

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE  
18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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
Cllr. Tracey Wye	CBC Councillor
Members of the public	5

The present Chairman, Mr. Adrian Besant, opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

- 1. Apologies** – Apology received from Cllr. Filby along with her resignation from the Parish Council
- 2. Declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were received.
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes**  
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Police Report**  
The Clerk reported that there had been two incidents in Tempsford noted on the UK website in September. Cllr. Goddard had sent a report to Council about the Priority Meeting she had attended. One of the points she wanted to emphasize was that it is important to report all incidents via the 101-phone line, although they will not always necessarily be followed up. This way they can identify hotspots which may be connected to other serious activity. Drugs, knife crime are also a problem in Bedfordshire.
- 5. Public Session.** - A member of the public wanted to speak on the problems being encountered in Station Yard and the traffic down Station Road, and with broadband. Points raised: - Hermes lorries, could a traffic management scheme be introduced as articulated lorries are still coming to Station yard, sharing with Hermes, - a car has already been hit by a passing articulated lorry; could 30mph speed restriction be put in place the full length of Station Road. The Council agreed that these should be followed up with Highways. Tempsford residents must also be active in writing to CBC Highways and complaining as this all has an impact. It was suggested to put this information on Facebook and in Tempsford Times.
- 6. Planning**  
Cllr. Donnelly attended a planning training course. He found it very useful and worthwhile and gave a written report for the Council.  
CB/19/03775/FULL – Flamingo Flowers, - installation of ground mounted solar PV system.  
**Resolution – no objections.**

## **7. Highways.**

- Anglian water – Chairman reported on the problem of a large dangerous hole in the road left by Anglian Water after dealing with a water leak near the Station. This has now been repaired. Pressure still not good in Station Cottages.
- White lines still to be done at the junction of Church Street and Blunham Lane. Give-way lines have been done at the mini-roundabouts and at Station Road entrance.
- Little Barford/Station Road Junction sign has been replaced.
- The large amount of leaves blocking gutters and drains in Church Street and Station Road was reported.

## **8. Footpaths**

- There is a lot of dog fouling within the village. Another note should be put in the Tempsford Times. **Action Chairman**
- Permissive path through Esme Wood– no further communication yet.
- The footpath across Roxton Lock will be closed for another 18 months while the footbridge is repaired. The Chairman and Clerk have been in contact with CBC and Bedford Borough with regard to the footpaths in this area.

## **9. Play areas**

2 Kissing gates are in and the final one in Church St. will be fitted on 22.11.19. A new child's play-springer has been installed in the Church End area to replace the broken one.

## **10. Green Infrastructure**

The Green Infrastructure grant money must be spent before end of 2019. The resident designing the planters to fit under the village signs was urged to order the wood and to progress their construction as soon as possible and inform the clerk.

**Action Clerk.**

More daffodil bulbs would be nice to have in the village as well.

## **11. Central Beds. Councillor**

Cllr. Tracy Wye was in attendance. Station Yard was discussed again and Cllr. Wye mentioned the Ward Council Grant. Also, a Community Asset Grant at the end of 2019 up to £25000. (match funding). Cllr. Wye said that there has still been no decision on the railway route.

## **12. Neighbourhood Plan**

One of the committee members gave a report. The Plan is 95% completed, including a 30-page character assessment. There was a concern that a meeting had not taken place for over a year. Perhaps the PC could ask the Chairman to hold a meeting so that everyone is updated.

### 13. Finance: -

The below invoices were approved for payment: -

25.9.19	Cllr. Donnelly re travel expenses – Training.	£12.15.
21.10.19.	Linda Collins, Clerk. Cartridge for printer (Cyan)	£58.90
28.10.19.	British Legion – Poppy wreaths	£38.00
1.11.19	Mark Zwetsloot – October Grass cutting.	£387.00
20.10.19	Methodist Chapel re Neighbourhood Plan	£12.00
31.10.19	Linda Collins, Clerk wages October	£215.77
Total		£723.82

Usually we increase the British Legion invoice to include a donation to them. Resolution – increase to £75.00. All Councillors agreed.

### Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Current a/c	£19,251.08	Statement 25 and cash book
Savings a/c	£15,481.32	
Tempsford 2000	£1,261.05	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,5993.45</b>	

Neighbourhood plan has £4,809.00 ringed fenced. So, deducting above payments if approved, the present cash flow will be £30,460.63 for the Parish Council.

- **Budget** – Cllr. Fraser and Clerk presented the Budget for 2020/21 Considering that a new grass cutting contract is needed next year and discussion on this Budget, it was voted to increase the Precept by £500.00. Proposed by Cllr. Donnelly and seconded by Cllr. Cooney. All Councillors agreed. Clerk will send in the letter which has to be in by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. **RESOLUTION INCREASE PRECEPT BY £500.** Action Clerk.
- **Clerk** – NALC salary increment of £7.21 a month. The Clerk had prior to the meeting sent copies of the NALC increment to Councillors. The increase in salary should have been from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, so the Clerk asked Council if they felt that this increase was acceptable to them for her work.  
Proposed by Cllr. Donnelly Seconded Cllr. Goddard. **RESOLUTION THAT CLERK SALARY IS INCREASED BY £7.21 a month.**

### 14. Churchyard/Cemetery

The work party on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, was a great success clearing the church yard. About 22 people turned out for this and a lot was achieved. A farmer subsequently cleared the debris for us. Council agreed to remunerate for his costs. It was discussed to use some weed killer to control the weeds and organise another work party in the new year. Letter received from Woodfines regarding Registration with land registry for the cemetery. Clerk read it out.

### 15. Communications

Facebook seems to be working for informing the parish. The Clerk had received a letter regarding the salt bag scheme. There is still a lot left from the last delivery, so we would not order any this year.

**16. Alistair Burt**

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Alistair Burt following his resignation as our Constituency MP asking for the Council to let him know what he could pass on to his successor. The Chairman said he would do this. **Action Chairman**

**17. Date of next meetings.**

The following dates were suggested for 2020, but they can be changed when Councillors have had a look at their diaries. 20<sup>th</sup> January 16<sup>th</sup> March, Annual Parish Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Annual Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May, (may have to be changed), 20<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November. Dates that could be a problem are 16<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Resignation of Councillor** – as Cllr. Filby had resigned, the Clerk would instigate the procedure for a Casual vacancy immediately. **Action Clerk.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 and thanked everyone for coming and their contributions.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Chairman – Adrian Besant

Dated – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.