

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7:30pm in the Stuart Memorial Hall

Present:	Mr A Besant	Chairman
	Mr J Donnelly	Vice Chairman
	Mr S Cooney	Councillor
	Miss L Infield	Councillor
	Mr C Bettles	Councillor
	Mr D Clark	Councillor
	Mr I Gosling	Councillor
	Mrs T Turner	Central Beds Councillor & Ward Member
	Miss A Baldwin	Clerk
	Mrs D Gurney	Potton Ward Councillor
	Mrs A Lewis	Potton Ward Councillor
	Mr A Zerny	Potton Town Councillor
	4 members of the Public	

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 and welcomed members of the public and introduced 3 members from Potton explaining that with the Boundary changes taking place our parish will be linked with the Potton Ward.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr C Maudlin.

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2011 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4 Public Session

Several member of the public addressed the Council with regard to the proposed alternations to the War Memorial and expressed that they were extremely unhappy with the plans to move the memorial. The Chairman explained that neither the Parish Council nor the Stuart Memorial Hall Committee planned to move the memorial. What had been agreed was that the area around the base of the memorial would be made smaller. Parishioners expressed that they did not want the base being made smaller, it had been there for over 60 years and should remain as it is.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had previously agreed to the request by the Stuart Memorial Hall Committee to reduce the area around the base and that the Parish Council would contribute some funds to the alterations and that 3 quotes should be obtained.

5 Matters Arising

JD presented to the council clearer drawings of the alterations required to the base of the War Memorial. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had agreed to the Stuart Memorial Hall Committees request and that it would contribute some funds to the changes needed. 3 Quotes for the planned work are required by the Parish Council in order for it to decide on the amount of contribution given.

6 Affordable Housing

AB reported that the he had spoken with Steve Twyford, a representative of the Wynne Family, and that a report on the feasibility study is due anytime. Steve Twyford would also like to look at the questions being asked on the Parish Action Plan questionnaire to ensure that the correct housing needs for the village is identified.

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7 Central Bedfordshire Council

Cllr Turner expressed her sadness that this is her last meeting as Ward Councillor to Tempsford as under the recent Boundary review Tempsford will now be in the Potton Ward. The Chairman expressed his personal and the Council's thanks to Cllr Turner for all the work and support she has done on behalf of Tempsford in the many years she has been the Ward Councillor.

The Central Beds budget has now been agreed and savings of £21 million have been made, unfortunately this has resulted in some service cuts.

School Crossing patrols are to remain for this financial year only. The Mobile library service is also being cut and replaced by the Library Link which will offer services to house bound people only. However, more money is being spent on Child Protection and village transport links.

The Lets Talk Together meetings, attended by Cllr Infield, were a success and it is planned that more of these will be run through the year.

Cllr Turner also explained that there had been some problems with Salt Bins and that Tempsford should be receiving the remaining two bins it requested.

8 Planning

A meeting of the planning committee has been called for Wednesday 23rd March 2011 in the Chapel Hall, Station Road, Tempsford to review the one application received.

9 Highways

AB reported that he had discussed the positioning of the Salt Bins in the Village. The Highways Department is willing to quote for these bins, 2 on the slop into Church Street and 1 on the junction into Station Road, however, the initial quotes received from Highways were extremely high and the Clerk is to contact other suppliers. **ACTION CLERK**

The items the Parish Council wanted moving on the prioritised works programme have been moved from 2014 to this year.

Although pot holes through the village have been filled and the "Slow" sign painted AB reported these had been poorly done and had reported this to Highways.

JD stated that he had contacted Highways regarding the Willow trees that need poisoning and that this was still to be carried out.

It was reported that the level crossing needs to be salted in bad weather and a letter is to be sent to Network Rail requesting this. **ACTION CLERK**

10 Parish Plan

DC reported that AB has offered to help progress the Parish Plan and to help compile the questionnaire.

11 Children's Play Area

CB is still to repair the back boards of the basketball nets. **ACTION CB**

Quotes for the new fence required around the Station Road play area have been requested. **ACTION CB**

12 Cemetery Matters

Burial Sharon Harlow – **Approved**

Internment of Ashes - Phyllis Moore - **Approved**

2 Burial Plot Purchased by Mr & Mrs Sills - **Agreed**

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A working party is to meet on Sunday 20th March to do the final clean up of the Cemetery and Churchyard and a chipper will be available on the day. **ACTION ALL**

The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to John & Richard Infield for helping with the last tidy up in January.

