

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church Hall

		Arrived	Left
Present:	Mr A Besant	Chairman	
	Mr J Donnelly	Vice Chairman	
	Mr S Cooney	Councillor	
	Mr C Bettles	Councillor	
	Mr D Clark	Councillor	
	Miss E Infield	Councillor	
	Mr I Gosling	Councillor	
	Mrs J Ward	Clerk	
	Mrs P Turner	District Councillor	19:40
	Mr J Scott	County Councillor	
	1 Members of the Public		

ACTION

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.
Apologies for Absence
 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J Davison.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
 Cllr. Ian Gosling – Tempsford Charities.
- 3 **Approval of Minutes**
 The minutes of the Meetings of the 20th November 2007 and the 5th December 2007 were approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.
- Public Session**
 The member of the public ask the council if they would consider 30mph Vehicle Activated Road Signs (VAR) in Station Road and Church Street. The chairman quoted the high costs of VARs and explained the current situation and what the Parish Council is actively doing regarding speeding at present.
- 4 **Reports**
- 4.1 **County Councillor - Mr John Scott**
 Updated the council on the following topics:
 Progress of the Nirah Project.
 Stewartby Brickworks: Listed status has been given to the last four remaining chimneys and two kilns at the site.
 Sand and Gravel Extraction: A development Control Meeting will take place at County Hall on 24/01/08 at which the Black Cat development will be discussed.
 Unitary proposals progress.
- 4.2 **District Councillor – Mrs Tricia Turner**
 Updated the council on the following topics:
 Unitary Proposals: Government announcement to be made week beginning 25/02/08.
 Planning Proposal for Tempsford Airfield Composting Site: This is now back in the circuit after being on hold while further information was sought.
 Kitchen Waste: Weekly collection has been agreed.
 Gypsy/Traveller Sites: Decision will be announced in February.
 Cllr Turner answered questions regarding the compost site and recycling.
- 4.3 **Highways**
 The clerk was asked to report the following items:
 The drain outside Cottage Farm and also the drain outside 1, 3 and 5 Church End Cottages not functioning.
 The drain on A1 south bound flyover roundabout is still not functioning after repairs.

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Hedge by Police House in need of pruning. Tempsford Estates responsibility. Cllr. C Bettles reported that building equipment is being unloaded and left in an open area near the Children's Play Area in Station Road making a Health & Safety hazard. It was suggested that the land belongs to Tempsford Estates and Cllr. S Cooney agreed to find out if this was so and liaise with the clerk to report this. Cllr. D Clark Stated that the willows in the ditch at the top of Station Road had not been removed. Clerk to chase up.	Clerk Cllr. S Cooney & Clerk Clerk
4.4 Other Councillor Information/Reports	
4.4.1 Councillor Liaison Meeting 10/12/07 - Cllr. L Infield reported: Amey representatives had given a presentation on highways issues. A 3 year road safety project to look at where the national speed limit on county roads should be reduced. A presentation on the kitchen waste collection service.	
4.4.2 Parish Plan Update: Cllr. A Besant brought the council up to date and then Cllr. D Clark as Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group reported on a recent meeting held with Sue Norman (SN) from BRCC and stated the urgent need to get the funding application form completed. Cllrs. A Besant, D Clark and the Clerk agreed to meet on 17/01/08 to progress this. Another meeting with SN had been arranged for 23/01/08 to finalise the form. The Parish Council fully agreed to support the Parish Plan Steering Group as necessary and to make a 5% contribution towards the costs.	
4.5 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising from the last Minutes <u>Matters Arising from Meeting on 20/11/07:</u> Item 4.1 Police Mobile Surgery update: The clerk had emailed Ross Paterson with no response. The clerk was asked to chase up.	Clerk
Item 4.4 Highways: Church Street Speeding: A copy of Cllr D Clark's letter was sent to Highways requesting the return of traffic information via the use of specialist equipment on 26/11/07. A response has been received stating that they were unable to carry out this type of procedure and offered to carry out a count of the traffic if we requested and were able to pay the fee required. Cllr. D Clark agreed to look at other means to get the report.	Cllr. D Clark
The clerk had reported the street light outside 5 Church St. Ref: 55172 and the collapsed drain on A1 flyover. Ref: 42224	
*Item 4.5.4 <u>RoSPA Report:</u> Three contractors (names received from Cllr D Clark) and also Bedford DSD had been contacted regarding work required to play areas . Only one contractor had replied saying they were unable to quote. The clerk read out a quote received from DSD. After discussion it was resolved that DSD should carry out some of the work and other work could be completed through a working party. It was suggested that some Section 106 money could be used to replace the swings that do not conform to regulations. Clerk to contact DSD.	Clerk
Item 4.5.5 Millennium Garden: Cllr. S Cooney had received quotes for the repairs to the wall. Gary Blick £500, Mr Bruce £300 and Darlow Buildings £540. After discussion the clerk was ask to	Clerk

