

Tatham Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Lowgill

Present:

Cllr Dawson (chair), Cllr Harrison, Cllr Mason, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Winstanley, Cllr Taylor & 1 member of the public.

Open forum.

Richard Gargini explained how a group of Wennington volunteers, supported by the Parish Council, had formed Steering Group and developed a Community Emergency Plan (CEP). The purpose of a Community Emergency Plan is to provide immediate support and/or assistance to members of the community, in the event of an emergency. The CEP does not aim replace the role and function of the emergency services, rather it seeks to provide initial assistance ahead of the arrival of the emergency services.

Wennington has already established a collaborative relationship with Bentham Town Council and would like to invite Tatham to join with them. Where communities can work collaboratively on such issues is now widely recognised as a very effective and efficient mechanism for building community resilience.

The Parish council were very interested and supportive of this opportunity and, therefore, would initially gauge the level of parish interest and then ***discuss/decide upon this issue at the next meeting in September.***

19/40 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Deller

19/41 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

None declared

19/42 Consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair

Proposed: Cllr Osborne. Seconded: Cllr Winstanley

19/43 Planning.

19/00663/FUL - Erection of a new building and poly-tunnel, relocation of existing entrance gate and creation of new access track on land West of Mill Houses, Tatham, Lancashire.

This application was discussed and it was resolved to neither support nor object to the application. ***It was resolved that the Clerk would submit this feedback to the Local Planning Authority.***

Proposed: Cllr Osborne. Seconded: Cllr Winstanley.

19/44 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Gill Mason	(Outstanding salary and expenses)	£64.90
LALC	(outstanding subscription)	£8.70
Naomi Prescott	(Internal Auditor)	£75.00
Came & Company	(Insurance)	£218.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed: Cllr Winstanley. Seconded: Cllr Dawson.

Receipts

None

19/45 Lengthsman update.

Cllr Harrison provided a verbal update.

It was resolved that:

- 1. Cllr Harrison would contact the Lengthsman to discuss a number of minor issues associated with weeds and cutting of the verges along with maintenance of noticeboards**
- 2. Cllr Harrison would contact the 'Payback Team' to see if they were still providing services to Parish Councils**
- 3. The Clerk would contact the Highways Dept. (LCC) to see if they have any schedule/criteria for the cutting of grass verges**

19/46 Highways

Cllr Winstanley reported that the road at Mill Houses had now been repaired (*noted*).

A letter has been received by Mrs L Kirkby (Friend of St James the Less Church) confirming that the road surface on Park Lane would be repaired as soon as the respective landowners had cleared the adjoining hedgerows (*noted*).

Cllr Mason reported that he had received feedback, from the Highways Department, that the leaning tree, near Monksgate Bridge, is not part of the highway and, therefore, is the responsibility of the landowner. ***It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the landowner and pass on this information.***

19/47 Footpaths

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the Forest of Bowland (AONB) Office to see what responsibility, if any, they had in relation to installation and maintenance of footpath signs

19/48 Reports and correspondence.

Cllr Taylor attended the LALC meeting – *noted*

Cllr Osborne reported that there still appears to be issues with Tatham (i.e. Lancashire) residents that are registered with the GP Practice in Bentham, being referred to North Yorkshire for a variety of services. ***It was resolved that Cllr Osborne would explore this issue further with the Practice Manager.***

19/49 Consider the publication of a Newsletter for Parishioners

Copies of the Newsletter developed by Wennington Parish Council were circulated. The relative value of producing a Tatham Newsletter was discussed. However, due the fact that the Parish Council does not have email addresses for all the parishioners and that almost all parishioners already receive the 'Wrayly Mail' it was decided that the council should make better use of the Wrayly Mail. ***It resolved that Cllr Osborne would draft up an article for the next available Wrayly Mail.***

19/49 Date and times of the future meetings.

Tuesday 17th September 2019, 7.30pm at the Old School, Lowgill.

Tuesday 19th November 2019, 7.30pm at St James the Less Church.

Tuesday 21st January 2020, 7.30pm at St James the Less Church.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm Signed Date.....