

# Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7:30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall

Present:

Mr A Besant	Chairman
Mr J Donnelly	Vice Chairman
Mr S Cooney	Councillor
Mr C Bettles	Councillor
Mrs D Clerk	Councillor
Miss L Infield	Councillor
Mr I Gosling	Councillor
Mrs J Ward	Clerk
Mrs P Turner	District Councillor
Mrs J Davison	District Councillor
Mr J Scott	County Councillor
1 Members of the Public	

## ACTION

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.  
**Apologies for Absence**  
**No apologies** for absence were received.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**  
**No declarations** of interest were declared.
- 3 **Approval of Minutes**  
**The minutes** of the Ordinary Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- Public**  
The member of public asked when the footpaths in Station Road are going to be made good and also mentioned the children's play area. The session became heated and the chairman asked the member not to make personal remarks against the members of the council. The member of public left the meeting at 19:36. Discussion took place and it was agreed that it would be too expensive to lay a footpath in Station Road and therefore the grassed pathway should be kept trimmed for easier pedestrian access. Cllr. D Clark suggested that this topic could be part of the Parish Action Plan.
- 4 **Reports**  
4.1 **Clerk's Report** *including Action Points Arising from the last Minutes*  
**Action Points**
  - **Item 8.5 Highways:** The clerk had reported that the trees at the bottom of Church Street flyover need pruning and the drain outside the churchyard was not functioning.
  - **Item 10 Tempsford Charities:** The clerk has written to all parties notifying them of the council's decisions and Mr Kitchener had written an acknowledgment.
  - **Stuart Memorial Hall** has verbally agreed to a Parish Council notice board to be put up in the hall.**Other Matters**
  - **A Quiet Lanes** email has been sent to Cllrs. for comments by 01/08/08.
  - An email from Beds CC re: Possible Revisions of East Beds Bus Network had been received and noted.
  - **RoSPA** play area inspection report had been received. Cllrs S Cooney and C Bettles to go through and check document and report at the next meeting.
  - **Notice Boards** – Cllr J Donnelly stated that the notice board in Station Road was not visible from the road side and it could be moved or another erected closer to the junction with the link road. It was agreed that the Cllrs. should ask local residents their opinion and report back to the next meeting.
  - **Quality Status** - The new quality scheme has now been launched. Full details are available on [www.nalc.gov.uk/Toolkits/Quality\\_Status.aspx](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/Toolkits/Quality_Status.aspx)
  - **No Cold Calling Signage**– As no response had been received from the Becky

SC & CB

All Cllrs

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	<p>White Cllr John Scott agreed to look into the matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The dog in Mill Lane</b> is still causing problems. No response from PC Paterson. Cllr T Turner agreed to contact Mid Beds Dog Warden to see what is being done. Cllr. C Bettles suggested a letter from the Parish Council to the house agents notifying them of the problems. It was agreed that the council need written confirmation of incidences and asked the members of public who had incurred problems to write to the Parish Council. To bring forward to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>JS Cllr T Turner</p> <p>All</p>
4.2	<p><b>County Council Report</b> Cllr. <b>John Scott</b> gave information on the following topics: Eco town development in Marston. Dualling of the A421 to the M1 junction 13 and the imminent two day strike called by Unison &amp; Unite.</p>	
4.3	<p><b>District Council</b> Cllr. <b>Jo Davison</b> reported that Anglian Water had repaired the water leak. The caddies for Kitchen Waste collection had been delivered to households. Outlying farms will be delivered to last. New Site Allocations for Tempsford can be viewed online; the clerk had printed copies to be passed round.</p> <p><b>District Council</b> Cllr. <b>Tricia Turner</b> had contacted the Biggleswade Chronicle regarding a letter that had been published from a Tempsford resident stating that it was irresponsible of the paper to print it. Cllr Turner also gave information on the progress of Central Beds Unitary Authority confirming that there will be two elected representatives for the new ward. Luton Borough Council has signed up to "Energy from Waste Principle". The chairman thanked County and District Councillors for keeping Tempsford Parish Council informed of current activities and also gave an update of Anglian Water's actions to resolve the sewerage problems. Low water pressure is still a problem – Cllr T Turner will co-ordinate a joint meeting between local parishes, councillors and Anglian Water to take place in September 2008.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Highways</b> Cllr. <b>A Besant</b> updated the council regarding the willows in the ditch, the forthcoming A1 road repairs and a request to Scott Wrighting Highways Technician for an on site walk and talk meeting to address other issues.</p>	<p>AB</p>
4.5	<p><b>Council Liaison Meeting</b> Cllr. <b>L Infield</b> had attended a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June and updated the council on the following topics: bus services, mobile speed camera and grass verge cutting.</p>	
4.6	<p><b>Parish Action Plan</b> Cllr <b>D Clark</b> stated that nothing had happened and a meeting was agreed to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at AB's house at 19:30.</p>	
5	<p><b>Blunham Post Office Closure</b> <b>General discussion</b> took place and Cllr J Scott stated that he had been informed that the Post Mistress was not fighting the closure, however, residents can make their own objections by writing to National Consultation Team, Post Office Ltd., FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM or via links on Beds CC and Mid Beds websites.</p>	
6	<p><b>Parish Partnership</b> Cllr <b>A Besant</b> relayed the course of events as follows: The clerk had passed original request of traffic calming measure to Amey Amey had declined this request stating that this was not in agreement with the scheme which was primarily for footpath repairs and maintenance. AB then collated a report of footpaths repairs which the clerk had sent on. Amey had responded with the high costs to carry out repairs. It was resolved that Cllr Besant would request a site meeting with a representative from Amey to clarify the request. <b>Speed Data</b> collection was also discussed and the clerk was asked to write for further information to find out if data could be collected for Station Road and Church Street.</p>	<p>AB Clerk</p>

