

MINUTES of a Meeting of Tatsfield Parish Council held on the 20th May 2024 in the Meeting Room, Aileen McHugo Building, Westmore Green, Tatsfield TN16 2AG commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Ms Kim Jennings (in the chair)
Mr David Pinchin Mr Jason Syrett Mr Simon Cook Mr Martin Elmer
Mr Dave Mitchell (arrived at 8.06pm)

In Attendance: Samantha Head (Clerk)
Cllr Martin Allen (TDC)

And 4 parishioners

The meeting commenced at 8.03 pm

1. Election of Chairman

3958/0524 Kim Jennings asked for nominations for the office of Chairman from the members present. David Pinchin proposed Kim Jennings and this was seconded by Jason Syrett. There were no other nominations and all were in agreement with the proposal. Kim Jennings was duly elected as Chairman.

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman

Kim Jennings signed her declaration of Office of Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

3959/0524 Kim Jennings asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman from the members present. Simon Cook proposed David Pinchin and this was seconded by Kim Jennings. There were no other nominations and all were in agreement with the proposal.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman

David Pinchin signed his declaration of Office of Vice-Chairman witnessed by the Clerk.

5. APOLOGIES

None

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (relating to items on the agenda)

3960/0524 Jason Syrett declared an interest in item 25a – Tatsfield Green – Boundary Dispute.

7. Approve and sign the MINUTES of the previous meeting held on 15th April 2024

3961/0524 It was resolved that the minutes reflected a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 15th April 2024. They were duly signed by the Chair.

8. Approve the Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors

3962/0524 Members approved and adopted the Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors.

9. Proposal for and agreement on Committees for the coming year and their members

3963/0524 It was resolved that there would be one committee for the coming year. Finance Committee- this would be comprised of the following councillors: Kim Jennings, David Pinchin, Jason Syrett and Simon Cook.

10. Proposal for and agreement on Terms of Reference for Committees

3964/0524 It was resolved to accept the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee which would remain unchanged from those circulated by the Clerk.

11. Proposal for and agreement on sub-committees / advisory groups for the coming year and their members

None

12. Proposal for and agreement on Terms of Reference for item 11

Not applicable

13. Proposal for and agreement of roles and responsibilities for the coming year for Parish Councillors

3965/0524 It was agreed that the following roles would be undertaken by these Parish Councillors:

Representatives on outside bodies:

Kim Jennings: TIB / THS / TACG

David Pinchin: Airport Consultative Committee / VHMC

Simon Cook: Fairtrade / Police Liaison / (VHMC – The Art Group)

Committees:

Finance: Kim Jennings, David Pinchin, Jason Syrett, Simon Cook

Projects:

AMB redecoration: Kim Jennings, Dave Mitchell, Martin Elmer, Simon Cook

Affordable Housing: Kim Jennings, Jason Syrett

GDPR: Clerk

Responsibilities:

Kim Jennings: Youth, Health & Wellbeing (incl. village school) and Little Acorns, Risk Assessments, PC Facebook Posts and Updates, Nitrous Oxide Canisters, Bookshare Monitor

Jason Syrett: Youth, Health & Wellbeing (incl. village school) and Little Acorns, Risk Assessments, Legionella Monitoring/Fire Alarm Testing/Emergency Lighting Testing/ Fire Risk Assessment, PC Facebook Posts and Updates

Dave Mitchell: Volunteers incl. Snow Angels, Risk Assessments, VAS

Martin Elmer: Emergency Plan Organiser, Risk Assessments, Legionella Monitoring/ Fire Alarm Testing/Emergency Lighting Testing/Fire Risk Assessment

Simon Cook: Volunteers incl. Snow Angels, CCTV Monitoring, MUGA monitor, Noticeboard

Working Groups:

Furze Corner: Jason Syrett, Dave Mitchell, Martin Elmer – Kim Jennings and David Pinchin to act as floating members

14. Review of leases and property agreements

3966/0524 The list of leases and property agreements had been reviewed by the Parish Council in a document that had been circulated by the Clerk.

15. Review of Standing Orders

3967/0524 It was resolved to accept the Standing Orders and that they would remain unchanged from those circulated by the Clerk.

