

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 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
	Mrs Tricia Turner (from 8.45p.m.)	Central Beds Councillor
	Miss A Baldwin	Clerk
	Mr Wilden	Member of the Public

ACTION

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr C Maudlin.

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 19th January 2010 were approved with 1 minor amendment being BRCC stands for Beds Rural Communities Charity and signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Session

Mr Wilden of Station Road addressed the meeting regarding noise from low flying aircraft over the village. Mr Wilden explained that he felt the noise was becoming a nuisance and had contacted Central Beds Council who had informed him that there was nothing they could do. He was advised to call the Civil Aviation Unit, who couldn't help and neither could the Ministry of Transport who can only monitor noise pollution from major airports. After a discussion it was suggest that Mr Wilden put his concerns in writing to the Parish Council and contact the Environmental Department of Central Beds who monitor noise complaints.

5 Matters Arising

Clerk reported that the telephone box has been insured for £2k and has been added to the Council's asset register.

6 Affordable Housing

A meeting is to be set up between Zoe Ashby from BRCC, King West being representatives and the Wynne Family and Howard Cottage Housing Association for Tuesday 30th March 2010 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the next steps in providing affordable housing.

Clerk

7 Central Beds Reports

Cllr Turner reported that the Council has now agreed its budget for the year 2010/11 and there is going to be a council tax increase of 2.95%. 12 million pounds of savings have had to be identified to balance the council's books. Cllr Turner stated that the difference in the rate charged for council tax in the north and south areas of Central Beds will have to be bought into line by April 2011.

Free travel for pupils who attend faith schools outside their catchment area is no longer going to be free of charge.

Pot holes are being repaired as quickly as possible. Central Beds Council took the decision on 9th February not to make funding available to Parish Councils under the Parish Partnership Funding scheme. This decision has been taken as part of a cost cutting exercise to keep the council tax to a minimum rise. However, this funding is the only source of money available to Parish Councils for repairs to footpaths that parishes have control of.

The Contract with Amey is up for renewal in July and other companies will be considered.

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8 **Planning**

None received

9 **Highways**

AB reported that he had met with Paul Joyce from the Highways Department and had identified a list of items in the Village that needs attention. However, as the Parish Partnership Funding is not going to be made available it is unlikely that the majority of items on the list will be repaired.

It had been noted that a foreign lorry is being parked overnight in Church Street. AB is to contact the householder to request that an alternative parking stop be sought.

The numbering of the lamp posts is currently being undertaken by Central Beds and AB will check that all the lamp posts are adopted.

The Clerk has been asked to obtain a map of Tempsford clearly showing its boundaries.

10 **Parish Action Plan**

DC's reported that the Questionnaire has been completed and it is envisaged that will be sent to householders in due course. JD asked if the questionnaire could be made available for downloading from the website.

11 **Children's Play Area**

Clerk is to chase up the guarantee for the purchase of the fort. SC is to chase A A Lammie for a completion date for the repairs to the fort and the repositioning of the swings.

DC reported that the back board on the basketball ring has been broken. DC is to look into the costs of purchasing a more sturdy backboard and report back at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that regular weekly inspections of the play areas should be carried out and it was agreed that DC would inspect Station Road and SC Church End.

12 **Cemetery/Churchyard Matters**

SC reported that Tom Bowen of Shuttleworth has completed some of the work required and it was felt that he would not have time to complete the remaining tasks required before nesting season. SC is to telephone Tom Bowen to state that all works are to be completed by Friday 19th March. Failing which In Trim Grounds maintenance are to be approached to obtain a quote to complete the work required.

Council considered the quote received from In Trim and decided to renew for a further 12 months. However, it was decided not to accept a 3 year fixed price deal offered in order that quotes could be obtained to ensure that Council are receiving the best value for money.

13 **Finance**

The clerk has obtained a redemption figure from the Public Works Loan Board in the sum of £1,574.92 and it was decided that this should be paid off as soon as possible. The Clerk is to contact and arrange payment.

Clerk has contacted Computershare regarding a change of address for the Government Stocks

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Expenses			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
65	A Baldwin	Clerks Salary & Allowances Jan to Feb	£335.06
66	In Trim	Fees Oct to March	£1,970.64
66	BATPC	Clerks Training Course	£195.00
67	SLCC	Registration/Membership fees	£222.00
Grand Total			£2,722.70

Income			
Ref.	Payee/From	Detail	Total
68	Seamer Funerals	Internment of Ashes of B Darrington	£30.00
Grand Total			£30.00

Reconciliation of balances at 16 th March 2010			
Balances per bank statements			
4% Government Stock		£19.44	
Current Account 28 th February 2010		£11,641.54	
Savings Account 7th August 2009		£15,060.02	
Tempsford 2000 Account 28 th February 2010		£1,226.60	£27,967.04
Add: Deposits not yet credited on bank statement			
G H Seamer		£30.00	
			£27,997.04
Less: Un presented Cheques			
	000623	335.06	
	000624	1,970.64	
	000625	195.00	
	000626	150.00	
	000627	72.000	
Total		£2,722.70	£25,274.34
Balance per spreadsheet (1p difference is due to rounding up)			£25,274.34

Parish Action Plan (Ring Fenced Current Ac.)	Income	Expense	Balance
26th March 2008 Initial Meeting Costs		£30.60	-£30.60
April 2008 Grant Received	£1,567.50		£1,536.90
18th March 2009 Methodist Hall Hire Costs		£20.00	£1,516.90
4th August 2009 Hire of Rave Bus		£90.00	£1,426.90
4th August 2009 Hire of SM Hall 18th April 2009		£36.00	£1,390.90
15th September 2009 K. Quinn expenses		£65.88	£1,325.02

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14 Correspondence

Items to be passed to all councillors and returned to the clerk

BATPC – Constitution Papers

Central Beds Standard Board Bulletin No's 46 & 47

Thank You letter from Ivel Sprinter

BATPC – Strategic Partnership board minutes from 15th December 2009.

Tempsford Methodist Chapel – Request for Grant (to be discussed at March meeting)

15 Next Meeting Date is on **18th May 2010 at 19.30** being the Annual Parish Meeting with the AGM following immediately after in the Stuart Memorial Hall.

Please pass any agenda Items to the clerk by **5th May 2010**.

16 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Amanda Baldwin Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council 30/04/2010.

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 16 th March 2010
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Chairman	Cllr. A G Besant	16 th March 2010
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