

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 15th September 2014 at 19.30 hrs. in the Stuart Memorial Hall

Present:-

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman – Councillor
Mr. J. Donnelly	Vice Chairman - Councillor
Mr. D. Clark	Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mr. S. Fraser	Councillor
Miss E. Infield	Councillor.
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillor.
Richard Farrow and Mark Wood	Anglian Water.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from PCSO Lucy Barnell.

2. Declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 21st July 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Session

No members of the public were present. .

5. Police Report

There was only one reported incident this month.

6. Anglian Water

Mr. Richard Farrow and Mr. Mark Wood of Anglian Water came to give an update of work done over the last 18 months to rectify the problem Tempsford had had with the sewage flooding. Summary of actions taken:-

- Pumping station electrics raised to protect against future flooding.
- Increased pumping capacity and third spare pump on site
- Camera survey of 9km of sewers
- 6 manholes and chambers have been sealed.
- Non-return valves fitted at two pumping station overflows to stop the watercourse flows entering into sewer.
- Additional 750m of sewer relining – which will reduce infiltration (due for completion end October 2014).

It was pointed out by Councillors that if AW did not respond to a breakdown, the problem would happen again. AW confirmed that the pumps are checked every 6-12 months. AW has promised to maintain the equipment better than before and Tempsford is on high priority.

The Chairman thanked AW for attending the meeting to explain the progress.

7. Kiers.

Traffic problems – A separate survey had been done by Cllr. D. Clark and Graham Boyle of Kiers. Cllr. Clark explained that the flow out of Kiers is comparable to a major/minor junction. This was ascertained by the facts and figures which would be used by highway experts. The Chairman asked if these could be sent to the CBC and used as evidence to stop cars parking there? It was suggested that Council go to Kiers first and then to CBC. The Chairman asked Cllr. Clark if he could liaise with Graham Boyle and then perhaps later a meeting arranged with Stuart Court residents. Cllr. Adam Zerny asked to be “copied” in to anything we do.

ACTION: Cllr. Clark to liaise with Graham Boyle

8. Central Beds Councillors.

Cllr. Adam Zerny nothing to add to the meeting at present.

9. Planning.

CB/TCA/14/00318 Tree works at Ledbury Cottage, Church Street
The information and plans were discussed regarding this application. A vote was taken. 4 against 3 did not mind.

RESOLUTION: The Resolution was passed not to approve the works to be done on the basis that the tree was not diseased, it was not affecting any structure and it was in a conservation area.

ACTION: Clerk to send in Council’s response

10. Highways

The Chairman gave a short report on highway matters:-

- The trench across Station Road from Kiers to Ivy Close has begun to sink causing a “pot hole” which needs to be addressed.
- Village sign – the “1951 Festival of Britain” village name board sign which is under the foot bridge is deteriorating and needs refurbishing, Questions were asked whether it should now be there as the village entrance is not really opposite it. Could it be moved to the top of Station Road? Or a second one made for Church End?
Decision to contact CBC and find out whom it belongs to and if it can be moved. Cllr. Besant to action.
- 4 or 5 dead trees between A1 and the link road. They need to be taken down. Also the tree directly behind the cemetery hut.
Decision to talk to Highways regarding trees on A1.link Road. Cllr. Besant to action.
- Roundabout at link road, south bound. Sight line is obstructed.
Cllr. Clark to look at the sight line as for Station Road. Action Cllr. Clark.
- Cllr. Bettles suggested the possibility of having a sign “animals crossing” on the link road. There have been deer running across the road.
Cllr. Besant to Action

Resolution: Councillor Besant (Chairman) to contact CBC re a “walkabout” in the village.

11. Play Area

Fencing:-

Three quotes had been received by the Clerk from Gilks Fencing, Balaam Brothers and Huntree Fencing. These had previously been distributed to the Council. The Clerk had also obtained samples from Balaam Brothers and Gilks Fencing. After discussion it was decided to accept Balaam Brothers quote, but to add a third side of the play area to be fenced. Clerk to contact the companies with Council's decision.

RESOLUTION: To accept Balaam Brothers quote. Clerk to contact contractors with decision and to meet Balaam Brothers to discuss extra fencing. Action Clerk.

Lease - The Clerk pointed out that the Lease had not been signed yet, so we could not progress without this being done. **Clerk to contact Solicitors to see what is happening. Action Clerk.**

Weeds – The playground is very badly covered in weeds and nettles. This needs to be addressed. Kiers said they would prepare the ground, but the site is not acceptable in its present state.

Clerk to contact Kiers and speak to Graham Boyle regarding this. Action Clerk.

Cllr. Fraser suggested that perhaps some wild flowers could be planted between the stock fence and the new fence to enhance the site. Cllr. Donnelly seconded this suggestion.

Station Road Playground - there had been a call from a visitor to Tempsford with regard to an incident in the playground. A gashed leg had to have stitches. The green waste bin had been moved and left a concrete area, which caused the accident.

Decision – to contact CBC regarding refixing the bin or Tony Davis to do it. Clerk to Action.

12. Defibrillators

The Clerk had emailed all Councillors the letter of the timescale received from CBC. The Defibrillators were to be positioned 1) in the old telephone box in Church End and 2) in the porch way of the Chapel in Station Road. The Chairman had already discussed this with Mr. Stephen Gosling. A letter should be sent from the Parish Council to the Methodist Chapel about it.

