

# Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 19.30 hrs., in the Stuart Memorial Hall

## Present:-

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman – Councillor
Mr. Jim Donnelly	Vice Chairman – Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. D. Clark	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Miss E. Infield	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs. and welcomed everyone.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Jameson and Chris Coppenhall PCSO.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

No Declarations of Interest were received.

### 3. Acceptance of Minutes.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Public Session.

No members of the public were present. However Gary Kidd, Police Sergeant was in attendance so he was able to inform the Council of the crime situation. Tempsford had zero crime, but Stotfold, Arlesey and other villages had been targeted so was encouraging everyone to be aware of anything suspicious. They had a week long burglary initiative in December, but did not come to Tempsford. They will be doing so soon.

Parking in Station Road was raised – the problems it is causing. Gary suggested that he could draft a letter from the police asking people to be considerate to the needs of others. Council decided it would be a good idea. PCSO would then deliver to houses in the vicinity that are causing problems.

### 5. Children's Play Area

**Safety Sheets** – No safety sheets handed to Clerk.

**Rospa work report:** Councillor Bettles handed the Report back to Clerk as Mr. Davis is not able to undertake any of the work.

### Kiers proposed play area

**Question put to Council** – Did the Council want to continue with the progress of the area as a playground or change it to something else?

It was agreed that as the land was made available as a play area it should be used as such, unless it causes any trouble then apply for a change.

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An email had been received from Woodfines asking what was happening with regard to the play area. Did we want them to deal with the Land Registration etc. Also a letter had been received from a resident that was read to the Council, actually written to Kiers, but the resident wanted the Parish Council to see it complaining about the way the track has been demolished whilst work was carried out and now.

**How to progress:**

1. Play area to go ahead
2. Higher fence needed - who should bear the cost, possibly half/half.
3. Arrange meeting between Kiers (Neil Meixner), Chairman, Cllr. Bettles, Cllr Cooney and Clerk to discuss fencing already erected and new fencing.
4. Lease – Clarification of a) planning permission b) Land Registration c) change from play area.
5. Write again to Clive explaining what had been discussed at this meeting. Explaining he does not have to attend the meeting.

**Decision : Clerk to write to Clive Knott. ACTION: Chairman to contact Kiers to arrange a meeting and discuss above points.**

**6. Central Beds Councillors** - No Councillors were present.

**7. Planning:**

Last application for tree work at Kiers seemed to have been held on to so some Councillors did not get to see it before closing date.

**Decision: When a planning application is received, Clerk should email all those on email the reference number so that Councillors can look at it on line. Then email back to Clerk with comments, after which the Chairman will decide whether a meeting is needed or the Clerk can take emails as decision. Cllr. Bettles will receive the information as a hard copy.**

**Composting site:** The Chairman explained about the meeting attended by himself and the Clerk at Everton, with regard to retrospective planning. Emails had also been received by Clerk who read them out.

**Decision : it was agreed that Tempsford PC would agree with Everton that it was a good idea to have a Liaison group to ensure Tamar do not transgress and a check is kept on everyday activities. It was also agreed that Tempsford PC should have a representative on this group. ACTION: CLERK TO CONTACT CLERK OF EVERTON REGARDING THIS DECISION.**

**8. Green Infrastructure:**

Cllr. Connolly gave an update as Cllr. Jameson was not present. The window for the purchase of flowering bulbs had now passed. An email had been received from Cliff Andrews indicating that the paperwork had been processed and so now they are able to spend. So bird boxes will be put up sometime in February, hedge in Gannock later in winter and bulbs will be left for a while. It has now been left for Cllr. Jameson and Cllr. Donnelly to process.

**9. Traffic**

**Speedwatch:** Report from Clerk explaining that one resident had completed the First Aid Course, but that one volunteer had decided he does not want to do the speedwatch now.

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The Clerk read his email to explain why. As Gary Kidd was present, he explained that the training was now changing to be more local and more equipment would be available. He suggested that the Clerk gives the volunteer emails to him and he will get in touch with them to explain the situation at present. He did say you could do speedwatch with 2 people, but 3 are better.

**ACTION, Clerk to email addresses to Sgt. Gary Kidd**

**10. Highways:**

**Salt Scheme** – It would appear that the Council has sufficient salt at the present time (1 ton at Ouse farm) + bins fairly full, that there is no need to order any this year.

Report from Chairman – The Chairman had contacted CBC for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time to get a site meeting and get signs reinstalled. A brown tourist sign for the new memorial was also going to be suggested by the Chairman.

Drains have now been done at the end of Station Road.

One of the posts where the old telephone box was sited, has fallen over, so CBC needs to be contacted about that.

The link road to Gt. Barford will be closed 16/1/ - 20.3/14. Cllr. Clark would like to know why it is closed 24/7?

