

Tatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th July 2024
The Old School, Lowgill, LA2 8PS
7.30 pm – 9.26 pm**

Present:

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

Public Participation

No members of the public were present. Cllr Jackson (Lancaster City Council) attended, Cllr Pritchard gave apologies.

24/066 - Apologies for absence.

Cllr Ray submitted apologies due to work commitments, these were accepted.

24/067 - Declarations of interest and dispensation.

None

24/068 – To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 2024.
The minutes were approved and signed by the chair.

24/069 – To review and approve the Code of Conduct and Co-option policies published on the Parish Council website.

The policies were reviewed, It was decided no amendments were required to the Code of Conduct Policy. It was agreed the Co-option Policy was to be amended by updating references and setting a closing date for receipt of applications.

24/070 – To review works or project to be delivered under the Local Delivery Scheme funding.

Cllr Wilson suggested improving accessibility by construction of a stone flag path.
Cllr Osborne suggested extending lengthsman activity.
Costs to be provided for further consideration and decision.

24/071 – To receive an update regarding red squirrel sightings and to consider whether funding from LCC Environment Grant could be useful

Council were advised the sightings had been reported and awaiting a response. Other suggestions included introduction of wild flowers and provision of seeds, adopting further measures to protect and encourage hedgehogs. No decision to be made until response regarding red squirrels received.

24/072 – To review the response from Lancashire County Council regarding broken road signs and those requiring improvement which have been reported by Councillors and residents.

Responses from Lancashire County Council and Cllr Maxwell-Scott had been received and circulated to Councillors. The responses explained delays had been due to highway defects being a higher safety priority but the damaged signs would be repaired. It was noted Highways had deployed resource from South Lancs to help with pothole repairs and that resurfacing Lowgill Lane by Mill Bridge was due to commence.

24/073 –To accept estimates to restore the P.C. maintained road signs at Bank End and Green Syke Bridges, and to include the wooden board in Wray pointing to Tatham Fells.

It was decided to accept estimate from Giles Forbes, Lengthsman of £255.00 for restoration of the road signs and £50.00 from Cath Halstead for the wooden Tatham Fells sign in Wray.

24/074 – To meet the legal requirement to find storage space, probably within the Parish for written P.C. Minutes and to purchase a strong box to contain them.

Cllr Jackson kindly offered to enquire whether Lancaster City Council could store the PC Minutes.

24/075 – To continue the dialogue with Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council started in 2023 with the Highways District Lead to start restoring the road widths on all roads in the Parish by initiating a program of regular road sweeping and road verge scraping.

It was noted the correspondence started in 2023 had resulted in provision of grit, however the restoration of road widths by County Council scraping, followed up by City Council sweeping had not been carried out. It was decided to follow up with the respective authorities and that Cllr Taylor would enquire whether other parish council's had similar issues and the actions taken.

24/076– Councillors to prepare a statement ready to address issues with the contractors when they are appointed by HARP

It was agreed, the statement 'The Parish Council believes that only a few modifications are required to make the route through Tatham safe for all traffic.

The unnecessary removal of hedges ,verges. and trees should be avoided.

It is noted that currently wide agricultural vehicles pass one another regularly without difficulty on Long Lane.' will be sent to Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council and the appointed main contractor.

24/077– Recent Planning Applications

24/00651/FUL Spens Caravan.

Tatham Parish Council support with reservations the application to replace the residential caravan with a permanent residential dwelling.

Concerns have been raised regarding the apparent building design detracting from the traditional style within Tatham and the Forest of Bowland National Landscape.

The roof pitch is also questioned as being outside building regulations.

24/078- Finance.

It was resolved to make the following Payments:

• Tatham Fells Old School Room Hire (July))	£20.00
• Clerk's Salary June	£169.78
• Clerk's Salary July	£169.78
• Lengthsman May	£167.75
• Lengthsman June	£151.25

24/079 - Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm at The Old School, Lowgill, LA2 8PS

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm

Signed: Chairman	Date: 17/09/2024
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