

Tatham Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 7.30pm at the St James the Less Church

Present:

Cllr Dawson (chair), Cllr Osborne, Cllr Mason, Cllr Deller, Cllr Winstanley, Cllr Taylor & 3 members of the public.

Public forum.

Mr Gargini explained that the Wennington Community Emergency Plan (CEP) continued to make progress. The plan is 12 months old now and is being reviewed and updated. Wennington are exploring the opportunity to buy/install a defibrillator within the village. Richard is currently arranging to meet with Cllrs Taylor and Deller to discuss/agree how the two councils can work collaboratively.

Mr Taylor explained to the Parish Council the rationale for his planning application (Parkside Farm – 19/01294/FUL) in the hope that the Parish Council might reconsider their previously submitted objection. Mr Taylor agreed to submit further information to the parish council for their consideration.

19/62 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Harrison

19/63 Declarations of interest and dispensations.

None declared

19/64 Consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair

19/65 Planning.

[19/00939/AD](#) – Raw Ridding Farm, Monks Gate - Erection of a silage storage building. ***It was noted that the parish council had already submitted its response to this application.***

[19/01383/AD](#) – Land West of Mill Houses – Construction of an access track. It was noted that the parish council had already submitted a response to a previous/similar application. ***It was resolved that the Clerk would submit a neutral response to this application.***

[19/01294/FUL](#) – Parkside Farm, Russell Road – Change of use of detached outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation. It was noted that the parish council had already submitted its response to this application. Following the applicants comments during public time, ***it was resolved the parish council would reconsider their comments in the light of additional information that Mr Taylor agreed to forward on.***

[19/01268/FUL](#) – Ravenswood Barn, Ravensclose Road, Wennington – Excavation of land, erection of an outbuilding, installation of solar panels, two flues and erection of a wind turbine. ***It was resolved that, despite this application being outside the parish of Tatham, the Clerk would submit comments in support of this application.***

19/66 To consider the development of policy in relation to wind turbines

It was resolved that ***the Parish Council would adopt the following policy*** in relation to wind turbines:

The Parish Council will support the installation of small scale wind turbines (i.e. 1 per settlement) and would resist the development of large scale (i.e. industrial/commercial) wind farms. All future planning applications, regarding wind turbines, will be considered using this policy statement and within the context of the overall application.

19/67 Accounts and finance.

Payments

Carl Hunter

(Clerk salary & expenses – October/November)

£157.32

LALC	(Clerk training)	£63.00
C Halstead	(Lengthsman – October/November)	£379.50
Patrick Internet	(Annual website fee)	£24.99
Lancaster City Council	(Election costs)	£144.00
The Old School	(2019/20 donation)	£600.00
Tatham Fells School	(2019/20 donation)	£100.00
Tatham Fells Church	(2019/20 donation)	£300.00
St James the Less Church	(2019/20 donation)	£300.00

It was resolved that the above payments be made.

Receipts

None

19/68 Communicating with Parishioners.

It was resolved that Cllr Osborne would prepare the monthly articles for the 'Wrayly Mail' and liaise with Cllr Dawson prior to submitting the final copy.

19/69 Lancaster City Council – Declared Climate Emergency

It was resolved that ***the parish council supports in principle the City Council's declaration.*** The Parish council will, in relation to all future activity and decisions, carefully consider the impact upon the environment and climate change.

19/70 National Community Energy Campaign

This was deferred to the next meeting to provide councillors sufficient time to consider the implications of initiative.

19/71 Parish Council Website.

The Clerk provided an update on and demonstration of the development of a dedicated Parish Council website. It was resolved that Clerk would continue to maintain and update the website. The new website address is 'www.tathamparishcouncil.org.uk'.

19/72 Morecambe Bay CCG

It was resolved that ***the Clerk would send off the letter, prepared by Cllr Osborne, to Mr Jerry Hawker (Chief Officer, Morecambe Bay CCG)*** outlining the issues and concerns with Tatham (i.e. Lancashire) residents who are registered with the Bentham Medical Practice being referred to North Yorkshire for further treatment.

19/73 Fairy Steps Footpath

It was resolved that ***Cllr Osborne would forward details of the damaged footpath to the Clerk who would then contact the County Council with a view to getting this repaired.***

19/74 Lowgill Phone Box

It was resolved that ***the parish council would, between now and the next meeting in January, gauge the use of the Lowgill phone box by residents with a view to buying it (as an asset) from British Telecom and having the telephone equipment removed.***

19/75 Car Parking in Wray

It was resolved that ***the Clerk would continue to liaise with the Highways Department regarding the installation of a 'No Parking' sign in the 'Passing Place' on the Main Street in Wray.***

19/76 Date and time of the next meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 9.40pm Signed Date.....