

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 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
	Miss L Infield	Councillor
	Mr D Clark	Councillor
	Mr I Gosling	Councillor
	Miss A Baldwin	Clerk
	Mr P Jerred	BRCC

ACTION

- The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.
- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies received from Cllr C Maudlin & Cllr T Turner
 - 2 **Ratification of Clerk Appointment**
Members approved the appointment of Amanda Baldwin as Clerk to the parish council and updated the Bank Mandate to allow Statements to be sent to her home address.
 - 3 **Declarations of Interest**
AB in item 15 on the agenda
 - 4 **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 17th November 2009 was approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
 - 5 **Public Session**
None
 - 6 **Housing Needs Survey**
AB reported that he had received a letter from the Wynn Family, via their representatives, that they have land available on which to build affordable housing. AB then introduced Philip Jerred from Bedfordshire Rural Charities Commission provided a presentation on the replies received. It was decided that the next course of action is to ask the Wynn Family for the areas of land they are prepared to allow the development on, contact Howard Cottage to discuss the matter further. Clerk is to write to the above on behalf of the Council.
AB thanks PJ for his informative presentation and PJ left the meeting.
 - 7 **Matters Arising**
AB reported that he had received a letter from Miss Y Saunders saying that she is happy that the telephone box is being adopted and suggested that it be used as a lending library. An article is to be placed in the Tempsford Times asking for ideas on the use of the telephone box. SC suggested that as it's next to the notice board it could be used as an information centre for local groups and organisations.
Clerk is to identify how much the telephone box is worth and arrange for it to be insured.
 - 8 **Central Beds Reports**
In the absence of Cllrs Turner & Maudlin AB read out their reports which were received by email.

Cllr Maudlin reported that she had been liaising with Highways regarding the difficulty Church End residents had leaving the village in the ice and snow and suggested that a grit/salt bin is needed for this location. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Highways requesting 2 bins for Church End and Station Road.

Cllr Turner reported that the recent bad weather had caused some major potholes in the county's roads which are receiving urgent attention. Budget and Council Tax for the year 2010/11 are underway and to try and reduce costs senior management are being cut by 20% leaving 4 Directors instead of 5 and are shortly going to cut the number of Assistant Directors and heads of Service, again reducing by 20% overall. These cost savings benefits are for the medium to long terms and cannot be immediate reductions due to redundancy costs.

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9 Planning

None received

10 Highways

AB reported that the Parish Partnership Funds has been put towards the cost of the service road and footpath resurfacing. A walkabout has been carried out to identify the parish lights that need adopting and this has been scheduled for the next financial year.

Road notice closures for Station Road Level Crossing have been received and Clerk to put up on Notice boards.

11 Parish Action Plan

DC's report

A steering group meeting is scheduled for February the all encompassing questionnaire is nearing completion. It is envisaged that it will be circulated to residents for completion in the New Year. DC is to provide an article on the progress made for the Tempsford Times.

12 Children's Play Area

JD had obtained a quote for the repairs needed to the slide which amount to £386 and to move the swings and reposition in playing field at a cost of £762.40. It was agreed to accept this quote and the clerk is to write to A & A Lammie to give instructions to commence work with JD & SC as contact for exact position of the swings.

The clerk is to check the Guarantee received when the Fort was purchased to ascertain whether the faulty post is covered. Clerk is to write to the company who supplied the play equipment.

13 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

AB reported that after the recent burglaries an article was placed in the Tempsford Times suggesting that a neighbourhood watch scheme be set up. DC stated that he had tried to set this up some time ago and needed at least 8 members of the community to help out. It was decided not to progress with this unless requested by parishioners.

14 Cemetery/Churchyard Matters

The Clerk is to contact Tom Bowen of Shuttleworth to enquire as to what is being done to tidy up the cemetery area as this need to be completed by the end of February to avoid disturbing and nesting birds.

There have been no internments into the cemetery since the last meeting.

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15 Finance

The clerk has asked contacted the Public Work Loan Board to obtain a redemption figure for the current loan and will continue to chase.

Expenses			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
59	East Beds Community Bus	S137 Grant Ivel Sprinter	£500.00
60	BATPC	Subscription/membership Fee	£103.00
61	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hall Hire July – Nov 2009	£42.00
62	A Baldwin	Clerks Salary & Allowances	£337.99
63	A Besant	Expenses Oct 08 to Sept 09	£142.54
64	Methodist Chapel	Hire of Schoolroom for 2009	£40.00
Grand Total			£1,165.53

Income			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
57	Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.64
58	S Cooney	Funds for Millennium garden Fund	£100.00
Grand Total			£100.64

Reconciliation of balances at 19 th January 2010			
Balances per bank statements			
4% Government Stock		£19.14	
Current Account 30 November 2009		£12,646.77	
Savings Account 7th August 2009		£15,060.02	
Tempsford 2000 Account 18th March 2009		£1,126.60	£28,852.53
Add: Deposits not yet credited on bank statement			
G H Seamer		£120.00	
I R Quince		£40.00	
S Cooney		£100.00	
			£29,112.53
Less: Un presented Cheques			
	000617	500.00	
	000618	42.00	
	000619	142.54	
	000620	337.99	
	000621	103.00	
	000622	40.00	
	Total	£1,165.53	£27,947.00
Balance per spreadsheet (1p difference is due to rounding up)			£27,947.00

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