

# Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7:30pm in the Tempsford Methodist Hall

		Arrived	Left
Present:	Mr A Besant	Chairman	
	Mr J Donnelly	Vice Chairman	
	Mr S Cooney	Councillor	
	Mr C Bettles	Councillor	
	Mrs D Clark	Councillor	
	Miss L Infield	Councillor	
	Mr I Gosling	Councillor	
	Mrs J Ward	Clerk	

		ACTION
1	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.</p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> No apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were declared.</p>	
3	<p><b>Children's Play Area Equipment</b> The clerk confirmed that Section 106 spend is £6,696 for play area equipment and £2,988 for sporting facilities. Two quotes for installations and equipment items had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Station Road Play Area: Schoolscape Ltd; for a Canyon Clubhouse and benches total net costs £8,114.50.</li> <li>• Church End Play Area: Wicksteed Playscapes; Low Pedestal Slide total net costs £5,365.00. The clerk confirmed that Wicksteed has offered a 5% reduction on this price making a net total of £5,096.75.</li> </ul> <p>Following full discussions Cllr. S Cooney proposed to accept the Scoolscape quote but exclude the benches and to look into buying and installing them ourselves. Cllr. I Gosling seconded this. A vote of 6-1 for the proposal was carried and Cllr S Cooney agreed to look at purchasing benches from other sources and to circulate the information prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. A Besant proposed to accept Wicksteed Playscapes quote; Cllr D Clark seconded the proposal. A vote of 6-1 for the proposal was carried.</p> <p>Cllr J Donnelly asked if any major spend was likely to happen in the foreseeable future. It was agreed that since the last major spend for the cemetery paths nothing else was in place and Parish Council funds would be able to cope with the extra expense.</p> <p>The clerk was requested to place the orders.</p>	<p>S.C.</p> <p>Clerk</p>
4	<p><b>Grass Cutting Contract for 2009 – 2010</b> Four quotes had been circulated with the agenda. Discussions took place and the following agreed by all members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rotation of Churchyard tree pollarding should be added to the grass cutting specification. (Front row completed one year and the side row completed the following year.) The clerk agreed to action this.</li> <li>• Cllr. C. Bettles agreed to act on behalf of the Parish Council to oversee the grass cutting and liaise with the contractor on any issues that might be raised.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the quote from In Trim Maintenance was the most cost effective and together with the recommendation from Cranfield Parish Council it was decided to invite Ben Fey from In Trim Maintenance to meet with Cllr. C Bettles to fully discuss Tempsford's grass cutting requirements prior to making a final decision. Cllr. C Bettles to action. The clerk to pass a photocopy of the quote to Cllr. C Bettles.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. J Donnelly stated that the mower in the cemetery store is up and running.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>C.B. Clerk</p>

