

Minutes of TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on

Tuesday 15th November 2011 in the Stuart Memorial Hall which started at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs A Besant - Chairman, C Bettles, D Clark, S Cooney, J Donnelly, L Infield and C Jameson

Also present were Central Bedfordshire Cllr A Zerny.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Gurney

2 Declarations of Interest

None Declared

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2011 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4 Public Session

Nothing reported.

5 Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk, after the September meeting, realised that the order form for this year's poppy wreath had not being received. The clerk discovered that the person who normally sends out the order form had passed away and contacted the local Sandy branch of the RBL. The Chairman and Clerk took the decision to order the same wreath as last year and make the same donation of £50.

It was **RESOLVED** that the executive decision taken by the Chairman & Clerk be accepted.

6 Central Beds Cllr Report

Cllr Zerny reported that he had received several complaints about the length of time people were being held up at the level crossing in Everton before a train passed. Cllr Zerny had been in contact with National Rail and is going to suggest that a telephone system be put in place at the level crossing in Everton, similar to the one used at the Tempsford level crossing.

Central Beds Council are backing the campaign to keep Tempsford and other surrounding villages in the North Bedfordshire Constituency.

In the absence of Cllr Gurney SC asked Cllr Zerny if anything had been done regarding funding for cutting of Gannocks Castle. Cllr Zerny said that he would take this matter up with Central Beds Council on Tempsford's behalf.

DC & CJ attended the Town & Parish Council's conference on behalf of the parish and reported that Parish Action Plans are to be replaced with a Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are to include more about planning than the current Parish Plans. Central Beds Council are going to supply training on how to complete the new plans but the costs in producing one could be extremely high.

Cllr Turner had sent an email to the Parish Council asking if it would be willing to sit on a new Community Liaison Forum and will provide further information. AB had already replied stating that a representative from Tempsford would attend.

The next Town & Parish Conference will be held on 25th January and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Clerk would attend.

7 Police Report

The Clerk and Chairman have been emailing the local beat officer about attending the meeting. Both received a reply stating that a PCSO would be in attendance. However no one arrived to

represent the Police or provide a report. AB had requested more information on posters on the surgeries carried out in the village.

8 Planning

No planning applications had been received.

AB reported that he had received an email from a resident in Home Farm Close complaining about work being carried out on the Kier site on a Sunday. AB stated that he emailed his contacts at Kier who had apologised directly to the resident and said gave assurances that this would not happen again.

Kier have asked the Parish Council to decide on which way they would like to traffic to flow once the re development has finished.

It was **RESOLVED** by a vote of 5 to 2 that the Parish Council would expect the traffic would enter via Everton Road and exit into Station Road and AB would contact Kier

ACTION AB

JD had asked if the report from Anglian Water regarding the sewers had been received and AB is to chase this up. CJ stated that he would speak with his neighbour who works for the environment agency to see what they can do to make Anglian Water deal with the sewer issues in the Parish.

SC asked when it would be acceptable to Kier's to retrieve the historical documents they are holding and it was suggested that AB email his contact to enquire.

ACTION AB

DC & CJ reported to members on their recent visit to the Roxton Gravel extraction site. There are no major issues that will affect Tempsford and the extraction will commence in April 2012. The Parish Council are satisfied with the conditions affecting wheel cleaning, lorry movements and the routes to be taken.

9 Highways

JD reported that the Grit Bins have now been installed and filled with salt and thanked everyone who helped with the installation. All Councilors have a key to the bins and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Clark would salt Station Road and Cllr Bettles would salt the hill up to the roundabout in Church End.

AB had informed the Highways Department that several street lights throughout the parish were not working and these had been repaired within 4 days.

LI reported that another accident has occurred on the hump back bridge to Blunham and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the Clerk of Blunham to ask what is being done to improve safety.

ACTION CLERK

10 Parish Action Plan

In the light of the recent information from Central Beds Council regarding its plan to implement new Neighbourhood Plans it was decided to discuss this in more detail at a future meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Clark & Jameson would contact the BRCC to obtain more information on Neighbourhood Plans and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION DC & CJ

11 Children's Play Area

The new basketball hoops have been received and are ready to be installed and the back boards are to be repainted.

