

Tatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at The Old School, Lowgill, LA2 8PS

Present:

Councillors R. Wilson (chair), B. Osborne, A. Taylor, S. Wattam.

Councillors J. Pritchard, P. Jackson(Lancaster City Council).

No members of the public

Clerk. M Brady

26/051 To observe a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Matthew Maxwell Scott and to extend condolences to his family. Council acknowledge the help he gave to the Parish Council over the years when he was our County Councillor. He was a regular attendee at meetings, advised us wisely, and represented our interests at Lancashire County Council.

The Chair invited attendees to observe a minute's silence in remembrance of former Councillor Matthew Maxwell Scott. The meeting was paused accordingly.

26/052 Public Participation (limited to 5 minutes per member of the public and 30 minutes maximum*)

None present.

26/053 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors R. Parker, S. Crimmins (Lancashire County Council)

26/054 Declarations of interest and dispensations

None

For Decision

26/055 To consider and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 were approved.

26/056 To review and approve the Code of Conduct and the Co-option policies published on the Parish Council website*.

The policies were reviewed and approved with no changes required.

26/057 To consider the Contract prepared by The Pay Back Team from the Probation Service for work to paint iron railings and possible footpath work in the Parish.

Councillor Osborne reported she had met with a representative from the Probation Service,. The representative advised they are unable to carry out rubbing down and painting works, footpath works would be considered but would require provision or availability of welfare facilities within 20 minutes of a work site. A draft contract had been expected but had not been received. Council will consider the availability of welfare facilities at the next meeting.

26/058 To decide whether to engage with the City availability of welfare Council's green and Blue Infrastructure event and if so, consider what Tatham Parish Council's input should be.

Councillor Taylor offered to attend on behalf of Council and to report back.

26/059 To consider development of a project eligible for a grant from the Forest of Bowland/Lancashire CC Community Nature Fund and/or Access for All fund - either this year or in the future.

A number of potential projects were proposed, improvement to footpath between Foss Bank and Brackenbottom, use of the bus shelter at the junction of Long Lane and Fairheath Road as a fruit and vegetable swap, with additional benches for the cyclists and walkers to use, and planting of wild flowers. It was decided the Clerk contact Lancashire CC for further information.

26/060 Recent Planning Applications

26/00675/AD | Agricultural determination for the construction for a drainage channel | Land At Clear Beck/North Of Lane Head Russell Road Tatham Lancashire.

Resolved to comment 'No objections and support'.

Finance

26/061 To approve the payments as listed.

Payments to approve

Tatham Fells Old School Room Hire (July)	£ 20.00
Zurich Insurance Renewal	£304.00
Salary	£361.66
Lengthsman April	£166.67
Lengthsman May	£155.00
Lengthsman June	£220.00
Lengthsman July	£211.67

Resolved to approve the payments as listed.

26/062 To review and approve the current budget position.

The current budget position was reviewed and approved.

26/063 To review and sign the revisions to the Unity Trust Bank Account Management Submission.

Changes to the named admin and key contact were reviewed, agreed and signed by existing signatories in accordance with the banking mandate.

26/064 For Information

- **Public Rights of Way**
- **Health**
- **Highways**

Reports from Councillors were noted.

26/065 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Resolved the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 7.30 pm, Tuesday 15th September 2026, at the Church of St James the Less, Tatham LA2 8NH.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed: Chairman	Date:
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*see Standing Orders 3 (f) and 3 (g)