

**Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 16th November 2015 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
Mrs. E. Bull	Councillor.
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillor
Mr. Doreen Gurney	Central Beds Councillor.
Lucy Bartlett	PCSO
Members of the public	2

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Simon Fraser.

2. Declarations of interest.

No Declarations of interest were declared.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 28th September 2015 were accepted as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

The Police Report was read out by PCSO Lucy Bartlett. She reported there had been 1 burglary, and 2 vehicle crimes. Sgt. Gary Kidd had sent an email saying that he had been out of Biggleswade area, but would be returning to the area after the 23/11/15, so hopefully will be more accessible. He did say he would be at the Ivel Forum meeting on the 23rd November at Moggerhanger, if we wanted to bring up any problems.

5. Public session

Two members of the public were present. They raised a question about putting bluebells in Esme Woods.

6. Central Beds. Councillors.

Cllr. Gurney reported that the composting site would not be putting compost outside. Lorries would be going to Milton Keynes to finish the compost off. The Solar park on the Everton Road would not be increased. They had done some of the road repairs.

7. Planning.

There had been another application from the Black Cat Quarry for an extension. There had been no objections to this. They did keep all parishes adjacent informed. The A1 could be upgraded. Formal consultation in 2017/18.

8. Highways

- Bollards outside Kiers. Alan Rootsey wanted to know if permission had been obtained from CBC. Cllr. Clark said it had been obtained. Kiers wanted to share the cost of the installation. Cllr. Donnelly felt there was no problem in sharing the cost, as long as costs are put to the Council first before work is done.
- Access to new play area which is owned by Kiers. The Chairman had a discussion with Graham Boyle – they are proposing to install wooden stakes to prevent large vehicles being parked. This would need to be cleared with CBC with regard to sight lines and road safety. The Council discussed this suggestion – Cllr. Cooney thought it would not work and it should be a gate across not bollards. Cllr. Donnelly agreed. Needs more discussion and suggestions.
- Cllr. Bull wanted to point out that the traffic along the link road was far too fast, definitely over 50 mph. The bollards on the link road are not lit up – very dangerous, and should be repaired. Cllr. Donnelly pointed out that the ditch vegetation has not been maintained and obstructs sight line.

9. Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that a credit had been received from Eon. The direct debit had been stopped at the bank so now we should not be paying for any further street electricity.

10. Children's play areas

- Dog abuse – leave on file
- Goal posts – The Clerk had researched into the cost and type. 16'x 6' seemed to be the suggested type for the age group. They would cost about £700 for two. Cllr. Cooney said it would be a good idea, Cllr. Donnelly seconded it.

RESOLUTION: To purchase some goal posts for the new play area.

- The Clerk said that Mark Zwetsloot thought the ground needed another cut. Council was asked if they thought it necessary. It was agreed to have one more cut.

RESOLUTION – To have one more cut.

11. Cemetery/Churchyards

The insurance company had accepted JRK Carpentry's quote and to do the work. They will need a final invoice before payment. Then Cllrs. Bettles and Cooney will discuss how to attach a steel door to it.

Grave markers – Cllr. Cooney will leaflet the village for a particular day to come along and buy one.

Elder trees quote – Some councillors thought the quote from Mark Zwetsloot of £750 was too expensive. A lot of trimming is needed in the church yard. Cllr. Bettles pointed out that some of the trees were overhanging into the Rectory House garden. Cllr. Cooney suggested that he and Cllr. Bettles meet Mark Zwetsloot to see exactly what he is going to do and discuss what else needs attending to.

Resolution – Cllr. Bettles/Cooney to meet Mark Zwetsloot first before accepting quote.

Remembrance Day 2015. – very few people turned up at the service. Cllr. Bull suggested it could be held at another time during the day; perhaps the refreshments could be held in the Church instead of the Hall. The Chairman offered to arrange a meeting with the Church and Chapel members taking these ideas forward to organise next year's event more formally. It was suggested that it be put on the Agenda for next July 2016 for discussion.

12. Green Infrastructure.

- More daffodils had been planted. 250 kg. in total in the village.
- Millennium garden – path edging nearly finished. Main gate to central circle needs touching up. A work party is needed to get rid of some saplings.
- Esme wood – Probate now given and the Estate can now re establish the permissive path through the woods and in doing so will investigate putting a bridge over one of the

drainage ditches and building a better entrance gate and fence. The question of costs was raised: Chairman to investigate. There is only £1750 left in the Green Infrastructure pot now.