16. Review of Financial Regulations

3968/0524 NALC had issued updated Financial Regulations which did not contain many changes but mainly simplified wording. The Clerk had reviewed each section and removed any sections which did not apply to TPC. It was resolved to accept the Financial Regulations and that they would remain unchanged from those circulated by the Clerk.

17. Review of Financial Risk Assessment

3969/0524 The Parish Council carried out an annual review of its financial management policies and processes. Kim Jennings signed and dated the member check.

18. Review of Asset Register

3970/0524 The Clerk had circulated an updated Asset Register and this was agreed by members. Kim Jennings signed and dated the member check.

19. Public Participation

- A parishioner noted that following on from comments on Tatsfield Talk, it might be useful to have the draft minutes published on the PC website.
- A resident raised concerns which had been voiced on Tatsfield Talk regarding the 464 bus service. Recently a morning service had left two / three minutes earlier than scheduled and the next bus had failed to turn up. This resulted in children being late for school.
- A- boards – one went missing last week after being vandalised – *The PC had it repaired and returned to the green on the same day.*

20. Officer's report

- The Clerk noted that she had received updated data for the VAS signs. The data was for the period 16/01/24 – 26/04/24: VH entry on Approach Road – 27992, by pond – 71064.
- TDC had lodged a 'no objection' comment in respect of the Covers Quarry application.
- The Clerk had arranged for the dead leg pipework to be carried out on 31st May.

21. PLANNING:**(a) Planning Team for May: Jason Syrett and Kim Jennings**

3971/0524 It was resolved that the planning team for May would be Jason Syrett and Kim Jennings.

(b) To determine the Parish Council's position on Appendix A:

The planning application decision made since the last meeting was noted: TA/2024/189/NH – Prior approval not required.

TA/2024/380/NH Ashkirk, Maesmaur Road, Tatsfield TN16 2LD

Erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of roof light which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8 metres, for which the maximum height would be 2.87 metres, and for the which the height of the eaves would be 2.5 metres. (Notification of a Proposed Larger Home Extension)

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. The application proposes a single storey kitchen / dining extension to the rear. The extension falls within the limitation of a 'larger home extension' allowable under permitted development.

3972/0524 Comment: No comment

TA/2024/400 Beech Cottage, Parkwood Road, Tatsfield TN16 2LT

Conversion of existing garage to habitable space and changes to fenestration.

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. The conversion of a ground floor garage / garden room into a bedroom, wet room and side passage. Minor adjustments to rear elevation fenestration and internal layout to rear.

3973/0524 Comment: No comment

TA/2023/1061 Motorway Service Area North, Motorway Service Area, Clacket Lane, Westerham TN16 2ER

Construction of a drive thru lane and the associated civils works with extensions to provide the pay and collect locations. (Comment to be ratified).

Tatsfield Parish Council previously reviewed this application in October 2023. Though there have been some minor adjustments to the layout, the concerns raised previously about loss of habitat remain.

3974/0524 Members ratified the following. Comment: Objection. We refer to our previous objection dated 10th October 2023 (see below). Our concerns about the significant loss of trees and wildlife habitat through the proposed works have not been addressed in the revised drawings and statements now issued. We therefore reiterate our previous objection to this application. We also refer the LPA to the objection they have received from The Woodland Trust (dated 21 September 2023).

This area of tree planting has been established for over 30 years since the opening of Clacket Lane Services. Over this time, it has become a natural and matured extension of the adjacent SSSI and Ancient Woodland and its rich habitat. Nature does not respect historical boundary lines and this will be evident in the flora and fauna now established in this area.

At para 1.12 of the letter from Astrum Planning dated 18 April 2024 (extract below) it is clear that the applicant is in a hurry and not prepared to undertake proper ecological studies of the existing habitat. This cannot be accepted by the LPA when there is such a significant loss of biodiversity and established wooded habitat.

Para 1.12, Letter from Astrum Planning dated 18 April 2024 (extract)

The EIA also confirms that further surveys are required for both bats and GCN, which will inform further mitigation / compensation requirements, at which time this report will be updated with an addendum to explain the findings and future

requirements. *The requirement for further surveys in relation to the application may need to be conditioned in order to expedite the application, however, this decision will be down to the LPA.'*

Tatsfield Parish Council objection: 10th October 2023

Tatsfield Parish Council objects to this planning application on the basis of the loss of a number of semi mature trees and a significant area of established wildlife habitat that is a naturalised continuation of Clacket Wood to which it is adjacent. Clacket Wood is a designated Ancient Woodland and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This proposal would cause loss of important wildlife habitat and impact on the openness of the Green Belt. We also would have significant concern about the impact of vehicles – noise and lights together with amenity lighting in this area impacting on the night time habitat of the Ancient Woodland/SSSI. We include photos below of the impacted area.