Action – Clerk to send letter to Methodist Chapel.

13. Remembrance Day

The Chairman had talked to people in the village and they felt it should be a village event in front of the new site. The Chairman had made contact with both the Chapel and St. Peter's Church and they have agreed to work together on the service which will be at 3 pm outside next to the memorial. The Chairman will organise this with the churches. Both Reverends will officiate. A gazebo could be sited next to the green. The tea could still be held at the Stuart Memorial Hall.

2 poppy wreaths need to be ordered. A meeting to be held middle to end of October for organisation of this day.

RESOLUTION: Parish Council to organise Remembrance Day. Clerk to order two poppy wreaths. Action Clerk.

14. Green Infrastructure.

Cllr. Donnelly has purchased bulbs and planters. It is too dry at the moment to plant. Suggested areas, entrance to Station Road, slope in Church Street, also on the roundabouts. Council all agreed on these locations. The work needs to be done before the end of October. Councillor Donnelly to organise.

ACTION: Cllr. Donnelly

The Clerk read out the email that she had distributed to all Councillors about the Green Infrastructure that she had received from Cliff Andrews. Summary:- Money spent to date - £1543.00. Cost for path edging £1076. Bulbs £124. Suggested work will bring the total to £4250. There is £7000 available and the spend date is 31.12. 2019.

15. Church matters/Cemetery

The work on the fence near Jim Sawford's grave needs to be done and the Clerk has spoken to Mr. Tony Davis who is getting a quote for the fence and work.

16. Finance

BDO - The clerk reported that she had received the Annual Return back and it had all been passed. The Council now needed to approve and accept it.

RESOLUTION: The Council approved and accepted the Annual Return.

The Clerk asked the Council to approve the following payments:-

Date	Payee	Details	Total
29.7.14	BDO	External Audit fee	£120.00
7.7.14	Linda Collins	July Wages	£163.84
4.8.14.	Mark Zwetsloot	July Grass cutting	£647.00
7.8.14	Linda Collins	August Wages & Expenses (stamps)	£177.64
1.9.14	Mark Zwetsloot	August Grass cutting	£577.00
	BATPC	New Councillor Training	£20.00
	CPRE	Membership fee	£36.00
	Cllr. Donnelly	Bulbs for planting.	£123.80
Total			£1865.28

Reconciliation Balances as at 31st August 2014.

4% Government Stock holding	£ 19.14
Current Account	£19766.24
Savings Account	£15450.32
Tempsford 2000 Account	£ 512.60
Total	£35748.30

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

Income and expenditure July & August 2014 (Statements 60 & 61)

Date	Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	Balance b/f			£21441.87
09.07.14	t/fer savings interest	£0.63		£21442.50
11.07.14	Direct debit Eon Elec.		£46.42	£21396.08
11.07.14	Deposit 500474 Mem Zwetsloot	£50.00		£21446.08
29.07.14	Chq 778 Mark Zwetsloot		£1403.00	£20043.08
01.08.14	Chq 780 Steve Cooney Backup.		£55.00	£19988.08
01.08.14	Deposit 500475 Seamers/HMTreasury	£120.30		£20108.38
05.08.14	Chq 781 L.Collins, Clerk wages		£352.84	£19755.54
06.08.14	Chq 779 SMH hire		£70.00	£19685.54
11.08.14	t/fer savings interest.	£0.70		£19686.24
27.08.14	Deposit 500476 Virginia Lipscombe	£80.00		£19766.24
31.8.14.	Balance c/f			£19766.24

17. Correspondence

- The Clerk read a letter received today from the Monitoring Officer of Central Beds. Council regarding the complaint that had been put against the Parish Council. The conclusion read as:- **“I have concluded that there is no potential breach of Tempsford Parish Council Councillors’ Code of Conduct. Accordingly, no further action will be taken on this matter”**.
- The Chairman also read out a letter that he had sent to the people who had not received voting forms, apologising to them.
- A letter was also read out regarding another suggested route for the over bridge if the level crossing is closed.
- The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Planning Office with regard to the Beacon. No planning permission is required.
- **RESOLUTION: The Council decided to keep the Beacon and get it erected. Clerk to contact Tony Davis to assist with the siting.**
- The Clerk asked if a Councillor could attend the Ivel Parish Forum on the 25th September – the subject under discussion would be Broadband.
- Countryside awards – a ticket had been received. Cllr Besant, and Cllr. Cooney would like to attend.

18. Discussion of Community Wellbeing

The Chairman asked the Council to consider the extent of its care and overview of the village. As a Parish Council we look after the administration of the village but should we do more to further the well being of the village by encouraging other activities, such as sport, culture etc.

Suggestions made were: - negotiate with Kiers for use of their sports centre, digital cinema theatre, first aid course and other community events. The Chairman asked the Council to have a look at what other village councils provide or support, and to bring these for future discussion.

19. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th November at 19.30 hrs.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.36 hrs., and thanked the Councillors for attending and for their contributions.

Linda Collins
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
1st October 2014.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on the 15th September 2014.

Chairman Cllr. A. Besant.

Date: 17th November 2014.