

Tatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 21st May 2024
The Old School, Lowgill, LA2 8PS
7.14 pm – 8.40 pm**

Present:

Cllr Taylor (Chair), Cllr Osborne, Cllr Ray, Cllr Wilson.

24/044 - Public Participation

Cllr Pritchard (Lancaster City Council) attended,

24/045 - Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman for Parish Council and Sub Committees

Cllr Taylor received a nomination from the Councillors for the Chairman 2024-25

Cllr Taylor was proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Ray.

Cllr Taylor signed the declaration of acceptance.

Cllr Taylor received a nomination from the Councillors for the Vice Chair 2024-25.

Cllr Ray was proposed by Cllr Osborne and seconded by Cllr Taylor.

Cllr Ray signed the declaration of acceptance.

24/046 - Apologies for absence.

No absences.

24/047 - Declarations of interest and dispensation.

None

24/048 – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

24/049 – 2023-2024 Accounts and Annual Governance Statement Approval (AGAR)

This item was deferred, an extraordinary meeting will be held in June on a date to be advised.

24/050 – To decide on replacement of the Parish Council signpost at Ivah, to understand the cost and how to finance. To review broken road signs and those requiring improvement such as Fairheath Head, Mewith Lane and Ivah. and forward to Lancashire County Council to action.

Agenda items 8 & 13 were combined and it was agreed councillors will compile a report with photographs detailing what is required. This will be sent to Cllr Maxwell-Scott and Highways Dept at Lancashire County Council.

24/051 – To agree how to spend the L.C.C Local delivery grant of £500 for 2023/24 and if necessary to employ contractors to carry out the tasks.

It was decided councillors will identify works or a specific project and bring back to Council for a decision.

24/052 – To agree how to spend the L.C.C. Environment Grant of £300 for 2023/24.

It was noted that red squirrels had been seen in Tatham, it was agreed the Cllr Ray contact relevant organisations to record the sightings and seek further advice.

24/053 –To work with the HARP contractors ,when they are appointed, to reach satisfactory outcomes for the natural environment of the Parish and minimal disruption of traffic. Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)

It was agreed that Tatham Parish Council will draft a statement with suggestions for discussion with contractors.

24/054 – To make the Crime Report available to Parishioners.

It was decided a link to the Lancashire Constabulary Crime Report will be posted on the Tatham Parish Council website. The link will show the latest available information.

24/055 – Recruitment of new Councillors.

Clerk to contact those who have expressed an interest.

24/056– To agree distribution of responsibilities within the Council.

Resolved to appoint the following Councillors.

Cllr Taylor – Planning, Finance and National Landscape (NL).

Cllr Osborne – Lengthman liaison, Highways, Health & Wellbeing, HARP.

Cllr Ray – Health & Safety, Insurance, Community Emergency Plan (CEP)

Cllr Wilson – Rights of Way, Website. Communications, Environment.

Clerk – GDPR

24/057– To agree an insurance provider for 2024-2025.

Council were advised the current provider, Zurich Insurance have quoted a renewal figure of £304.00. This is the same as last year, it was agreed the quote be accepted.

24/058- To consider moving some of the funds in reserves to an interest bearing account.

It was agreed the sum of £9000 be transferred from reserves to an instant access, interest bearing account with Unity Bank.

24/059 Planning

There were no planning applications to discuss.

24/060 – Finance

The following 'Receipts' were noted:

• LCC Local Delivery Scheme 2023	£500.00
• LCC Bio Diversity Scheme 2023	£300.00
• Parish Precept	£6,042.00

It was resolved to make the following 'Payments':

• LALC Annual Membership	£81.24
• Zoom Renewal of Annual Subscription	£155.88
• Scribe Renewal of Annual Subscription	£103.68
• Tatham Fells Old School Room Hire (May)	£20.00
• Clerk's Salary April	£169.78
• Clerk's Salary May	£169.78
• Annual Bank Service Charge paid quarterly	£72.00
• Reimbursement for Coronation Bench (Cllr Wilson)	£402.00

It was resolved to make the following Grants

• Tatham Fells Old School	£500.00
• The Church of the Good Shepherd PCC	£300.00
• St James the Less PCC	£200.00

24/061 - Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 16th July 2024, 7.30pm, The Old School, Lowgill, Tatham. LA2 8PS

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed: Chairman	Date: 16/07/2024
---	-------------------------