parish Council Annual Report 2024-2025

Chairman's Report - Councillor Jonny Kershaw

The past year has been yet another busy year for the Parish Council, seeing many projects coming to near completion, and others in their infancy.

The kissing gates upgrade is now almost complete. This project has been on going for a couple of years now, and will make many of the footpaths around the village more accessible for all.

The Parish Council has also installed two new benches, one in the Orchard, and one on the Flacca, dedicated to PCSO Hurst. The PC has worked with Cheshire West & Chester Council to replace the Gatesheath bus shelter, which needed upgrade.

The Parish Council strives to work with all sections of society, and throughout the year we have been in discussions with the school to find a solution to deliver a MUGA for the village, something that would enhance the facilities at the school and for the village as a whole. This is still on going, and we are trying to overcome various obstacles.

The neighborhood plan update is soon to be completed and is just ending its formal Regulation 14 consultation period. This will then be sent for examination and be adopted.

The floods of the last few winters have not been forgotten,... earlier in January the PC hosted an open meeting between the Village residents, EA, Highways and CWaC. After informative discussions, the conclusion was for the PC to form a working group to keep pressure on the local authorities and stakeholders to find solutions to the ongoing problems.

The centrally located emergency sandbag store at the school has been a relief to many after periods of heavy rainfall have caused water to rise. We will continue to maintain this facility and keep it well stocked.

As a statutory consultee in the planning process, the PC will always try and defend the best interests of the village. We know that we will be facing pressure from many developers to build on land around the village, and we will continue to consult with the village on the larger scale proposals.

The Christmas market and tractor event last December was bigger and better than the previous year and was a wonderful sight, enjoyed by crowds lining the streets! We hope to continue this into the future.

Thank you all for coming, and look forward another productive year.



Meeting Dates 2025-2026

Monday 7th July 2025
Monday 12th September 2025
Monday 14th November 2025
Monday 9th January 2026
Monday 13th March 2026

Tuesday 8th May 2026 (Annual/First Meeting)

Planning

Since May 2024 we have received approximately 35 planning applications. 6 of which related to works to trees either in the conservation area or with tree protection orders on them.

15 applications were for extension and alterations to existing properties.

We received 2 applications to convert agricultural buildings into residential properties. One application sought to use permitted development rights to convert the agricultural buildings into 5 dwellings on Newton Lane. It was confirmed that the development could not take place under permitted development. The application was later dismissed in at appeal. A further application was received in April 2025 to convert 2 of the brick agricultural buildings into 2 residential properties.

Other applications have included conversion of the caravan storage to a retail shop, floodlights, conversion to a B&B, conversion of a building for a flight simulator.

We have also been consulted about a possible application for up to 115 houses on land off Tattenhall Road, but at the time of writing no formal application has been received.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on planning applications we have received.

To find out more about planning visit

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk and click on planning.

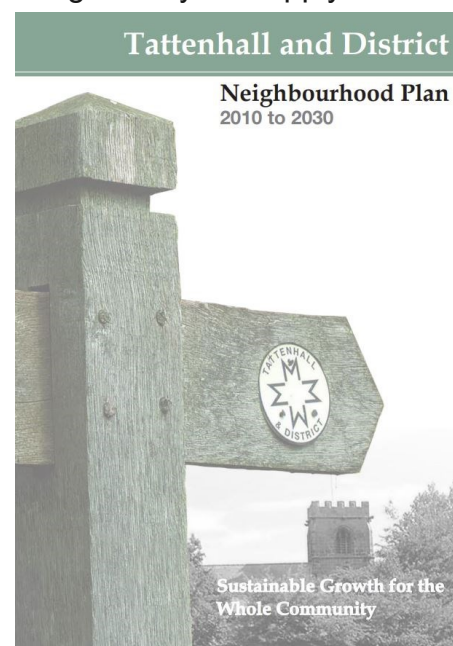


Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Neighbourhood Plan review has now completed the statutory consultation period. The responses will be collated, and consideration will be given to making further changes to the Plan. The next step will be to submit the proposed changes for formal examination by the independent Examiner. The Examiner will consider the submitted documents and any comments made during the consultation period to determine if the plan meets the basic conditions and other relevant legal requirements. If the proposals change the nature of the original Plan, another referendum may be required.

