

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

TATTERSETT PARISH COUNCIL

DATE: Monday 23rd September 2024
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: The Green Park Centre, Wicken Green
PRESENT: Daniel Addison (Chairman), Mark White (Vice-Chair), Philip Nice, Richard Pillinger, Jackie Jacklin, Val Christian (Councillors)
Linda Arthur (Clerk) Cllr Tom FitzPatrick (Norfolk County Council)
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1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. To receive declarations of interest and agree dispensations (if any)

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 29th July 2024.

The minutes were unanimously **AGREED** by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (Clerk's report)

There were no items that were not covered by the agenda.

5. To Receive updates from Councillors, Public Bodies etc

5.1 Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick gave a report detailing the end of discussions with the government about devolution for Norfolk, schools' inspections following the discovery of problematic lathe and plaster ceilings in some schools and the Turner exhibition at Norwich castle. In addition, Cllr. FitzPatrick spoke on National Updates, including Adult Social Care and the future of employment support.

RP asked TFP if any funding had been identified for the completion of the Tatterford broadband scheme. TFP informed RP that there had been some structural changes and that the smaller companies that were previously available at a lower rate to finish the work, had been bought by Openreach who were now asking for greater sums of money. TFP agreed to follow this up.

5.2 Mark White gave a report from Wicken Green Village Management. He spoke about various matters concerning Wicken Green and reported that the annual hedge cutting in Lancaster Road has been scheduled for October. The annual "meet your MP" event with Jerome Mayhew went well and the cut in winter fuel payment that affects many vulnerable elderly people in the parish was raised. MW also reported that the flashing 20mph sign on the approach to the school in Lancaster Road was working and the hedge has been trimmed to make the signs visible. The Annual Road sweep has been scheduled.

6. Finance

6.1 To consider the financial statement. The financial statement had been circulated by email. This was unanimously **agreed**.

ser	Date	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross	Remarks
148	20.08.24	L Arthur	£16.23	£3.28	£19.51	Clerk's expenses Aug 24
149	31.07.24	L Arthur	£129.60	£0.00	£129.60	Clerk's Salary July 24
150	31.08.24	L Arthur	£162.00	£0.00	£162.00	Clerk's Salary August 24
151	26.07.24	HMRC	£86.40	£0.00	£86.40	Clerk's PAYE July 24
152	27.08.24	HMRC	£108.00	£0.00	£108.00	Clerk's PAYE Aug 24
		Total	£502.23	£3.28	£505.51	

6.2 To approve the payment of accounts list. This was unanimously **agreed**.

7. Fourwinds Junction

DA asked TFP if there was any update on a possible roundabout at this site. TFP informed the PC that the roundabout at Hempton is at 3rd representation stage. Hempton takes priority on the grounds of safety.

8. Co-Option of new Councillor(s) 11 seats in total to be filled for a full Council (7 Currently Available)

No new Councillors have come forward.

9. Tyre Mountain, Tattersett Business Park, update.

There was no progress on this matter. 800 tyres per month had reportedly been moved, but there is no firm evidence to support this, or whether removal is continuing.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 To receive results of applications

PF/24/0780 - Tattersett - Old Post Office Farm, The Street, Tattersett – Withdrawn

10.2 To receive new applications and comment

PF/24/1296 Swallows Nest, Manor Farm PE31 8RS

There were no objections.

11. 20 mph speed limit Lancaster Road, Blenheim Park

The flashing signs were discussed in item 5. TFP informed the PC that he has asked the police to carry out speed checks outside the school.

12. Dog Fouling Solutions Lancaster Road

This is an ongoing issue, which can be dealt with when the PC finances allow. TFP suggested that NNDC may be able to assist. The Clerk agreed to contact NNDC.

13. Traffic - Tattersett

The traffic problem is continuing, and delivery vans were highlighted as being a particular problem. TFP told the PC that he has asked for 30mph roundels and slow signs, but nothing has been forthcoming as yet.

Whilst on the matter of Tattersett some local issues were discussed, namely that the verges need to be cut and that there is still some stagnant water following the work that has been carried out to address the flooding issues.

14. Playpark Safety Inspections

It was agreed that some repairs are required, when the PC's finances allow, and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation to repair the frayed rope on some equipment.

15. The Precept for 2025/26

MW suggested that expenditure had increased whilst the PC has a legacy of no precept increase, except for a small increase last year, for over a decade. Urgent expenditure is required on various projects and some issues, such as the playpark repairs cannot be postponed indefinitely. All costs have increased because of inflation and due diligence requirements. Other maintenance costs are now present because of projects that the PC have carried out, such as the playpark and defibrillators. The current precept is one of the lowest in the county and a significant increase is needed to enable the PC to meet the needs of the Parish. The Council reviewed the expenditure required and it was agreed that an increase of around 87% would be needed this year to enable the PC to continue to work effectively for the Parish. This increase would still represent very good value and would increase the annual precept to a total of £6868 per year. This was unanimously agreed.

16. Sewage Treatment Grants

The Norfolk Rivers Consortium are offering free upgrades to some older type of septic tanks. These upgrades would benefit the environment. As much of the parish does not have access to mains sewerage, septic tanks are commonly in use. The Clerk was asked to register interest with the Consortium and design a flyer to be displayed on the Parish noticeboards and delivered to Parishioners.

17. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

18. To agree the date and time of the next meeting and agree new agenda items.

The next meeting has been arranged for Monday 11th November 2024.

19. Open Forum for Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Date)