

Tatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 28th January 2025
Church of St. James the Less Tatham LA2 8NH
7.30 pm – 8.49 pm**

Present:

Cllr Taylor (Chair), Cllr Cowling, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Parker, Cllr Wattam, Cllr Wilson.

25/001. Fire Evacuation and Safety

25/002. Public Participation. (limited to 5 minutes per member of the public and 30 minutes maximum*)

Cllr Maxwell-Scott, Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Jackson attended.

25/003. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Taylor advised a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Ray. Council resolved to accept the resignation and place on record their thanks and appreciation to Cllr Ray for his hard work and service.

25/004. Declarations of interest and dispensations

None

25/005. To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024.

The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chair.

For Decision

25/006. To review the Vexatious Complaints policy.

Following review and discussion, it was agreed no changes were necessary.

25/007. To agree to apply for funding from the 2025 Local Delivery Scheme.

Council agreed the Clerk would submit an application form for the funding, this will enable the volunteers to continue to improve public footpaths in Tatham. It was also agreed the Clerk will contact the local churches regarding potential environmental and biodiversity funding.

25/008. To review and agree the Lengthsman's contract/activities for 2025.

The lengthsman's contract and activities were reviewed, it was agreed they continue to support the Parish Council public realm improvements.

25/009. To ask The Highways Dept. L.C.C. to establish a regular system for liaison with the Parish Council to ensure Highways Works and Winter preparations meet the specific priorities of the Parish for example prearrangements for Winter Conditions and recognition of the work done locally by farmers to clear drifting snow on roads.

Council had contacted Highways in December to advise grit bins and grit piles were low or empty and requested they be replenished before cold weather set in. This was supported by Cllr Maxwell-Scott who also wrote in support and stressed the urgency. Council also queried why gritting routes had been changed. Cllr Maxwell-Scott advised a review of gritting routes was underway but had supported TPC request for replenishment of grit. Council were advised to ask residents to report empty grit bins or grit piles using the Love Clean Streets app or by contacting TPC. Council also recognised and expressed their thanks to local farmers for their help clearing roads.

25/010. To restore damage to the grass area on Lowgill Green at the War Memorial and to install an edging so as to prevent vehicles from being driven onto The Green in future.

Council agreed to inspect the area and thanked residents for the photo's and for their maintenance of the grass. Council will seek quotes to carry out remedial works and measures to prevent future vehicle incursion.

25/011. To respond to any developments from HARP and to meet with their contractors when appointed.

Council are advised preferred contractors have been appointed with contracts due to be signed in Spring. Council will continue to liaise with HARP Stakeholders Group and will arrange further visits to a TPC meeting for residents to attend.

25/012. To discuss the publication of Council email addresses and agree protocols.

Councillors considered the publication of individual councillor email addresses. Following discussion it was resolved to continue use of the Clerk@tathamparishcouncil.org.uk as the primary contact.

25/013. Recent Planning Applications

- 24/01314/FUL Change of use and conversion of an old school house to a residential dwelling (C3) with associated access and vehicular parking. Entwistle House Park Lane Tatham Lancashire. Council resolved to support the application.

25/014. Finance

To Review and Approve the budget and precept application for 2025-2026

Following review of the draft budget Council resolved to adopt a 2% increase and submit a precept request for £6162.84. A copy of the annual budget is published on the TPC website.

The following payments were approved

▪ Room Hire, Church of St James the Less	£20.00
▪ Clerk's Salary December	£169.78
▪ Clerk's Salary January	£169.78
▪ Huws Grey	£46.69
▪ Made in Wray	£50.00
▪ Lengthsman	£60.00

The current budget position was reviewed and approved.

25/015. For Information

Public Rights of Way

Health

Highways

Reports were received and noted. The clerk will chase up outstanding signage requests with Lancashire County Council.

25/016. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday 18^h March 2025 at Church of St. James the Less Tatham LA2 8NH

Signed:	Date: 19/11/2024
Chairman	