DC and CB are to liaise regarding installation of the new hoops.

ACTION DC & CB

The fence in the Station Road play area has been repaired and thanks to all for their help. However the gate needs some attention as the post is not hanging properly. It was suggested that CB arrange this repair

ACTION CB

The new roundabout and animal springers have been installed into the play area in Church End and are proving popular. It has been suggested that some play equipment is needed for older children.

The Kier group have agreed for a piece of land to be rented to the Parish Council, at a peppercorn rent, to be used for community recreational purposes and the Parish Council were delighted about this. The legal documents are currently being drawn up. It was suggested that this area could be used for older children and adults and suitable equipment could be installed such as football goal posts and a zip wire. The Parish Council would, however, be responsible for maintaining the area and it was suggested that the Parish Council take on the grass cutting of the area with the Kier Group maintaining the perimeter fencing.

ACTION AB

JD stated that a local resident has volunteered to cut the hedge in the play area at Church end for a small fee. CJ stated that he was happy to take a look at the hedge and the one in Gannock Castle with a view to cutting it on a regular basis.

ACTION CJ

12 Cemetery/Churchyard Matters

Dorothy Joyce Bettles and Ronald Bettles have been interred into the cemetery.

The new burial books have arrived and SC and Gordon Norman are to re-enter the details of burials in the old cemetery to match their recent survey & plans.

A local resident has commented on how well the cemetery and churchyard are looking.

LI is to contact the contractor to arrange for the Laurel Hedge to be cut back. **ACTION LI**

13 Finance

The Clerk provided members with a budget showing total cost for the last financial year, costs to 30th September 2011 and expected cost to the end of March 2012 and suggested that the precept request for the year 2012-13 be kept at £12,000.

It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for the year 2012-13 be set at £12,000 which is unchanged from last year.

The new noticeboards have been erected and JD, AB, LI and the Clerk have a key. No posters advertising businesses are to be allowed on the new noticeboards. The Clerk is to draw up a poster with councillor's names, addresses and telephone numbers on it and her own Contact details. A further notice is to be produced by the Clerk stating that if anyone wants to place something on the noticeboards these are to be posted through Cllr Infield (Church End) and Cllr Clark's & Cllr Besant's (Station Road) letterboxes.

ACTION CLERK

Expenditure

Date	Chq No	Payee	Detail	Total
20.10.11	679	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	50.00
	680	J Donnelly	Padlocks and salt for grit bins	188.90
15.11.11	681	A Baldwin	Clerks Wages Sept & Oct	£332.12
	682	England Basketball	Basketball Hoops x 2	£240.00
	683	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Burial Books x 2	£384.00
	684	M Zwetsloot	Grounds Maintenance Sept & Oct	£936.66
	685	CBC	Uncontested election costs	£60.44
Grand Total				£2,182.12

Income

Date	Ref	from	Detail	Total
10.10.11		HM Treasury	4% Government Stocks	.30
10.10.11		Central Beds	Cemetery Rates Rebate	47.40
19.10.11		J Seamer	Burial Ronald Bettles	120.00
19.10.11		J Seamer	Burial Dorothy Bettles	120.00
Grand Total				£287.70

14 Correspondence

Guide to taking part in the beacon lighting for the Queens Diamond Jubilee – **Circulated to SC in the first instance to make the Jubilee Committee aware.**

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine Issue 78 - **Circulated**

Bedfordshire Bugle November edition - **Issued**

JD Email regarding Broadband in the Village – **See below**

Letter from Central Beds regarding amount required for future elections - **Noted**

War Memorials Trust Magazine – **Circulated**

BRCC Network Magazine - **Circulated**

JD had circulated an email regarding funding that Central Beds Council has available to help provide faster broadband for rural areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to Central Beds Council to enquire as to how Tempsford can obtain some of the funds available to improve Broadband in its area. **ACTION CLERK**

15 Future Meeting Dates

- 17th January 2012 Ordinary Meeting
- 20th March 2012 Ordinary Meeting
- 17th April 2012 Annual Parish Meeting
- 15th May 2012 Annual Council Meeting
- 17th July 2012 Ordinary Meeting
- 18th September 2012 Ordinary Meeting
- 20th November 2012 Ordinary Meeting