

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting Held 2nd June 2025 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – J. Kershaw

J. Bailey P. Black R. Carden D. Darnborough C. Elliott P. Kerr

N. Matthews B. Wilson

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones

Public – 3

Apologies

S. Chapman – Family commitment

I. Keeping – Family commitment

A. Scarratt – Family commitment

R. Smith – Family commitment

Declaration of Interests

No interests declared

Councillor Vacancy

It was reported that the statutory notice has been displayed for the second vacancy once it is confirmed no one has called an election both vacancies will be advertised for co-option.

Public Participation

Friends of Tattenhall

Ian Cross introduced himself and confirmed that Friends of Tattenhall have reformed to challenge planning applications. Friends of Tattenhall will act as an umbrella group with groups forming to challenge each application as such a group has been formed to challenge the Gladman proposal

Blister Pack Recycling

CW&C Cllr Jones reported on behalf on Mrs Keeping that the first pallet crate purchased is due to be collected soon and a new crate provided. It was confirmed that other villages in the area have shown an interest in the scheme including Malpas and Farndon.

Tara Dumas, CW&C recycling officer is investigating ways CW&C can coordinate the recycling of blister packs.

House Completions

A resident asked how many houses have been completed in Tattenhall particularly at Gifford Lea. It was asked if the apartments built at Gifford Lea count in the housing numbers. CW&C Cllr Jones confirmed that housing numbers are published by CW&C in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)¹, it was thought the 2025 report will be available soon.

A41 Closure & Traffic

It was noted the A41 had been closed for road works and was due to be closed for the rest of the week and that no diversion signs had been installed resulting in the majority of traffic off the A41 including lorries travelling along the High Street and out on Rocky Lane. It was

¹ https://cheshirewestandchester.objective.co.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/mon/

agreed the Clerk contact CW&C to raise concerns about the lack of a clear diversion and the fact that Tattenhall Lane is also due to be closed at the same time.

Minutes

RESOLVED 25/385 –That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th May 2025.

Memorial Lights Power

It was noted the cost of the power supply for the memorial lighting and Christmas tree is increasing and is currently costing over £60 per month, £720 per year. One suggestion was to connect to the Barbour Institute power supply and install a meter so as the be able to calculate the cost of our usage.

It was agreed to look at installation of a meter to the existing supply.

Financial Audit (AGAR) 2024-2025

1) Internal Audit Report

The Council agreed the internal report noting the Council does not hold any petty cash and is not an exempt authority.

2) Accounting Statement 2024-2025

RESOLVED 25/386 –That the Council approve the accounting statement as circulated.

Towpath Project

It was reported to have the plans drawn up from the scheme from Tattenhall to Beeston would cost an addition £5k, it was agreed to fund these works at a later stage when the project has gained more traction.

Park Play Area

Councillors noted the outcome of the recent play area inspection although faults were only of a moderate risk there was a large number of faults on the junior multiply unit and the Council was asked to consider replacing the item. A small working group of Cllrs Elliott, Keeping, Kerr and Wilson has been formed to look into the repairs required plus alternative play equipment. It was suggested asking the primary school pupils what they would like to see on the play area and also seeking advice from

Budget

RESOLVED 25/387 –That the Council agree the following budget:

Towpath Project – £66,182, 50% of Community Infrastructure Levy plus £15k reserves.

Multiuse Games Area Project – £66,182, 50% of Community Infrastructure Levy plus £15k reserves.

It was noted that S106 funding is available for the play area and that the Clerk has requested an update on the amount and that the council has £40k earmarked for play area repairs and replacement of equipment.

Pond

The Clerk reported she had contacted CW&C officer for advice on the pond area but to date had not received a response. It was agreed the Clerk obtain a price for lining the pond area.

Planning

1) Planning Register

Councillors confirmed the planning register as circulated, pages 179 to 181.

2) Planning Applications

No further applications received.

Blister Box Recycling

It was reported that once the large blister pack crate has been filled a new system has been agreed where we will pay a monthly subscription for the crate and collections, the cost of which will be covered by funding received.

RESOLVED 25/388 –That the Council pay monthly subscription of £75 for the blister pack recycling from funding received.

Community Dog Walk

It was agreed to hold a community dog walk again on Sunday 29th June from 2pm, Tattenhall Vets will be involved in the event which will promote picking up after your dog and keeping the village tidy.

Hedgehog House

RESOLVED 25/389 –That the Council agree a budget of up to £50 for the purchase of a hedgehog house to be located in the Orchard.

Glebe Meadow

It was noted that Sanctuary Housing's legal team had confirmed the land which has been enclosed was leased to the Parish Council for 999year and has not been sold by Sanctuary as such the issue had been handed back to the Parish Council to resolve.

RESOLVED 25/390 –That the Council write to the person who fenced off the land confirming ownership of the land and giving 28 days for the fence to be removed.

Accounts & Payments

1) Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 25/391 –That the Council approve the accounts, payments and bank reconciliation as circulated, page 16 of the Cashbook including the following payments:

Unity Bank	Bank charge	6.00
Unity Bank	Interest Debit	0.01
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Park Grounds Maintenance	1659.60
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society	Subscription	8.00
1st Sandstone Scout Group	Grant - Kitchen	500.00
Play Inspection Company	Annual inspection	210.00
Barbour Institute	Room Hire - April	17.06
A. Wright	REIM: Gift	80.00
SSE	Memorial Power	72.24
NatWest	Main bank charge	6.65
Water+	Allotments water	6.93

2) Additional Invoices

RESOLVED 25/392 – That the Council approve the following payments:

A. Wright	Salary – May	1619.55
HMRC	Paye/Ni	469.29
Nest	Pension contribution	153.95
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Grounds maintenance	1544.40
Shires Accountants	Back pay calculations	21.00
Phoenix Accounts	Internal Audit 2024-2025	220.00

Barbour Institute	Room Hire – May	69.83
A. Wright	Reim: Cloudnext & Zoom	33.57

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Ann Wright
03/06/2025.

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30pm
Barbour Institute.