**ACTION: Cllr. Besant to contact CBC Highways re above.**

**11. Cemetery/Church matters.**

The Clerk reported that she had ordered the key for the stop tap.

Cllr. Bettles commented on the fact that the grass in being cut too low and is taking lumps out of the ground. Cllr. Infield to speak to Mark and the Clerk will put a note in with his next payment.

Key for the Parish Hut. There is only one key. The key to be handed to Cllr. Bettles who will see about getting a new one made.

**ACTION: 1. Cllr.Infield/Clerk speak to Mark Zwetsloot re cutting of cemetery**  
**2. Cllr. Bettles to get new cut made for Parish hut.**

**12. Finance:**

**Precept:** A presentation was give by the Chairman on the Taxbase and calculation of the precept regarding Council Tax. The taxbase for this year is 226. A decision was taken unanimously to keep the precept as last year £12,000.

**DECISION: To keep the Precept at £12,000. Clerk to send in the necessary form.**

**Anglian Water compensation:** A cheque had been received from Anglian Water for £1000. A discussion was had by Councillors as to what to use the £1000 on. It was agreed to divide the amount between, St Peter's Church, The Methodist Chapel and the Stuart Memorial Hall.

**DECISION: To divide it equally between the Church, Chapel and Stuart Memorial Hall.**

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**Millennium Garden** – a cheque from the Millennium garden event will be handed to the Parish Council for £273. This will be deposited into the Tempsford 2000 account.

**Payments:**

The Council agreed payments to the below:-

Methodist Chapel	Rental Feb, April, June & Dec.2013.	£38.00
Stuart Memorial Hall	Rental Sept/Nov 2013	£32.00
Linda Collins	Clerk Wages/Expenses November and December	£381.56
Mark Zwetsloot	Grass Cutting Nov/Dec	£885.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1336.56</b>

**ACTION – CLERK TO PAY ALL INVOICES**

**Reconciliation of Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.**

4% Government Stocks holding	£	19.14
Current Account		£14112.42
Savings account		£15450.32
Tempsford 2000 account	£	480.60
<b>Total</b>		<b>£30062.48</b>

**Parish Action Plan is ring fenced in the current account – total £1325.00**

**Income and Expenditure – November and December 2013 (Statements 52 & 53)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance.</b>
<b>30.10.13</b>	Balance b/f			<b>£16815.81</b>
07.11.13	chq 755 British Legion		£40.00	£16775.81
11.11.13	Trf Interest savings account	£0.70		£16776.51
12.11.13	Chq 756 Tempsford Memorial Trust		£1000.00	£15776.51
15.11.13	Deposit Memorial Myers	£80.00		£15856.51
19.11.13	Chq 759 Linda Collins Clerk		£327.68	£15528.83
20.11.13	Chq 757 Mark Zwetsloot grass cutting		£1388.00	£14140.83
09.12.13	t/fer interest savings account	£0.59		£14141.42
17.12.13	Chq 758 CPRE		£29.00	£14112.42
<b>31.12.13</b>	<b>Balance c/f</b>			<b>£14112.42</b>

**13. Correspondence:**

1. Estate Letter – Chairman explained why it was put in Tempsford Times.
2. What to do in an Emergency Letter – put on notice board and in SMH.
3. Armed Forces – to let them know if anyone is organising an event.

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4. Andrew Gwillam – to come and talk regarding byeways and footpaths.
5. Broadband – Super fibre optics will not be coming to Tempsford. Possible extension 2017/18.
6. Ivel Forum Meeting Thursday 16/1/14 at Ickwell.
7. Tempsford Charities

A vacancy has occurred on the committee and a letter has been received from Simon Fraser, Secretary saying that the Parish Council has the task of appointing a new person. The Chairman explained the format of nomination for the Charity. Simon has asked the Parish Council to think of some names of people. People who are respected in the village, have lived in the village a while and is known to the villagers.

All Councillors should submit some names to the Chairman, he will then give them to Simon Fraser and Phil Russell so they are happy with the names. Then the approved list will come back to the Parish Council and the Council will vote on it.

Councillor Clark mentioned that Tuesday's for meetings was not convenient as he has an important commitment on that night and would have to resign at some point. After discussion it was agreed to change the night to accommodate Cllr. Clark. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month was agreed. **Clerk to contact CBC Councillors Doreen Gurney and Adam Zerny re change of night for Council meetings to be held.**

#### **14. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to keep the next meeting as the 18<sup>th</sup> March and then change after that date, as the new dates would have to be cleared with the Stuart Memorial Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.33 hrs and thanked the Councillors for attending and their contributions.

Linda Collins

Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council.

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**I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Chairman Cllr.A. Besant**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014.**