

Minutes of Tempsford Annual General Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2009 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
Mr D Clark	Councillor
Miss L Infield	Councillor
Mr I Gosling	Councillor
Mrs J Ward	Clerk
Mrs P Turner	Central Beds Councillor
Mrs J Davison	Central Beds Councillor
Ross Paterson	Beat Bobby
John Welch	Howard Cottage Housing Association
No Members of the Public	

ACTION

- 1 The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 and immediately handed over to the clerk.
Appointment of Chairman
 Cllr. Chris Bettles proposed that Cllr. Adrian Besant stand for the next year. Cllr. Jim Donnelly seconded the proposal. This was agreed by everyone and Cllr. Adrian Besant accepted. The clerk handed the meeting over to the chairman.
- 2 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**
 Cllr. Steve Cooney proposed that Cllr. Jim Donnelly stand for the next year. Cllr. Chris Bettles seconded the proposal. This was agreed by everyone and Cllr. Jim Donnelly accepted.
- 3 **Receipt of Declaration of Office**
 Cllr. Adrian Besant signed the acceptance for office of Chairman for 2009/2010.
- 4 **Apologies for Absence**
 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. John Scott
- 5 **Declarations of Interest**
 AB declared an interest in item 18 on the agenda. (Letter from the Ivel Sprinter requesting support.)
 No other declarations of interest were declared.
- 6 **Appointment of Planning Committee**
 It was agreed by the council to continue with all members being on the planning committee.
 It was also resolved that with the exception of Cllr Chris Bettles, who will continue with a printed version, all planning applications will be dealt via email. The clerk will notified the members with the relevant link to Central Beds Website. All Councillors will notify the clerk of their approval or objection and any comments. If relevant, the clerk will return councillors views back to Central Beds Planning Committee.
- 7 **Approval of Minutes**
 The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 17th March 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
 The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the 21st April 2009 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 8 **Public Session**
 No members of the public were present.
- 9 **Police Report - PC Ross Paterson**
 During this report John Welch (JW) of Howard Cottage Housing Association arrived at the

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meeting.

RP gave out copies of crime statistics stating that the crime level for Tempsford is low but there has been an increase in the level villages as a whole. Arrests have been made but residents still need to remain vigilant and report anything that appears suspicious.

The owner of the unruly dog in Mill Lane was arrested and faced a court case; there has been no report of any issues following the court case. SC mentioned that at a Planning for Real Meeting residents felt that this area in Mill Lane is a no go area. CB stated that people feel frightened to go down the lane. AB expressed concern of what can be published in Tempsford Times. RP stated that he could not see any problem with reporting what is said at meetings. It was resolved that AB would report this issue in the next Tempsford Times and suggest that if folks have any problems with the dog to report them to the police. JD also suggested to include a report of the restrictions that applied from the court case. Cllr. Tricia Turner stated that she will see the dog warden.

RP spoke about a Speed Indicator Device that is now available for use. Booking is made through Biggleswade police station. It was resolved to book the device once RP is back at work on full duty.

The next mobile police surgery will be held on 15th June 2009 at 13:15 in Station Road.

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Affordable Housing

John Welch (JW) of Howard Cottage Housing Association (HC) gave a short presentation and explained the history of Howard Cottage Ass. A Housing Needs Survey would need to be completed by BRCC. Development is primarily for local people and the applicant has the option to buy up to 80% of the property. Funding grant is available from Home and Communities. HC would manage the project. A short Q & A session followed and Cllr. Joanna Davidson spoke of the successful development that has happened in Moggerhanger.

The chairman thanked JW who then left the meeting.

AB read out a letter received from Hastoe Housing Association and asked if the members wanted to receive a further presentation. It was resolved that no more presentations were required and to contact BRCC to get a Housing Needs Survey underway.

CB suggested that once the survey is completed a member of the Wynn family could be invited to a Parish Council meeting to consider land for development.

Clerk

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Clerk's Report

Action points from the ordinary meeting held on 17th March 2009:

- P3 presentation: A letter of thanks has been sent to Steve Halton.
- Grass Cutting Contract: The clerk has advised all tenders of the council's decisions.
- Power of Well Being: The clerk has ordered and received confirmation of order for 7 copies of Communities in Control booklet. This has been chased up as nothing has been received yet. The book is available on line at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/powertopromote>
- DC has submitted comments regarding the updating of Mid Beds Cycle Route Mapping Project to Stephen Sleight of BRCC.
- Information was received via email from Cllr. Joanna Davison regarding S G Hill in Station Road:

Action points from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st April 2009:

- Pumping Station problem in Station Road: the clerk had written to Anglian Water raising this issue and received a telephone response from Mick Probyn: The station is monitored 24/7 via telemetry and has been overhauled and checked. They are aware of the issues that happen when the river is in flood as last happened in February and do as much as possible to sort out the problem when it occurs. There is a long term plan for renovation of the station to alleviate problems but this will not happen in the near future.

JD raised a question for debate:

Re: the comments over the past few years about the problems we have with sewage in the village, should we be rejecting any new accommodation applications until investment has alleviated the current problem?

The members concurred with this point of view and AB stated that this point should

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be borne in mind when future planning applications are received.

