

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 19.30 hrs. in the Stuart Memorial Hall

Present:-

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman – Councillor
Mr. J. Donnelly	Councillor – Vice Chairman.
Mr. D. Clark	Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Miss E. Infield	Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillor.
Members of the public	14

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Election of Chairman for ensuing year

Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman. One nomination was received for Councillor Adrian Besant from Cllr. Donnelly. Seconded Cllr. Clark.. Cllr. Adrian Besant was duly elected.

2. Election of Vice Chairman for ensuing year.

Nominations were invited for the position of Vice Chairman. One nomination was received for Cllr. Jim Donnelly from Cllr. Cooney. Seconded by Cllr. Besant. Cllr. Jim Donnelly was duly elected.

3. Receipt of Declaration of Office

Declaration of Office was duly signed by both Cllr. A. Besant and Cllr. J. Donnelly.

4. New Councillor Vacancy

The Council had received resignation of Cllr. Jameson, as he had moved away. The necessary notices had been posted on the Notice Board for the vacancy and only one person had showed an interest, Mr. Simon Fraser. The Chairman put his name forward for nomination to be co-opted on the Council. Cllr. Besant proposed Mr. Fraser, Cllr. Donnelly seconded the proposal. A vote was taken and it was unanimously accepted. Mr. Fraser was accepted onto Council and a Declaration of Office will be signed before the next Council Meeting.

Resolution : Mr. Simon Fraser accepted onto Council. Clerk to arrange signing of Declaration.

5. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Chris Coppenhall.

6. Declarations of interest

No Declarations of interest were received.

7. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th March 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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8. Public Session.

The majority of public present were to ask the Council questions with regard to the relocation of the Cenotaph within the village. A spokes person listed and spoke of the points to appose it. The Chairman replied to each point raised, after the public also put their views over. The Chairman then gave each Councillor the opportunity to speak on the subject.

As the Relocation of the Cenotaph was item 11 on the Agenda, Chairman and Clerk decided to bring forward this item to continue discussion.

Mr. David Beageant on behalf of Mr. Tazi Husain, gave a report on the progress made so far with the relocation of the cenotaph.

A letter was read out by the Clerk from the Stuart Memorial Hall, requesting that if and when the cenotaph is moved, that the car park be made good. Mr. Beageant reported that the Memorial Trust would fund to "make good" the car park.

The Chairman spoke to Council about the outcome of the village vote on the 26th April 2014 and that a Resolution had been made (5) as in Minutes of 18th March 2014, that whatever the village decided with the vote the Parish Council would accept. Therefore, the Council accepted the vote on 26th April 2014 to move the Cenotaph as it was a clear majority.

RESOLUTION: Acceptance of village vote on 26th April, 2014 to move the Cenotaph to new site.

9. Central Beds. Councillors

Cllr. Zerny was present and pointed out that as a Resolution had been passed with regard to the Cenotaph being moved, then it must stand.

Network Rail were considering closing all level crossing from Kings X to Edinburgh. No decision has been made yet. Item 16 on the Agenda would deal with this matter.

10. Planning

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mr. & Mrs. Bettles with regard to the extension at 87a Station Road. The Clerk had forwarded the letter to the Planning Office and also indicated that although the Council were not against the application, they wanted Mr. & Mrs. Bettles concerns taken into account.

11. Relocation of Cenotaph – moved to earlier in the meeting. (item 8)

12. Highways.

The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr. Paul Salmon on 14th April.

- Resurface and remarking on link road in dreadful state – this is being planned
- "Junction ahead", "No entry" signs on northbound and southbound link road should be larger.
- Same as "No through Road" at Station Road" should be larger.
- "Road narrows" on entry to derestricted section of Station Road – Mr. Salmon said not actually sure if it belongs to CBC, but the Highways .
- Others items discussed – "Slow" signs, over culvert and on the road. General direction signs on link road, village hall direction signs on northbound approach to Church End. Other tourist signs.

The Clerk read out a letter from a resident regarding the parking in Station Road near to Kiers entrance. The Chairman had spoken to Graham Boyle regarding the

sight line and Mr. Boyle had mentioned that their insurance company were also concerned about this problem. What can be done?

Cllr. Infield suggested that bollards be put up to stop them parking on that part of the road. It had been suggested to Graham Boyle that heavy oak bollards be used.

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Kiers should be reversing their "in and out" on the 19th June, so they go in at Everton and out at Station Road. There would also be new signs on the link road, indicating that the entrance is on the Everton Road, not Station Road.

It was pointed out by Cllr. Infield about the sight line on the bridge on the link road. It was very difficult to see traffic. It was agreed to find out who actually is in charge of the trees/shrubs on the verges near the bridge.

Clerk to investigate who is responsible for this piece of land.

13. Children's Play Areas

- ROSPA Inspection – The Clerk reported that the playgrounds had been inspected and the Report received. On the whole it was acceptable, although some had medium risks which needed to be attended to. The Clerk will contact Tony Davies with regard to the chain link fence repair.
- Safety Sheets handed to the Clerk. One item needed repairing, since the Inspection in Church St. **Clerk to source any items for the repair.**
- New play area – Mr. Clive Knott will see to the changing on the fence, putting barbed wire on correct side. The land has been rolled, level and seeded. Fence not completed yet. The Parish Council will have to supply the higher fence. **Clerk to source fence – chain link. Cost, type.**
- Millennium Garden – Cllr. Cooney, would like to put some new path sidings in the garden, using the money from Tempsford 2000 account. The weeds have been sprayed. The front needs power washing – Chris will have a word with Tony Davies. **Cllr. Bettles to contact T.Davies**

14. Town and Parish Conference

The Clerk and Chairman gave an account of topics discussed at the Conference, two of which may be of interest to Tempsford.

- Community Defibrillators – How villagers could be trained on how to use this equipment in an emergency. The CBC are funding 50/50 to a maximum of £1000. They cost about £2000. That they could be installed within certain places in the village, such as the old telephone box, shops, village halls. Councillors were not in full agreement with it for this village, but the Chairman did suggest that a First Aid course be held for villagers who wanted to come along. **Clerk to look up first aid courses and also invite Mr. Martin Fagan, Community Heartbeat Trust to come along to the next meeting.**
- Cemeteries – Justin Smith talked about the cost of burial, and wanted Parish Council's to look at their costs and whether it was too cheap. Councillors, suggested that the Clerk does a survey what other Parish Councils charge. **Clerk to research other parishes costs of burial.**

15. Cemetery/Church matters.

The Clerk had nothing to report on this item at present.

16. Level Crossing Closure.

There would be a meeting on Tuesday 27th at the CBC offices. It was a concern for the village and the Chairman felt there would need to be a public meeting. The Chairman and Cllr. Cooney were going to the meeting on the 27th May presented by WSP who are undertaking the closures and would find out more then. The Chairman had invited Simon Mooney, Senior Transport Planner; WSP to tonight's meeting, but had not received a reply. Everton were also holding a meeting and WSP would also be holding presentations in Everton and Sandy. More would be known after the meeting.

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