TA/2024/398 Meadow Bank, Goatsfield Road, Tatsfield TN16 2BU

Use of building and land for agricultural purposes. (Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use or Development)

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. The applicant claims that the land and buildings that form the application (located to the side of Dell Cottage) have been used for agricultural purposes (the keeping of animals) for a continuous period of more than 10 years. There were previous enforcement actions relating to the buildings on site in the 1970s and the application for residential use were rejected in the 1990s. The applicant has produced evidence to support their case.

3975/0524 Comment: No comment

TA/204/439 Maesmaur Cottage, Maesmaur Road, Tatsfield TN16 2LE

Erection of front extension to create a front porch.

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. It is for a small and proportionate porch extension to the front of the house that follows the character of the existing house.

3976/0524 Comment: No comment

TA/2024/393 Lochiel, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield TN16 2NB

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.

Located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. There have recently been four applications (during 2022 and 2023) for extensions to the existing bungalow property. Two of these are under Certificates of Lawfulness and including a 'Larger Home extension' application. All have been approved or allowed. The applicant is using these cumulatively as a reference now to propose a demolition and replacement significantly larger new build.

3977/0524 Comment: Objection.

Firstly, insufficient information has been submitted to fully assess this application. There is no Design and Access Statement and no Renewable Energy Statement setting out how the development will meet the 10% minimum renewable energy requirements on site (as required by the TDC Core Strategy Policy CSP14). The application further does not demonstrate it meets the requirements of the Tandridge Parking Standards SPD (Sept. 2012) for off-street parking for a dwelling of the size proposed.

In any event, the proposed replacement building is materially larger than the building it is replacing and is therefore contrary to Policy DP13 of the adopted Tandridge Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies 2014-2029. As a result, it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt and Very Special Circumstances have not been demonstrated to outweigh this.

The proposed dwelling is materially larger than the dwelling it replaces representing a 130% increase in built volume from 357 cu.m to 823 cu.m (as per the applicants own calculations).

The proposed development also represents poor design and is very out of context with its rural village setting. The proposed interpretation of neo-Georgian design in off-white render, cream brick with porticoes and black aluminium multi-pane windows is completely out of context with its neighbouring houses and will create a negative effect on street scene.

The proposed development is therefore contrary to DP7 of the adopted Tandridge Local Plan Part 2: Detailed Policies 2014-2029 – which states: *'All new development will be expected to be of a high quality design. Development should integrate effectively with its surroundings, reinforcing local distinctiveness and landscape character'*.

The Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan (supported at public referendum on May 2nd, 2024 and shortly to be adopted by TDC as planning policy) should now be given significant weight. This proposal is also contrary to the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan Design Policies TNP04a ('General' and 'New or replacement dwellings' sections).

TA/2024/458 Brambledown, The Avenue, Westerham Hill TN16 2EE

Alterations to existing houses including alterations to and replacement of windows, replacement of existing pergola structure including changes to existing terrace to suit, and replacement of existing porch with oak-framed structure.

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. This application is for relatively minor adjustments to the existing large house with no significant impact on overall design integrity, and no additional built volume or form. The house is split in location between TDC and Sevenoaks Council districts (in fact the house itself is in Sevenoaks).

3978/0524 Comment: No comment

TA/2023/938 The Grasshopper Inn, Westerham Road TN16 2EU

Demolition of the existing building and erection of a new 64-bed care home. (Amended plans and additional information)

Located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. This proposal is to demolish the Grasshopper pub on the A25 and replace it with a new building providing a care home. The location and height is broadly similar to the existing though the footprint is larger, extended to the east. A previous design was reviewed in September 2023. The revised design is now 2 storey (previously part 3 storey) and a revised elevational design with hints of mock tudor gables.

3979/0524 Comment: Objection.

Tatsfield Parish Council previously issued comments on this application in September 2023 which are still relevant as background. Though we recognise that revisions have been made to the application since our last review, the following points have still not been addressed.

The Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan has now been supported through Referendum and is due to be adopted by TDC as planning policy in June 2024. It now carries significant weight in determining this application.

We do not object to the principle of replacement of the existing use with a care home use. This would seem reasonable now looking at the poor state of the site. However, in a National Landscape (a nationally protected landscape setting), replacing a character building of local interest and in a prominent location adjacent to the old market town of Westerham, the replacement building MUST be of outstanding design and reflect local distinctiveness. It should also set benchmarks in terms of good urban design, site planning, responsiveness to surrounding neighbours and high levels of sustainability to be approved. The proposed design fails in the following areas:

There is a lack of commitment to sustainable design and renewable energy. The scheme should submit an Environmental Performance Statement demonstrating how it will use low energy design and produce a minimum of 10% renewable energy on site through renewable sources (eg, PV panels). This is a requirement of TDC Core Strategy Policy CSP14. Though this was hinted at in the original submitted Energy and Sustainability Statement, no commitment is made and no PV panels are shown on the drawings. This is contrary to Policy TNP08B of the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan, and, in a declared Climate Emergency, this must be addressed.

The proposal still represents poor design quality/materials/detailing for a building in a National Landscape and is significantly bland and inferior to the original public house. The use of white render and very shallow window reveal depths will deliver a building that will weather very badly (particularly with its exposure to the North Downs and the number of mature trees around it) and does not reflect local distinctiveness. The elevations lack any character and do not have good robust detailing. We would like to see the design reconsidered with high quality brickwork character detailing, deeper window reveals and good architectural articulation – as an example of another project with the similar use see here: <https://www.prp-co.uk/projects/late-living-and-care/new-lodge-556>

The proposed design is contrary to Policy TNP04A of the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan:

'The scale, layout and design of new development should contribute to local distinctiveness and make a positive contribution to the overall appearance and character of built development within the parish. New development should result in high-quality design.'

The proposal is not compliant with TDC Policy DP7 (Design of Development): *'The proposal respects and contributes to the distinctive character, appearance and amenity of the area in which it is located'*.

The proposal also conflicts with Surrey Hills National Landscape Management Plan Policy P3 which reads: *"Development proposals will be required to be of a high-quality design, respecting local distinctiveness and complementary in form, setting, and scale with their surroundings, and should take any opportunities to enhance their setting."*

The proposal further conflicts with policy P2 of the Surrey Hills National Landscape Management Plan which sets out the following requirements: *"Development will respect the special landscape character of the locality, giving particular attention to potential impacts on ridgelines, public views and tranquillity. The proposed use and colour of external building materials will be strictly controlled to harmonize within their related landscape and particularly to avoid buildings being incongruous. In remoter locations, with darker skies, development proposals causing light pollution will be resisted."*

A mechanical noise and plant filtration statement should be submitted to demonstrate how the noise and smells from what will be commercial scale kitchen will be mitigated so as not to affect neighbours. The site is of ample size for this to be addressed through good design. Refer to TDC Policy DP7, Safeguarding Amenity.

A condition should be agreed requiring the submission of the design of external lighting. We would ask that any necessary external lighting is designed to protect wildlife and adjacent residential amenity. Refer to TDC Policy DP7, Safeguarding Amenity.

An area of the site (formerly part of the car park area) has been left outside of this application and outlined in blue. This should be brought within this application and landscaped as a wooded/garden area for residents to increase biodiversity net gain and protect the openness of the Green Belt. It should not be left as car park/tarmac and must not be considered as a potential future development site. Further development must not be supported on this land and therefore appropriate landscaping proposals should be submitted by the owners with any application for redevelopment.

TA/2024/457 Tavira, Parkwood Road, Tatsfield TN16 2LT

Erection of a two-storey rear extension. (Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development)

This property is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. This is an application for a two-storey rear addition to the existing house that replaces a single storey existing conservatory. Though there is some increase in volume, it is not significant for the overall scale of the house.

3980/0524 Comment: No comment

KCC/SE/0495/2018 Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent

Stabilisation and restoration of Covers Farm Quarry using imported engineering materials to restore the site to grassland, including landscape planting and an ecological receptor area together with a temporary road and ancillary buildings.