Other matters:

- Forthcoming election notices have been displayed on the notice board.
- The notice board in Station Road has a faulty right door.
- A letter from Amey has been received confirming that the Confident Community Fund work has been completed.

Events attended:

- 21st March 2009 Basic Playground Inspection Training at Shuttleworth attended by DC & JW.
- 23rd April 2009 CPRE AGM attended by AB & DC.
- 29th April 2009 Town & Parish Council Conference at Chicksands attended by AB & JW.
- 7th May 2009 Power of Well Being Training Session at Shortstown VH attended by JW.

12 **Central Beds Councillors – Mrs Jo Davison (JD) and Mrs P Turner (PT)**

JD updated the members regarding the forthcoming elections.
PT spoke of current national concerns regarding the issues with central government, also the need to encourage people to vote on 4th June.
A successful Town & Parish Council seminar was held on 29/04/09. The Council Liaison Forum will be a smaller, issue based meeting.
PT also updated the members with current issues at Central Beds.

13 **Planning**

Plan Number	Location	Proposal	Councillors Outcome
CB/09/00764/FULL	Sawmill Mill Lane Tempsford	Change of use and conversion of vacant 2 storey building into residential dwelling house	No Objections Comments emailed 19/05/09
09/00298/FULL	Rear of 5 Home Farm Close	Withdrawn by Agent/Applicant	

General discussion took place regarding application CB/09/00764/FULL

14 **Highways**

In the current Parish Partnership Fund Scheme Tempsford has been allocated £6k to spend on footpaths and/or lighting.
Following discussions it was agreed by all that the money should be used to upgrade the remaining 5 lamp posts and get them adopted by Central Bedfordshire. Clerk to action.

Faults to report:

Road signs for narrow road at end of station road.
No sign at top of mini roundabout on flyover for hall or church.
Footpaths need spraying in Church End.
Cars parked on footpaths. A note in Tempsford Times.

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15 **Parish Action Plan**

DC updated the members of recent events that had taken place. The Rave Bus was well received and some positive comments/suggestions from the youngsters of the village. A parish walk is planned liaising with Steve Halton of P3. Work is progressing well towards the survey.

16 **Children's Play Area**

DC reported that the mower had been mended and he is mowing the Station Road play area.
DC is liaising with Schoolscapes to make amendments to slide in Church end.
IG had taken centre swing down in church end. The swing set to be taken out moved and

DC

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Current Finance:

Current a/c balanced to last statement date 30/04/09

Bank Accounts	
Savings Account	£15,060.02
Tempsford 2000 Account	£1,126.60
Current Account	£20,592.13
Total	£36,778.75
4% Government Stock Holdings	£19.14

Expense				
Date	Ref. no.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
19/05/2009	6	Central Beds	Non Domestic Rates	£88.98
	9	Allianz Insurance	Insurance Fees	£754.40
	10	SLCC	2 guide books for PC	£25.00
	11	BATPC	Affiliation fees	£102.00
	12	Mr J Donnelly	Website renewal fees	£29.98
	13	In Trim Gardens	Grass Cutting	£324.88
	14	Mrs J Ward	Clerk's wages Clerk's allowances & expenses	£368.54 £87.64
	15	Schoolscapes Ltd	Canyon Club play equipment	£7,825.18
	16	Wicksteed Leisure	Low Pedestal Slide play equipment	£5,861.27
18/05/2009	7	Public Works Loan Board	Loan Repayment	£567.19
12/04/2009	8	E.on Energy	Street Light Electricity	£69.66
Grand Total				£16,104.72

Income				
Date	Ref. no.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
02/04/2009	1	Arnold's Funeral Services	Interment of John Zwetsloot	£120.00
14/04/2009	2	SLCC	Refund from March Conference meeting	£20.00
28/04/2009	3	I R Quince	Added inscription for Olive Abraham. Plot 92	£10.00
21/04/2009	4	Central Beds	Precept	£12,000.00
15/04/2009	5	Interest from a/c 07423791	Interest from a/c 07423791	£1.28
Grand Total				£12,151.28

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Correspondence

Letter received from John Martin: AB and clerk to respond.

The following correspondence to be circulated to all members and returned to the clerk.

- Beds CC – Letter re: End of Beds CC
- Central Beds – Letter from Community Development Officer for Rural Areas.
- Equality & Human Rights – Public Sector Duties.
- Information Commissioners Office – informational DVD regarding our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act.
- BEaR Project – Parish Council update

AB & clerk

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- 20 **Future Meeting Dates**
The following dates were agreed by the members and the clerk was requested to book the Stuart Memorial Hall.

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21 st July 2009	Cancelled
4 th August 2009	Ordinary Meeting
15 th September 2009	Ordinary Meeting
17 th November 2009	Ordinary Meeting Precept
19 th January 2010	Ordinary Meeting
16 th March 2010	Ordinary Meeting
15 th April 2010	Annual Parish
18 th May 2010	Annual General Meeting
20 th July 2010	Ordinary Meeting
21 st September 2010	Ordinary Meeting
16 th November 2010	Ordinary Meeting

Next pre council meeting was agreed as Thursday 9th July 2009 19:00 @ AB's house. JD and clerk to attend.

- 21 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:17 and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Jan Ward
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
23rd May 2009

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 19th May 2009

Chairman

Cllr. A G Besant

4th August 2009