

Tatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 21st November 2023
St James the Less Church, Tatham, LA2 8NH
7.30 pm – 9.02pm pm**

Present:

Cllr Osborne, Cllr Taylor (Chair), Cllr Stone, Cllr Ray, Cllr Wilson, Parish Clerk.

23/86 - Public Participation

Five members of the public attended.

23/87 – Apologies for absence.

None received.

23/88 - Declarations of interest and dispensation.

None

**23/89 – To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th September 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

**23/90 - To receive written applications for the office of Parish councillor and to Co-opt a
candidate to fill the existing vacancy.**

Deferred to next meeting

23/91 – Review and approve Health and Safety Policy (Available on website)

It was agreed no changes were required for the Health and Safety Policy.

**23/92 – To consider a proposal that Tatham Parish Council should join Lancashire Climate
Action Network (LancsCAN)**

Council were advised joining Lancashire Climate Action Network (LancsCAN) could be a valuable source of information and funding opportunities for the Parish. It was agreed the Clerk will register Tatham Parish Council, with Cllr Wilson also being the point of contact.

**23/93 – To consider a proposal that Tatham Parish Council support the Climate and
Ecology Bill Review.**

It was agreed Tatham Parish Council register their support the Climate and Ecology Bill which is due for a second reading on 24th November 2023.

23/94 – To consider a proposal that The PC notes and approves a temporary suspension of activity by the Carbon Committee, and will continue to give full support to measures that address the Climate Emergency and are in the interests of Tatham residents.

Council agreed a temporary suspension of the Carbon Committee. Council thanked Councillor Wilson for chairing of the Committee and also thanked the councillors and members of the public for their participation.

23/95 – To consider a proposal that Tatham Parish Council should review, when published, the proposed new plan for HARP (Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme) in order to protect the Parish from unnecessary road widening, tree felling, and hedgerow disturbance.

The Council noted that large tractor loads and heavy goods vehicles have been passing each other on this route for many years. However concerns were raised that residential traffic could increase on Old Moor Road and Trinket Lane, which could require upgrading if that were the case. Council have not received any further information from Lancaster City Council or the HARP liaison group therefore it was resolved that the Clerk contact Planning at LCC and the HARP Liaison group to ensure Tatham Parish Council are receiving updates, are added to local liaison groups and other organisations and to invite appropriate representatives from Planning and HARP to a future meeting.

23/96– To review the time expended and approve the cost incurred responding to Freedom of Information requests and a Subject Access Request.

Council received a report from the Clerk with the hours worked in response to the Subject Access Request. Council approved the cost of £322.64 be paid from reserves and to add the sum of £300 as a contingency to future budgets.

23/97 –Agree location for commemorative bench.

Council reviewed discussion with Lancashire County Council regarding the siting, installation and maintenance of the proposed bench. Both sites proposed were suitable therefore it was decided the commemorative bench be placed at the junction of Old Moor Road and Long Lane.

23/98 - To review and agree use of Grant Application Form.

It was agreed no changes were required to the Grant Application Form. The Clerk will write to previous applicants advising feedback must be received before any further applications can be considered.

23/99 - To review response from Lancashire CC to letters sent regarding maintenance of passing places, positioning of grit piles on Knott Hill and Mewith Lane, and supply of a grit bin on Old Moor Road.

Council were pleased to note the request for a new grit bin on Old Moor Road and provision of grit pile on Knott Hill had been approved and actioned by Lancashire County Council. Councillor Osborne and Councillor Maxwell Scott were thanked for their assistance. Councillor Osborne will also contact local organisations to advise of the availability of grit on Knott Hill.

23/100 - Recruitment of new Councillors.

Copies of the information leaflet have been displayed on the notice board at St James the Less Church, the Clerk will contact Northern Rail to arrange for the notices to be displayed at the train station.

23/101 - To review information made available by Lancashire Constabulary and whether it can be improved.

Councillors are aware more detailed crime information is made available in nearby areas. It was agreed the Clerk email Lancashire Constabulary asking for Tatham Parish information and for the Neighbourhood Police Officer to attend a Council meeting.

23/102 - Recent Planning Applications

The following Planning Application(s) were noted.

23/00999/FUL - Barley Bank House

23/01053/AD The Hill. Prior approval not required.

23/01267/PLDC Customer Information Screens Wennington Station

23/103 – Finance

Receipts

HMRC VAT Refund 2022/23	£113.96
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It was resolved to make the following payments

Room Hire, Church of St James the Less	£20.00
Huws Gray IF720664	£8.94
Clerk's Salary October	£155.00
Clerk's Salary November	£155.00
Lengthsman's Invoice October	£173.25
Bank Service Quarterly Charge September	£18.00
Bank Service Quarterly Charge due December	£18.00
ICO Registration renewal Due early Jan	£40.00
Lancaster CC Election cost	£120.00

£163.63

£322.64

The initial draft budget for 2024/25 was reviewed and some changes suggested for further review before January 2024.

Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme. See Minute 23/95

Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm at Church of St. James the Less Tatham LA2 8NH

Chairman