This application is located outside the Defined Village in the Green Belt. The Parish Council reviewed new information on this long running application recently and reiterated its objection position. This further consultation relates to the issue of an updated Noise and Vibration Chapter of the ES (received 29 April 2024) as referred to in Statement of ES Conformity (received 21 March 2024). The scope of this noise and vibration assessment covers the proposed operations to be undertaken within the quarry and associated with the construction and operation of the proposed access road.

3981/0524 Comment: Objection. Tatsfield Parish Council has reviewed the updated Noise and Vibration Chapter of the ES and reiterate our previous submitted objections to this application. The new information does not address our previous concerns about the significant impact on the surrounding roads and neighbourhoods.

22. Finance:

(a) Finance Team for May: Jason Syrett and Kim Jennings

3982/0524 It was resolved that the Finance Team for May would be Jason Syrett and Kim Jennings.

(b) Authorise payments (including authorisation of Internet banking) detailed in Appendix B

3983/0524 Items on Appendix B were duly approved. Payments and supporting invoices were checked and signed by members of the Finance Team for May.

(c) Items for expenditure:

- R Thorpe Heating and Plumbing Ltd – removal of dead leg pipework in room 3, AMB - £372.00 plus Vat £74.40 – Total: £446.40

3984/0524 Members had agreed this expenditure by email and this was ratified at the meeting.

- JS Windows: ongoing window cleaning costs for AMB – price per clean changing from £40.00 to £45.00

3985/0524 Members agreed this expenditure.

(d) Appoint Internal Auditor

3986/0524 Members approved the appointment of Mike Platten as Internal Auditor.

23. Notified Items**(a) Furze Corner – signing of new lease**

Following long discussions with Tandridge District Council, an agreement has been reached for Tatsfield Parish Council to take over the lease at Furze Corner. The lease is now ready to be signed. It is proposed that TPC take over the lease from 1st June 2024 on a 25-year basis.

Jason Syrett has been trying to ensure that the PFA has a good clear up of the site before the lease is signed. He is also in the process of arranging a meeting with the cricket club (25th May).

The matter of outstanding arrears has been resolved.

A working group will now be set up, to be chaired by a member of the Parish Council. One of the first actions should be to engage with the neighbours at Furze Corner. There needs to be a big fund-raising push. The PC will now be responsible for grass cutting and maintenance. The building is in a poor state of repair.

The cricket club wish to continue using the site and there is a football team that is interested in using the grounds.

A business plan was drawn up in 2022 but would need to be reviewed.

3987/0524 Members agreed to sign the lease (which had been circulated to all) on or before 1st June 2024.

(b) Offer of donation of land to the Parish Council

The PC had been offered a small parcel of land on Ship Hill / Ninehams Road. Members had discussed the implications of the PC owning this piece of land and on balance had agreed that it would not be appropriate for the PC to take it on.

3988/0524 Members formally declined the kind offer of land.

(c) Resident request for Parish Council support to start petition to reduce speed limit on Ricketts Hill Road

The Parish Council had received a request from a local resident who would like to start a petition to reduce the speed limit on Ricketts Hill Road. She says that the 40-mph limit, even if adhered to, is too fast for the narrow and populated road. She asked for the Parish Council's support.

3989/0524 Members stated that the resident would need to contact Highways to discuss the process for lowering the speed limit. However, members agreed that they would support this request.

(d) Parish Council risk assessments

The annual risk assessments are due. Kim Jennings agree to coordinate the risk assessment team to carry out the parish walkabout by the end of June.

24. Reports from County Councillor, District Councillor, Village Organisations and External Organisations**a) County Councillor**

Becky Rush was not at the meeting and no report was given.

b) District Councillor

Martin Allen gave the following report:

Martin Allen noted that he was re-elected as the Tandridge District Councillor for Tatsfield and Titsey. He confirmed that he would not stand at the election in 2028. The election results were 423 votes in his favour, against 52 for the Green Party candidate and 129 for the Conservative Party candidate, despite a 39.6% turnout. Cllr Allen noted his disappointment that more than 60% of the electorate did not vote.

At TDC, there was a 2-seat gain for the Residents Alliance, although there is still no overall control at the council. RA has 20 seats, Lib Dems have 11, Conservatives have 7 and the Independents have 5.

