

Minutes of Tempsford Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2010 at 7:30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting of Tempsford was held on 18th May 2010.

ACTION

- 1 The meeting was opened at 19:35 by the Chairman of Tempsford Parish Council Cllr. Adrian Besant who welcomed everyone to the meeting. 8 parishioners were present.
- 2 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Cooney & Cllr Caroline Maudlin.
- 3 **Previous Minutes**
The chairman read out a summary of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting which had been agreed as correct at the council meeting on 19th May 2009.
- 4 **Parish Council Report**
Cllr. Adrian Besant introduced the members of the parish council to everyone and explained their roles and areas of activity that had kept the council busy during the year. Cllr Besant also reported on the council's financial activity during the year using pie charts to explain income and expenditure.
- 5 **Central Bedfordshire Council**
Cllr. Tricia Turner, leader of Central Bedfordshire, gave a brief account of the new unitary authority which has now been in existence for a year and spoke about what is happening now and also planned for the future. Cllr. Turner reported that the council has set a Budget in the sum of £177 million which is a 2.95% increase in Council Tax (72p per week on a band D property).
- 6 **St. Peter's Church**
Sandra Cloughton spoke in the absence of the new rector, Rev Margaret Marshall, saying that she is recovering well from her recent illness and is looking forward to get to know the people of Tempsford. Rev Marshall has now moved into the residence in Great Barford.
- 7 **Police**
PC Ross Paterson reported that the crime levels for Tempsford are low but there has been an increase in the Ivel villages as a whole. There have been a few public order incidents involving youths and some reported vehicle crimes/thefts from vehicles.
The monthly mobile police surgeries will continue and are to be better advertised with some being held in the evening. PC Paterson stated that crimes at street level can now be viewed using the Ringmaster system.
- 8 **Tempsford Parish Plan**
Cllr. Dan Clark explained that the Parish Plan is moving forward now and the final questionnaire is being compiled and will be issued shortly. This will provide local community and the parish council with a five to ten year forward plan that has been created by local people.
- 9 **Tempsford Methodist Chapel**
Steve Gosling stated that the chapel is 206 years old and holds three services a month. The refurbishment of the kitchen area is currently underway and the roof and drains have now also been upgraded. Various functions are held regularly and have been well attended and proved successful.
- 10 **Tempsford Chat Club**
Carole Gosling reported about the very successful Chat Club and how it started in 2002. The club provides a social place for older members of the community to meet, along with tea, cakes, lunches and outings for the local community and have activities planned up to Christmas.
- 11 **Mum Time**
Carole Gosling report that the group hold coffee mornings and play sessions for the children. They are going to introduce creative play for the children and would like to set up regular meetings in the 1st and 3rd week of each month.

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12	Stuart Memorial Hall Eileen Gosling (Chairperson) updated the meeting stating that the hall is well used with lots of activities taking place. She also reported that there had been a reported theft of oil from the hall. Various repairs and installations have taken place during the year. The Hall is also used by a variety of clubs and is now being booked for weddings and birthday parties.	
13	Helping Hands Meryl Besant reported that the group's aim is to provide community help to those in need, such as gardening, shopping hospital and doctor's visits. This is a valuable service and new helpers are always welcome.	
14	Tempsford Times Adrian Besant stated that the village bi monthly newsletter is delivered free to all households. A cross section of community activity articles is reported and new ideas and articles are always welcome.	
15	The Ivel Sprinter Adrian Besant gave a brief update to the members explaining that a new bus has been purchased bring the number to two in service. The service is managed and driven by local volunteers.	
16	Questions/Comments There being no questions or comments Cllr. Adrian Besant thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	

Amanda Baldwin
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
18th May 2010

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 18 th May 2010.	
Date	
Chairman	Cllr. A G Besant