Changes to National planning policy have resulted in an increased housing requirement imposed on Cheshire West and Chester Council. Consequently, there is no longer a 5-year supply of housing development in the borough. Under these circumstances, both the Local Development Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan carry little or no weight when considering housing development applications. We expect numerous large developments in open countryside adjacent to our settlements in the near future, making the role of our Neighbourhood Plan uncertain. Despite this, the Parish Council has decided to press on and complete the review as soon as possible.

The Parish Council has written to the Leader of the borough council, requesting her to use her influence to encourage the Government to take steps to control the flow of planning applications in rural settings. They are particularly concerned about the unaffordability of “affordable” homes, the loss of good farmland, poor public transport, increased flood risk, and pressure on primary care provision.



Blister Pack recycling Project 2024-2025

In January this year the Parish Council is response to increased flooding in and around the village called a public meeting including representatives of Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) highways department, and the Environment Agency.

The meeting which was attended by approximately 120 residents made it clear the huge impact repeated flooding was having on their lives and businesses.

It was discussed how after almost every rain shower the majority of the roads into and out of the village were flooded and impassable and that this flooding took days to clear.

Frustration was voiced at inability of the various agencies to work together and address these issues.

It was also voiced that further development will only exacerbate the problem.

As a result on the meeting a working group has been formed which is seeking to do the following:

- To collect information on flood areas from the community •
- To gain an understanding of causes of flooding
- Understand possible solutions
- Action solutions

WE NEED YOU INPUT...

As such our next step is to collect information from residents and businesses as to where the flooding is taking place, we will be holding some drop-in sessions which will be advertised on our website, Facebook page and notice board for people to come along and do this.

Alternatively, you can email clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk with flooding hotspots, if possible with photographs and dates of flooding.

TO FIND OUT MORE...

You can find out more about planning including how to prepare for flooding, how to report it and also a link to sign up to receive flood warnings by visiting the CW&C Drainage and Flooding pages at

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/highways/drainage-and-flooding

Emergency Sandbags

Emergency sandbags are available at Tattenhall Park Primary School.

The store is opposite the Library entrance. The sandbags can be accessed by contacting one of the who will provide the code to the lock.

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Blister Pack recycling Project 2024-2025



We started collecting blister packs last September with the promise of enough boxes to last the year. The collection was so successful that the boxes only lasted until February and we have now obtained a large crate from MyRefactory which hopefully will hold 10 to 12 sacksful of blister packs.

This would not have been achieved but for the generous donations from our Parish Council and our ward Councillor Mike Jones and CW&C. Also it has been an incredibly successful recycling project thanks to all the villagers who regularly drop off their blister packs at the designated sites, the **Post Office, Church Bank Homecare Ltd, the Library, Tattenhall Vets** and Flacca Court (for residents).

At some point during the coming year we hope to be able to buy one or two planters from MyRefactory which will have been partially made with the plastic from some of our blister packs. It is vitally important that aluminum is recycled as it is more environmentally friendly and more economical than producing new aluminum and it can be recycled forever without deteriorating. MyRefactory have been taken by surprise by the number of blister packs that people are sending for recycling and because of our project they are going to reduce the cost to community groups for both the boxes and pallets.

Please keep helping to recycle your blister packs so we can help reduce the need for manufacturing new aluminum and not end up with so many blister packs going to landfill.

Thank you

Accounts 2024-2025



Balance Brought Forward 2023-2024	213,754	
Precept 2024-2025	70,827	
Other Income -	23,921	Includes: Grants £70— D-Day Event £150—Glass workshop grant £980—Recycling Blister Pack Project £6,942— Neighbourhood Plan Review Other £328—Allotments £502—Misc inc refunds £532 —Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) £2,763—Tractors/Christmas Event £4,560—Interest £7,094—Vat Refund
Staff Costs & Administration	23,474	Includes: £755—Insurance
Other Costs	52,694	Includes: £490—Misc projects £1,158—Room Hire £1,158—Blister pack recycling project £1,171— Defibrillator & Cabinets £2,935—CIL Project—Kissing Gates £5,976—Community Events & Memorial Power £6,928—Neighbourhood Plan Review £7,256—Vat Rebate £7,338—Grants & Donations £18,284—Grounds Maintenance & Tree Works
Balance Carried Forward 2025-2026	232,334	

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every other month beginning in May each year, from 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute, the agenda is published a week before the meeting and can be found on the Council's website, on our Facebook page and is displayed on the Council's notice board on the High Street.

The Council calls extraordinary meetings as required, and the agendas for these are published in the same way as schedule meetings.

All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and include public participation.

If you would like to join our distribution list and be notified when our agendas are published please email clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk.

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