

# Tatham Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Lowgill

## **Present:**

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

## **Open forum.**

Richard Wilson commended the parish council on its plans, in collaboration with Wennington Parish Council, to develop a Community Emergency Plan. He inquired if the parish council would be minded to widen their definition of 'emergency' to also encompass 'climate emergency'? Lancaster City Council have, in fact, recently declared their commitment to the climate emergency and are now working on a number of initiatives to help reduce the carbon footprint within the district. It was agreed that this issue would be put on the **agenda for the next meeting in November**.

## **19/50 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Osborne

## **19/51 Declarations of interest and dispensations.**

None declared

## **19/52 Consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair

Proposed: Cllr Deller. Seconded: Cllr Winstanley

## **19/53 Planning.**

**19/00896/FUL** - Erection of a canopy, St James the Less Church. ***It was noted that the parish council had already submitted comments in support of this application***

**19/01093/FUL** – Erection of an agricultural building, Oxenforth Green Farm, Long Lane, Tatham. The parish council took a neutral view (i.e. neither supported nor objected) to this application. It was resolved ***that the Clerk would submit this feedback to the Local Planning Authority.***

Proposed: Cllr Dawson. Seconded: Cllr Taylor.

## **19/54 Accounts and finance.**

### **Payments**

Carl Hunter	(Clerk salary – July, August & September)	£225.00
C Halstead	(Lengthsman)	£330.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Proposed: Cllr Winstanley. Seconded: Cllr Dawson.

### **Receipts**

None

## **19/55 Lengthsman update.**

Cllr Harrison informed the council that contract with the Lengthsman was working very well and that the quality of the work completed by Cath Halstead was very good in deed and making a noticeable difference within the parish.

## **19/56 Highways & Footpaths**

The Clerk updated the council on information received from Lancashire County Council that they were responsible for the management of public footpath signs. The county operated a policy whereby they reviewed, replaced or repaired all the footpath signs within a designated area/parish on a two year cycle.

**19/57 Communicating with Parishioners.**

Cllr Osborne had prepared and submitted an article for the latest copy of the 'Wrayly Mail'. The purpose of these articles was to raise people's awareness of the work of the parish council and issues of interest to parishioners. ***It was resolved that the parish council continue to prepare regular updates for future editions of the 'Wrayly Mail'. Cllr Dawson will liaise with Cllr Osborne in the drafting of future updates.***

**19/58 Community Emergency Plan (CEP).**

It was resolved that the parish council are committed to working collaboratively with Wennington Parish Council on a joint CEP. ***Cllr Taylor and Cllr Deller will link in and liaise with Richard Gargini from Wennington.***

**19/59 Parish Council Website.**

It was resolved that the parish council would design and develop a properly hosted and managed website. ***The Clerk agreed to take this forward and update the council at the next meeting.***

**19/60 Reports and correspondence.**

Cllr Osborne submitted a reported in relation to Tatham (i.e. Lancashire) residents that are registered with the GP Practice in Bentham (i.e. Yorkshire), being referred to North Yorkshire for a variety of services. Her report stated,

*Nothing has changed with the Lancaster Clinical Commissioning Group & services are still being provided by Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group for Lancashire patients in the Bentham Practice. The Practice is still trying to get things changed and negotiations are currently underway. By our November meeting things will be clearer and it may be then the time for us to write again as a Parish Council to the Lancaster Commissioning Group?*

**19/61 Date and times of the future meetings.**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7.30pm at St James the Less Church.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020, 7.30pm at St James the Less Church.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm** Signed ..... Date.....