

Tatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 20th September 2022

The Old School, Lowgill, LA2 8PS

7.30pm – 8.55pm

Present:

Cllr Osborne (Chair), Cllr Taylor, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Kenyon, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Ray, County Councillor Matthew Maxwell-Scott and 3 members of the public.

22/48 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Stone, following a close family bereavement. Absence accepted by the Parish Council.

22/49 Declarations of interest and dispensations

None

22/50 Public Time

A parishioner raised his concern over the installation of kissing gates by the Parish Council Footpath Volunteers, the parishioner feels that the gates are not in keeping with the area being in an AONB.

The same parishioner also expressed concern over the response they had received from the Parish Council following a Freedom of Information request, together with another concern over a recent DMMO in the Millhouses area of the parish.

22/51 To consider and approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th July 2022

The Parish Council agreed to update Item 22/43 to reference F&K Estates and Item 22/44 to be amended to say that Councillors John Kenyon and Richard Wilson declared an interest and left the meeting. The updated minutes to be signed off by Councillor Osborne.

For Decision

22/52 Review and approve Council Standing Orders and Sub Committees

The Parish Council resolved to approve the Standing Orders and Sub Committees.

22/53 Review and approve Financial Regulations

The Parish Council resolved to approve the Financial Regulations.

22/54 Review and approve The Complaints Policy

The Parish Council resolved to approve the Complaints Policy.

22/55 Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Program (HARP)

Councillor Kenyon briefed the Council on the latest developments. Status of Planning Application 21/00792/FUL, HARP proposed works including highway widenings. No further update at this time beyond that United Utilities/HARP have submitted all their proposals to Lancaster City Council. As the Local Planning Authority, Lancaster City Council are now processing the application through their statutory process. United Utilities/HARP

are awaiting confirmation of a Lancaster City Council committee meeting date, targeted for determination of the planning application.

22/56 To apply for a Biodiversity Grant from the Parish Champions Grant.

Councillor Harrison proposed that the Parish Council apply for a Biodiversity Grant for distribution in the Parish. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Wilson.

22/57 To continue to advertise for a new Clerk to the Council and to ensure the Council fulfils its duties.

Councillor Harrison proposed that the wording of the advert be amended to say salary negotiable. This was seconded by Councillor Ray.

22/58 To urge the City & County Councils to work together to maintain the road widths in the Parish by sweeping and scraping the verges.

Councillor Osborne briefed the Parish Council, saying that road sweepers are still only clearing the major roads in the Parish. The Parish Lengthsman has been tasked with clearing several passing places on the Parish roads. Councillor Maxwell Scott said he will help where he can and ask what the Highways Department's strategy is for clearing rural roads. This was proposed by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Taylor.

22/59 To Apply for the L.C.C. Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2022-23.

Councillor Wilson proposed that the Parish Council apply for the Local Delivery Scheme, this was seconded by Councillor Taylor. The application is to be made by Councillor Osborne.

22/60 To contact L.C.C Highways/Bridges regarding reinstatement of the footbridge at Greenside Farm.

Councillor Maxwell Scott will, on behalf of the Parish Council, write to ask about the situation surrounding the reinstatement of the foot bridge.

22/61 To confirm and approve the delivery of a Freedom of Information Response on 22nd August, completed in consultation with Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way Team, following a Freedom of Information Request received from a parishioner on 3rd August, with respect to Parish Footpath work.

The Parish Council approved their response to a Freedom of Information request made by a parishioner. Proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Ray.

22/62 Planning Applications

Raw Ridding - To consider the application – No response required by the Parish Council.

22/63 Accounts and Finance

Receipts

Vat Rebate for 2021/22 Financial Year	£334.57
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Payments To September

Parish Online Subscription	£54.00
Huws Gray (Treated Timber)	£168.48
Unity Trust Bank Sep Quarterly Charge	£18.00
Contribution To Wennington PC for defibrillator repairs	£40.00
Lengthsman August Payment	£127.50
Lengthsman September payment	£91.25
Old School Room Hire	£15.00
Reimburse Cllr Wilson for the Patrick Internet Yearly Fee	£29.99

22/ 64 Current Budget Position

Councillor Taylor talked the Council through the current financial position. The Parish Council approved the current position, proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Ray.

For Information

22/65 Community Emergency Plan

Councillor Ray briefed the Parish Council that the Emergency Information on the PC website had been enhanced, and that the Old School Committee have agreed that the facilities can be used at the Old School in the event of an emergency. Councillor Ray now has a key to the Old School. The Parish Council will approach the Church Committee of St James' to ask if a similar arrangement can be made for residents in Lower Tatham. Councillor Osborne has recently filled in a Fire Brigade questionnaire for the Parish. Councillor Maxwell Scott will ask for clarity as to which Fire Station serves Tatham. The Parish Council will also establish who is the regional Fire Officer. The Parish Council will approach the landowners (F&K Estates) to ascertain if they have a current fire plan for Burn moor.

22/66 Highways

Councillor Osborne briefed the Parish Council about the new sign installed on White Pits lane following an incident there. Cllr Osborne also said she will write to ask about drain clearance in the Parish.

22/67 Public Rights of Way

Councillor Wilson briefed the PC that the team of volunteers had carried out several works recently, included installing 8 new finger posts. There are many new projects lined up as well. The Parish Council stated it very much appreciated the work by the volunteers.

22/68 Carbon Committee

Councillor Wilson briefed the PC that there had not been a CC meeting since the last PC meeting, but the CC had organised several events in the Parish as part of the Great Big Green Week.

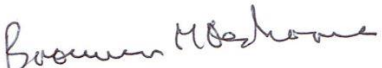
22/69 County Council Grants

County Councillor Matthew Maxwell Scott drew attention to a special Grant Scheme, in his gift, for Village Organisations, to apply for funding. He encouraged applications from Tatham.

22/70 Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 15th Nov. 7.30pm at St James the Less Church Tatham.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:  Chairman	Date: 15.11.2022
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