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7 **Town & Parish Council Survey**  
**A request from MBDC** to complete a survey concerning the requirements, needs and aspirations of local councils. It was agreed to pass this round to all councillors for their input and report back to the clerk for completion.

All Cllrs.  
Clerk.

8 **Cemetery**

8.1 **Churchyard Maintenance**

The clerk had met with Tom Bowen and Peter Large from Shuttleworth College after which Tom Bowen had produce a comprehensive document regarding the maintenance for Tempsford Churchyard. A copy was passed round and this was accepted by all. Work by the students is hoped to start later in the year.

8.2 **Interment Notices received**

Date	Name	Plot Number
11/06/08	Nora Crawford	16b Cemetery Extension
18/07/08	Cremated remains of Jack Usher	155 Old Cemetery

8.3 **Memorial Applications Received**

Date	Name	Plot Number
02/07/08	Mr J Jeffrey	65 and 66 Old Cemetery

8.4 **Purchase of Plots**

**Mrs Woodhall** had made enquiries to purchase plots 27, 28 and 29b in the Cemetery Extension.

9 **Finance.**

**Current Financial Statement**

The clerk reported invoices for payments, income received and stated the account balances as at 30/06/08 as follows:

Savings Account	£15,060.02
Tempsford 2000 Account	£956.60
Current Account	£15,128.59
	<b>£31,145.21</b>

**Expenditure**

Date	Ref	Payee	Detail	Amount	
07/07/2008	21	E-On Energy	Street Lights Electricity	£109.47	
15/07/2008	22	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA	£141.00	
	23	A R Worboys Ltd	Grass Cutting	£287.88	
	24	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£64.00	
	25	Stella Harding	Internal Audit	£55.00	
	26		Mrs J Ward	Wages & Expenses	£386.60
			Post Office Counters	Photocopying	£1.00
			The Lion Press	Photocopying	£4.96
			Staples	Ink Cartridge	£12.64
29	Allianz Insurance	Additional Premium	£49.05		
<b>Total</b>				£1,111.60	

**Income**

Date	Ref	From	Detail	Amount
13/05/2008	27	Lloyds TSB	Interest from Savings A/c 07423791	£31.73
11/06/2008	28	Lloyds TSB	Interest from Savings A/c 07423791	£33.20
13/06/2008	20	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Refund	£2,238.51
03/07/2008	17	G & H Seamer	Burial of Nora Crawford	£120.00
04/07/2008	18	Wrighton & Barker	Memorial * 2 for Jeffrey Plots 65 & 66	£80.00
	19	Allianz Insurance	Refund	£31.58
<b>Total</b>				£2,535.02

