

Tatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024
St James the Less Church, Tatham, LA2 8NH
7.30 pm – 9.02pm pm**

Present:

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

24/001 - Public Participation

No members of the public present.

24/002 – Apologies for absence.

None received.

24/003 - Declarations of interest and dispensation.

None

24/004 – To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

24/005 - 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

24/006 – To review and confirm the recent Personal Data Audit and review and adopt the Data Protection and Privacy Policy and Privacy Notice.

The recent Personal Data Audit was reviewed and confirmed, the Data Protection and Privacy and Privacy Notice were reviewed and adopted.

24/007 – To review and adopt a policy to deal with abusive, persistent or vexatious complaints.

Council agreed it was necessary to consider a policy to deal with abusive, persistent or vexatious complaints. Following consultation and advice from Lancashire Association of Local Councils, Tatham Parish Council drafted a policy which was circulated for review and comments. It was decided, the agreed policy be adopted, be added to the existing Governance Documents and be reviewed annually.

24/008 – To confirm approval of the purchase and installation of a 2m recycled plastic coronation bench with commemorative wording at the agreed site near the junction of Old Moor Road and Long Lane.

It was agreed that Tatham Parish Council purchase and install a 2m recycled plastic bench with an engraved brass plate to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III near the junction of Old Moor Lane and Long Lane.

24/009 – To agree that Tatham Parish Council write to Highways expressing the PC's strong wish to see Lane Foot Bridge restored as nearly as possible to its original state.

The damage to Lane Foot Bridge has been reported by individual councillors. Due to the historic importance of the bridge it was also agreed the Clerk write to Lancashire County Council on behalf of Tatham Parish Council, asking that the repairs to the bridge be sympathetic to the original construction.

24/010 – To agree a response to the Lancashire Devolution Consultation.

Councillors have made individual responses to the consultation, it was agreed to publicise the consultation on the Parish website for residents to find out more and submit their responses. The consultation closes on the 26th January 2024.

24/011– To consider the information provided for the HARP Project and consider responses.

An update was received from the HARP Liaison Group in November. It stated 'We have submitted nine applications across seven local planning authorities for approval to carry out the work. We are in the process of finalising the details of the outstanding planning approvals with the local planning authorities and expect to receive the permissions shortly. We are also going through a procurement process to select a contractor. We hope they will be on board in late 2024 and will be responsible for delivering this major programme of works. Once we have completed both of these, we will be contacting you again to provide a further update on what our next steps will be, including further engagement plans.'

Lancaster City Council advise the S106 agreements are due to be signed.

It was agreed to keep in touch with Lancaster City Council and the HARP Liaison Group and forward information as it becomes available.

24/012 –To agree representation to attend LALC Local Committee.

Councillors will agree representation when the date is confirmed.

24/013 - To consider a request from Wennington Parish Council that Tatham Parish Council contribute to the cost of a replacement battery for the defibrillator at St James the Less Church.

It was agreed Tatham Parish Council contribute to the cost of a replacement battery and to thank Wennington Parish Council for arranging purchase of the battery.

24/014 - To agree to apply for funding from the 2024 Local Delivery Scheme.

It was agreed the Clerk submit an application for funding from the 2024 Local Delivery Scheme and to submit the report written by Cllr Wilson of works carried out.

24/015 - To review and agree the Lengthsman's contract/activities for 2024.

The Lengthsman's contract and activities were reviewed and agreed. It was also noted activities may need to be further reviewed depending on the outcome of the LDS funding application.

24/016 - Recruitment of new Councillors

Agreed to continue efforts.

24/017 - Recent Planning Applications

The following Planning Application(s) were noted.

APP/A2335/W/24/3316982 Higher Stockbridge turbine	Granted on appeal
24/00999/FUL Barley Bank.	Granted by LPA
24/01267/PLDC Customer Information Screens at Wennington Station.	Granted by LPA
24/01343/FUL Bradshaw Barn	Supported by TPC
24/01421/FUL Ashleys Farm	Supported by TPC

24/018 – Finance

It was resolved to make the following payments

Room Hire, Church of St James the Less	£20.00
Clerk's Salary December	£155.00

Clerk's Salary January	£155.00
Reimbursement to Cllr Wilson for Patrick Internet	£5.00

The current budget position was reviewed and approved.

The final budget for 2024/25 was reviewed and agreed. It was noted that the budget will remain unchanged from 2023/2024 and applications for grant funding will be considered using the application form presented and feedback from previous funding. Tatham Parish Council would also welcome applications from new groups, details are on the website.

24/019 – For Information

Public Rights of Way

Health

Highways. See Minute ref 24/114

Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme. See Minute ref 24/116

24/020 - Date and Time of next meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday 19th March 2024 at Church of St. James the Less Tatham LA2 8NH

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Signed: Chairman	Date:
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