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	contact Mr Bruce to carry out the work.	
	Item 4.6 No Cold Calling Zone Signs: Becky White had been reminded that the signs haven't been erected yet.	
	Item 5.1 Standing Orders and Chairmanship: The document had been updated and a printed version was handed to each councillor.	
	Item 5.3 Confident Communities Fund Form: Cllr. J Donnelly had produced a report for option 4 Public Space Lighting and after discussion it was agreed to request upgrading the five remaining lights that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. Clerk to progress.	Clerk
	Item 7.2 Parish Precept: Precept claim form had been returned to MBDC.	
	Item 8 Street Name for new Development: The clerk had sent a letter sent to MBDC confirming the agreement to the name of Sawfords Meadow.	
	<u>Matters Arising from Meeting on 05/12/07:</u> Confident Communities Spend: Notification had been sent to Bob Meadows informing him of the PC's decision for options 4 & 5. An information pack has been received from Beds CC.	
	<u>Other Matters</u> Tempsford Charities: The clerk reported receiving a telephone call from Eileen Gosling asking why the Parish Council had not re-elected her to the committee. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Cllr. A Besant would make further enquiries and try to resolve the misunderstanding.	
	New Members Interest Forms: The clerk handed round new forms for completion by the councillors. Cllr T Turner stated that these were incorrect and would make sure that correct copies were sent out.	Cllr T Turner
5	Proposals and Considerations	
5.1	To <i>consider</i> items of play equipment and sports facilities for Kiers Section 106 Spend. *See item RoSPA Report above.	
5.2	To <i>consider</i> a Parish Council Notice Board in the Stuart Memorial Hall. Cllr. A Besant proposed that a notice board could be erected in the Stuart Memorial Hall to advertise Council notices and information. Following discussion the clerk was asked to write to the Stuart Memorial Hall committee to put forward this proposal.	Clerk
5.3	To <i>consider</i> marking the retirement of the local postman. Cllr. A Besant proposed that the Parish Council should mark the retirement of the long standing postman John Worsley. The clerk was requested to write a letter on behalf of the PC.	Clerk
6	Cemetery Matters	
6.1	To received applications for purchase of plots, interments and memorials	

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An application for a memorial for Janet Mott has been approved.

7 Finance

7.1 Current Financial Statement

The clerk reported invoices for payments, income received and stated the account balances as at last statement date 28/12/07 as follows:

Savings Account	£15,060.02
Tempsford 2000 Account	£826.60
Current Account	£3,416.57
Accumulative Total	£19,303.19

Payments

Expenditure			
Date	Payee/From	Detail	Total
05/12/2007	*A R Worboys	Grass Cutting	£1,410.01
	*Stuart Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£24.00
	*Stuart Memorial Hall	Section 137 (Sound System)	£125.40
	*Mr A Besant	Expenses	£62.50
10/01/08	E.on Energy	Street Lighting	£109.47
15/01/08	A R Worboys	Grass Cutting	£1,004.63
	Mrs J Ward	Clerk's Wages and Expenses	£443.25
Grand Total			£3,179.26
Income			
23/11/2007	Muriel Brown	Tempsford 2000 Donation	£25.00
13/11/2007	Lloyds Bank	Interest from Savings a/c.	£41.95
30/11/2007	I R Quince	Memorial for Janet Mott	£40.00
11/12/2007	Lloyds Bank	Interest from Savings a/c.	£40.60
Grand Total			£147.55

*These payments have been made previously and are for minuting purposes only.

8 Planning

To receive applications and decisions made to and by the District Council.

Plan Number	Location	Proposal	Councillors Outcome
07/01865/FULL	146 Station Road Tempsford	Erection of dwelling & detached double garage	60% Object. Comments sent 11/12/07
07/01809/FULL	8 Ivy Close Tempsford	Two storey side extension	No Objections
TCA/07/109	1c Bakers Lane Tempsford	Work to trees - conservation area	

Plan Number	Location	Details
07/01250/FULL	The Barns Little Barford Road	Approved 28/11/07

Plan Number	Location	Details2	Outcome
07/01250/FULL	The Barns Little Barford Road	07/01955/SE73 Variation of Condition 2 (Materials)	No Objections
BC/CM/2007/1 1	The Hanger Tempsford Airfield	Further information documents (24/12/07 same info from MBDC Same comments emailed 24/12/07)	Comments emailed

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- 9 **Correspondence**
To receive items of correspondence from.
- Beds & Luton Fire & Rescue Service – Annual Corporate Plan Summary
 - Bedford Borough Council (3 items) – Biddenham Loop Design Guide, Land West of Kempston, (emailed), Development Plan Document
 - MBDC – Standards Board Bulletin 36
 - MBDC - Forward Plan to 30/04/08 plus calendar of meetings
 - Mid Beds LSP Steering Group – Meeting papers
 - MBDC – Government’s Consultation on Unitary Local Government in Bedfordshire (via email forwarded to chairman)
 - BRCC – Various: Information Days, Workshops, Playing Field
- Items noted - to be passed to each councillor.
- 10 **Next Meeting Date**
The Chairman explained ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on **18th March 2008 in the Stuart Memorial Hall at 19:30** and agreed to write an invite letter to various groups within the parish.
The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **26th March 2008 at 19:30**. Venue to be arranged.
- 11 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:00 and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Cllr A
Besant

Jan Ward
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
19th January 2008

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 15th January 2008

Chairman: Cllr. A G Besant
Date: 26th March 2008