

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE
15th JULY 2019 AT 19.30 HRS. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL.**

Mr. A. Besant	Councillor
Mr. J. Donnelly	Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. T. Goddard	Councillor
Mr. S. Fraser	Councillor.
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk

The present Chairman, Mr. Adrian Besant, opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs. There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies – No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of interest – No declarations of interest were received.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

Cllr. Goddard attended the Community Priority Meeting and reported that she found it a useful meeting. Comments raised included: general crime is our village's main concern; a police presence does produce a reduction in crime; 9 new police officers are being recruited; a presentation on "executing warrants"; identifying safe areas for young people to keep away from gangs; the importance of using 101 to report crime, every incident is pinpointed. There is a Scorpion Task Force for travellers. Next meeting is on road safety issues.

5. Public Session – no public present.

6. Open Spaces

A resident (who could not attend the meeting) had given a photo and drawings of some planters which may be good for use with the Tempsford signs, as discussed at the last meeting. Some suggestions were made by the Councillors: - to get a costing from Southill Sawmills, to put a bracket round the oak posts to prevent them rotting from the soil in the planter, to get quote from someone locally, and the possible use of Green Infrastructure funds for this. The Council accepted the design. **Action: To contact the resident with our decision and suggestions.**

7. Planning

CB/19/01838 38 Church St., Single storey annex. Plans inspected at the meeting; no objections raised. **Clerk to email CBC.**

Station Yard – The residents at Station Cottages had done a lot of work with the CBC to solve this problem. No Planning Permission had been granted for these lorries to be at the yard. CBC had told them to cut down on the hours and no movements at night. CBC has also requested that the haulage use of the site cease by the end of the month (July) if not, they will issue a formal enforcement notice. Thanks was expressed to the residents of Station Cottages for bringing this to the attention of the Parish Council and doing so much work on the problem.

Local Plan – Email read out from a resident regarding the Local Plan and misrepresentation of the views of residents of Tempsford.

8. Highways.

Report from Chairman:

- items reported to, but still not been attended to, by Highways -willows at end of Station Road, broken road sign, tree overhanging a garage in Home Farm Close, downpipes from new property emptying on to pavement in Station Road
- Items that are going to be attended to: - surface dressing on Little Barford road 18th July, road markings and other white lines, 30-mile speed sign, possibly “slow” markings.
- Paths along Station Road have been marked to have potholes filled in. Trench in Station Road to Ivy Close has sunk – to be re-surfaced.

No progress on the matter of providing a turning area in Station Road. Chairman to investigate

The Highways Dept do not seem to remove “Road closed” signs when the work has been finished or cancelled which is annoying.

A letter was read out by the Clerk, from a resident regarding the speed limit in the village down Station Road. It was suggested that someone from Highways Department could visit the village and establish how traffic management could be improved. Clerk to acknowledge letter.

An Email was received from a resident on the Zwetsloot land, with concerns where the recovery vehicles will be situated during the Black Cat Improvement roads works. Parish Council agreed to support the resident’s concerns.

9. CBC – no Councillors in attendance.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

A letter was read out from the Secretary regarding progress.

11. Finance: - The invoices below were approved for payment.

Date	Payee	Details	Amount
31.5.19.	Linda Collins	Wages May + postage	£218.03
1.6.19	Mark Zwetsloot	May cutting	£714.00
30.6.19	Linda Collins	Wages June	£215.77
1.7.19	Mark Zwetsloot	June cutting + extra	£864.00
17.7.19	George Elwes Auditor	Internal audit	£50.00
12.7.19	Steve Cooney B&Q	Locks for gates	£36.30
	Total		£2,098.10

It was also agreed that Mark Zwetsloot would be paid monthly, instead of two months. Also, the Clerk.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31.6.19.

Current Account 27,670.71 Bank Statement No.21

Savings Account 15,478.75

Tempsford 2000 1,261.05

Total £44,410.51

Neighbourhood Plan - £7221.00 ringed fenced. Therefore, the Council cash available is £37189.51

12. Play area.

Tempsford Football Club – A spreadsheet and emails regarding some sort of funding had been sent to all Councillors. After discussion, the Council agreed to donate £500 as a one-off grant for this year. The Clerk would get the Chairman of the Football team to fill in a Grant Form. **RESOLUTION – to give grant on successful completion of the form**

Springer repair - parts would not be available until August.

Horse in Station Road children’s playing field – a horse is being fly grazed in the children’s playing field. Council agreed to use Equine Bailiffs to find out how much they would charge to take the horse away once the required days are up for it to be disposed of by the owner.

Kissing gates - It was agreed by Council to purchase 3 kissing gates to fit at play areas to prevent this happening again. **RESOLUTION – TO PURCHASE GATES.**

13. Churchyard/Cemetery

The Clerk read out letters from three residents regarding problems with badgers in the cemetery, and items being stolen off graves.

Badgers – one of the residents had already purchased an item which sends signals out that the badgers do not like which seems to be working. It was agreed by Council to purchase another 3 to see if this helps. To review the situation at the next meeting.

Items being taken from the graves. The Chairman would write to the resident and say that it was not the Parish Council removing the items. Sadly, it could be people stealing them.

14. Communication

An email had been received by the Clerk from a resident regarding some broken/collapsed fencing etc. in Church Street. The Council felt this was more a personal concern and not one for the Council, but the Clerk would send a letter asking if the owner for help regarding this.

Facebook – Concern was expressed that Comments were being posted on the Council’s Facebook page; Clerk thought this was not possible. Is there any way this can be prevented? Cllr Fraser said he thought not but would investigate it.

15. Next Meeting - 23rd September 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.44 hrs. and thank everyone for their contribution.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th July 2019.

Chairman – Adrian Besant
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Dated – 23rd September