13 Finance

The Council will decide on the type of notice boards required as part of the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 23rd March. It was decided that the Telephone Box would become a Village Information Point.

Tenders

The Clerk stated that she sent out several copies of the Grass Cutting Specification for the year 2011/12 and had only received one response. LI enquired why Mark Zwetsloot had not been asked to quote and the Clerk replied that the Specification had been emailed to him and had not received a reply. It transpires that Mark Zwetsloot has changed his email address and the Clerk had sent the documents to his old address as stated on his paperwork. The Clerk is to re send the specification to markzwetsloot@f2s.com. **ACTION CLERK**

The Clerk had provided members with a draft contract which the Parish Council should be sending out to its chosen contractors and it was agreed that this be used from this year and a copy of the Contractors public liability insurance certificate be kept on file along with a signed copy of the Contract. **ACTION CLERK**

Internal Audit

The Clerk asked if she could instruct the same person as last year to carry out the required Internal Audit at a cost of £75. All members agreed this expense and the Clerk is to get the Internal Audit carried out as soon as possible after 31st March. **ACTION CLERK**

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Cllr Cooney had written to the Parish Council asking for a donation to the planned activities for June 2012. He reported that at the Queen's Golden Jubilee 10 years ago the Village celebrated over a weekend with numerous activities for all ages. All the children in the Village under the age of 16 had received a celebratory coin paid for by the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would support this request for funding when further details are available.

Millennium Garden

Cllr Cooney reported that the fence around the Millennium Garden was in need of painting and had received 3 quotes for the work required. The Chairman stated that the Millennium Garden's funds were not those of the Parish Council and that it acted only in holding the funds. It was therefore stated that Cllr Cooney decide on which quote he accepted and that the current balance held for the millennium gardens stands at £1,361.60.

Expenses

Date	Chq No	Payment To	Detail	Amount
15.03.11	660	A Baldwin	Clerks Wages Jan & Feb	£332.12
	661	In Trim	Fees February	£354.60
	662	BATPC	Affiliation Fees 2011/12	£106.00
Grand Total				£792.72

Income

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Date	Ref No	Payment From	Detail	Amount
26.01.11		Seamers	Burial Sharon Harlow	£320.00
26.01.11		Hanchets	Ashes Phyllis Moore	£30.00
26.01.11		S Cooney	Millennium 2000 Account	£135.00
07.02.11		Stuart Memorial Hall	Grass Cutting August to January	£210.00
07.02.11		Mr & Mrs Sills	Burial Plot Purchase	£200.00
07.03.11		HM Treasury	Interest Government Stock	£.30
Grand Total				£895.30

Bank Balances as at 18 th January 2011		
Balances per bank statements		
4% Government Stock	£19.94	
Current Account	£12,253.75	
Savings Account	£15,060.02	
Tempsford 2000 Account	£1,361.60	£28,695.31

14 Correspondence

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine Issue 74
Email from M Freeman re Salt Bins
Bedfordshire Bugle March Edition

15 Councillor Surgery Updates

AB reported that he had received a telephone call from a Mrs Lamburn asking if Tempsford would support the Kingfisher Festival by holding a village event in June. AB stated that the Village celebrates Feast Week in June which is a church festival that has been held for numerous years. AB is to meet with Mrs Lamburn on the 22nd March.

It was reported that the Anchor Pub has been changed into an adult only members club and is no longer open to the general public. It was asked if the Parish Council had received a change of use notice which it hasn't. Concerns were raised as some village members had been told that they could no longer use the Public Footpath that runs along the back of the property.

16 Next Meeting Date is the Annual Parish Meeting and is being held on 19th April 2011 at 19.30 in the Stuart Memorial Hall.

It was resolved that the following dates be set for future meetings:

17th May – Annual Meeting

19th July

20th September

15th November

17 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.31 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Amanda Baldwin Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council 28/04/2011.

I certify these minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 15th March 2011

Chairman

Cllr. A G Besant

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