Cllr Allen remains leader of the Independents. On 23rd May, there will be a full council meeting where seat allocations, Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions will be filled. Cllr Allen has been replaced as Vice-Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny committee. Business as usual will start after the 23rd May.

c) Neighbourhood Plan

Jason Syrett gave the following report:

Tatsfield NP was resoundingly voted through at referendum with 495 Yes votes against 53 No votes. The next step will be draft updates for the made version of the plan. The final NP Steering Group meeting will be on 22nd May. The made version will be submitted to committee at TDC in June and will become final. The NP Steering Group will formally be disbanded and the plan will become the sole responsibility of the PC.

d) Airport

David Pinchin gave the following report:

I attended the BHACC on 25 April. Martin unfortunately couldn't attend as he was away, David Winstanley wasn't there either so we didn't have the normal Question and Answer about Tatsfield complaints. The meeting itself was very positive about developments at the airport, there is now an Airport Residents' Noise Action Forum with 15 resident associations involved, the airport is also attending resident association AGMs – we started that when they attended our APM. The Landing Hotel is going from strength to strength, so too Bombardier with more than 40 local apprentices enrolled on their engineering programmes, also Castle Air expanding their heli shuttle services with Sustainable Aviation Fuel and the Formula 1 HQ with its Media and Technology Centre supporting all the European races. So, all good news for the airport overall. Outside of the meeting Martin and I have had further meetings with David Winstanley to try to get to the bottom of the inaccurate reporting of Autotrack detections that I mentioned at the last meeting. We still do not understand how there can sometimes be no auto detections of flying into the NSA when some complaints about those very same flights have actually been investigated and confirmed as violations! There is also an issue of flights overflying the NSA at over 2,000 ft which reports refer to as compliant when the CEO has said time and time again that flights should not enter the NSA regardless of height unless under a CAA instruction or for safety reasons. We keep pressing him and David does accept that there is a problem and is committed to resolving... Time will tell.

Meanwhile, fingers crossed the number of incursions into the Tatsfield NSA remain low during the coming summer months.

e) Fairtrade

Simon Cook gave the following report: He attended the Fairtrade Committee Meeting on 16th April as a Parish Council representative. Items which were discussed included: approaching the new lessee for the Bakery to discuss stocking fairtrade products, the tombola - in place of the tea tent – on 4th May, a visit to the Scouts for a baking and fairtrade awareness evening, increased number of fairtrade products being stocked at Sheree's Stire and Tea Room, that a fairtrade breakfast will be hosted during Fairtrade Fortnight in September, future publicity plans and the group's finances. The next meeting will be held in September.

f) Police

Simon Cook gave the following update: There had been no major incidences in the village since the last meeting. Simon Cook had completed the Insight survey. There are increasing occurrences of ASB in Caterham and Kemsley. A key crime at the moment is event / ticket fraud. There was also a gang of 3 car scammers in the area. They will act as though they are interested in buying a car and while one distracts the owner, another pours something into the fuel tank which causes the car not to work. They then offer a lower price than be asked.

25. Parish Council Land/Property

a) Tatsfield Green

- Boundary Dispute (Under Part 2)
This would be discussed under Part 2.
- Request to clear tree debris on verge along Rag Hill Road – two local residents have contacted the PC regarding the tree branches which are laying along the verge on Tatsfield Green (Rag Hill Road). Kim Jennings had previously reported this to TDC and the residents have been asked to report also. Kim Jennings suggested waiting until the cow parsley has been cut and then organise a working group to chop up the fallen branches and pile along the verge.

b) Westmore Green

- Little Acorns request to plant Silver Birch – The PC had received a request to plant a silver birch on the green. Kim Jennings had asked for the size of the tree and where Little Acorns were hoping to have it planted. It was agreed there would need to be some discussion with TDC as they are responsible for the maintenance of the green and the trees. If it was a small whip, it might be worth asking to put it in the allotments to bring it on before planting out on the green.

26. Meetings to attend/ correspondence

- The PC received a request to consider funding a safe walking route along Approach Road, on to Clarks Lane and up Church Hill. Even if it was just to keep the verges clear.

27. Matters for reporting or Inclusion in a Future Agenda

- Furze Corner

Final public participation:

- Perhaps it would be worth contacting TitseyTaproom re the resident request for safer verges along Clarks Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.53pm

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 8pm.