

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 AT  
19.30 HRS. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL.**

Mr. Adrian Besant	Chairman
Mr. Dan Clark	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Jim Donnelly	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	CBC Councillor.
Members of the public	3

**1. Apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None were received.

**3. Acceptance of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and Planning meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Police Report**

The Clerk reported that there had been two incidents in the month of November as reported on the UK police site. Cllr. Clark had nothing to report as there had not been any meetings recently.

**5. Public Session**

The Clerk updated a member of the public on the question of waste bags not being biodegradable raised at the last meeting. CBC reported that the bags are removed before anaerobic digestion and this was the same with the previous bags used.

**Speed watch** – A member of the public reported he was trying to get the speed watch going again, hopefully when the weather was better.

**Proposed Tempsford Football team** – a member of the public came to put a proposal to the Parish Council that he would like to start up a village football team. The Parish Council are supportive of this venture and will do all they can to help. It was suggested that the resident comes up with a plan and what is needed for the team and return to the Parish Council with a solid plan going forward.

**6. Planning**

No recent plans had been received by the Parish Council. The Councillors were updated regarding The Rectory planning application. Objection letter had been sent to CBC. An email had been received from Gannock House thanking the Parish Council for their support.

Ivy Close planning application. - No objections had been received. Responses sent in.

**7. Highways**

- The Clerk had ordered 1 tonne of salt, to be delivered to Lambcourt Farm.
- CBC LTP Integrated Programme. This is a matched funded scheme. Councillors put forward some suggestions, and two projects were decided on that Tempsford Parish Council could put forward. A member of the public had also put forward the problem of speeding along the link road from Little Barford and the number of cars that end up in the field and suggested putting to the Highways to reduce the speed limit along that road.

- White lines at the bottom of the slope in Church Street still need to be repainted,

**8. Neighbourhood Plan** – update. A Committee Member of the group gave a summary of what had been happening of the last few months. A lot of work had been done on two topics. 1. Local green spaces. 2. Description and Character of the village which included lots of research and photographs. They wanted to look at the village as strangers – what do we see and how does it make you feel. The plan has been submitted to the Consultant for review and they are waiting to see what she thinks. The Green Infrastructure Plan is a separate plan and has a set fee regardless of the size of the village - £3500. Therefore, they may have to come to the Parish Council for funding. The Group hope the plan will be finished this year and then it will go to the village for a referendum, but CBC organises that.

**9. Central Beds. Councillors**

Adam Zerny had little to report on, but said that the Local Plan would be priority over the next few months to come but would slow down because of the Election in May.

East West Rail is very much on the agenda at moment with 5 routes proposed but not decided on yet. There would be consultations over the next month or so. No decision on the A421/8 yet.

**10. Finance**

The Clerk reported that the Precept application had been sent in and acknowledged. She asked the Council if they would approve listed invoices for payment.

Date	Payee	Details	Amount £
30.11.18	Linda Collins	Salary November	215.57
05.12.18	Mark Zwetsloot	Grass cutting Nov/Dec	680.00
10.12.18	Stuart Memorial Hall	19.11.18 Hire	16.00
31.12.18	Linda Collins	Salary December	215.57
<b>Total</b>			<b>1127.14</b>

Plus – 1. Microsoft Office 365 needed to be renewed, either Home or Personal £79.99 or £59.99. Council agreed to the £59.99 as this is what the Clerk paid previously. 2. Money made from the Millennium Garden event was paid into the Parish Council account, it should have been paid into the Tempsford 2000 account. Could this now be paid into the Tempsford 2000. Council agreed for this to be done. **Action Clerk.**

3. Cllr. Bettles had made a gate replacement for the Church wall in the cemetery. Cllr. Bettles said he would not accept expenses for this and made it a gift to the Church. Council expressed thanks to him and asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes.

The Clerk explained the cashflow and bank statement as below and reminded that £7221.00 in the current account was ringed fenced for the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Bank Statements 14 and 15

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance £
<b>Balance b/f</b>					<b>22000.97</b>
15.11.18	947	CPRE	36.00		21964.97
23.11.18	954	Steve Cooney Cartridge	59.48		21905.49
23.11.18	951	Linda Collins 2 months	438.84		21466.65
26.11.18	950	Mark Zwetsloot	1431.00		20035.65
26.11.18	949	Woodfines	1041.00		18994.65
29.11.18	953	HM Revenue	00.40		18994.25
30.11.18	Deposit	Cemetery income		130.00	19124.25
13.12.18	952	British Legion	100.00		19024.25
		<b>Balance</b>			<b>19024.25</b>

### Bank Reconciliation as at 31.12.18

Current Account     £19024.25

Cash book balance   £19201.25

Savings account     £15474.89

Tempsford 2000     £1084.05

**Total**               **£35760.19**

**Tempsford Sign -** The cost of the new signs to be erected with oak posts had been emailed to all Councillors. £849.60 including VAT. The Councillors discussed this item and it was agreed by all to go ahead with the installation. **Resolution – Accept quote.**

#### 11. Play Area

The Clerk reported she had contacted the Insurance company regarding the Springer, and we are covered, so she has emailed the necessary department. She had also contacted Kompan regarding the cost of a replacement springer and they would come back on that. Cllr. Bettles was in the process of repairing the climbing fort.

#### 12. Cemetery/Churchyard

**Cherry Tree** – this will be taken down and a new tree (possibly a Rowan Tree) to be put in a suitable area to replace it. Council agreed a replacement should be obtained.

The Clerk was awaiting quote from Mark for work on the lime trees.

**Cemetery** – Cllr. Cooney asked Council if it would be possible to reduce the yew trees around the Stuarts' graves to allow more light in onto the grave stones. The Council agreed, but would have to contact the new vicar first to make sure it was all right. Clerk then to contact Mark for a quote.

#### Action Clerk

It was suggested that there is a work party organised to tidy up the cemetery, possibly removing a lot of the ivy. Perhaps February/March.

#### 13. Communications

Facebook – Cllr. Fraser and Cllr. Goddard had put together a “Facebook” page which was shown to the other Councillors. The Parish Council are here to represent the community, and this manages to inform a larger part of that community. All Councillors agreed it was very good and to go forward with it. We would have a few months as a pilot and launch it as the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 14. Dates for next meetings -

4th March, 24<sup>th</sup> April (AP), 20<sup>th</sup> May (AM), 15<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours and thanked everyone for their contribution.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Chairman - Cllr. Besant.

Dated – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019