13. Village Celebration

The Chairman said that next year is the Queen's 90th birthday celebration. Public events in London will be on 10th 11th and 12th June. Would the village like to celebrate in some way? A few ideas were put forward – the beacon (when it has been put up!), Cllr. Cooney suggested pictures round the village showing old/new scenes. The matter could be put in the Tempsford Times to encourage ideas.

14. Finance.

The Clerk put forward payments to be approved as set out below.

Date	Payee	Details	Total
30.10.15	L.Collins	Clerk Wages Sept.	£167.13
29.10.15	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreaths x 2	£38.00
01.10.15	Mark Zwetsloot	Grass cutting – Sept	£945.00
14.11.15	L. Collins	Clerk Wages Oct.	£207.76
01.11.15`	Mark Zwetsloot	Grass cutting – Oct.	£450.00
	Total		£1807.89

The above payments were approved and it was agreed to increase the Royal British Legion amount to £50 for a donation. **Resolution passed to increase the British Legion amount to £50.**

The below bank statements Nos. 75 & 76 as at 31st October 2015 were explained by the Clerk.

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance.
		Balance b/f			£12835.85
09.09.15	t/fer	Savings interest		£0.63	£12836.48
30.09.15	Fastpay	BRRC re daffodils		£130.00	£12966.48
05.10.15	Chq819	Mark Zwetsloot july/Aug	£1517.00		£11449.48
06.10.15	Chq818	L.Collins Clerk Wages July	£167.13		£11282.35
06.1.15	Chq822	L.Collins Clerk wages Expenses	£167.13 £3.35		£11111.87
09.10.15	Chq817	SMH rental.	£86.00		£11025.87
09.10.15	Chq824	Blick Building – bollards	£1676.14		£9349.73
09.10.15	t/fer	Savings interest		£0.63	£9350.36
13.10.15	Deposit	500485 – Gannock Castle - Eon Refund		£283.66 £165.37	£9799.39
19.10.15	Chq821	BDO external audit	£156.00		£9643.39
21.10.15	Chq826	Seddington Nursery (JD)	£130.00		£9513.39
27.10.15	Chq823	Trade signs	£32.40		£9480.99
Total					£9480.99

30.8.15 Balance Tempsford 2000 Account	£712.60
15.10.15 Chq 117 World of power – leaf blower	£223.20
31.10.15 Balance.	£489.40

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2015.

Current account

Current account	£9480.99
Less o/s chqs 820 & 825	<u>£ 262.00</u>
Cash book Balance	£9218.99
Savings Account	£15450.32
Tempsford 2000	£ 489.40
Total	£25158.71

Cash book balance after above payments will be £7411.10.

The Clerk had done a draft cash flow till March 2016 and there should be about £5000 in the account by then, but unforeseen payments may occur.

BUDGET – The Clerk had circulated a Budget forecast and had asked everyone to look at it and comment. She explained the figures as per the sheet.

The Chairman explained to Council about the Clerk's Appraisal by himself and Vice Chairman, Cllr. Donnelly. As the Clerk had obtained her CiLCA qualification, she was allowed an increase in her salary. She is at present on spine 15, the lowest. She has been with the Council over 3 years now and has not been had an increment up the spine. A decision was taken to raise her to position to Spine 23. This was in line with being CiLCA trained and experience gained. **RESOLUTION: Council agreed to this increment.** The previous Clerks were also paid half their SLCC membership. This will be looked into.

15. Correspondence

Salt bag Scheme – The bins were empty according to Cllr. Bettles. CBC were again offering “free” salt bag and delivery. It was agreed that we should have a ton delivered in December. The Clerk to contact Richard Infield or any other farmer to see if they could take a bag and also get the bins filled with the old salt at Ouse Farm.
Clerk to Action.

16. Date of next meeting in 2016.

The dates for 2016 should be the 3rd Monday of the month, so the dates are as follows, January 18th, March 21st, Annual Parish Meeting in April will depend on if we can get the Hall but should be 22nd April, Annual Meeting 16th May, 18th July, 19th September and 21st November. The Clerk will contact the Stuart Memorial Hall to see if these dates are free.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs, and thanked the Councillors and members of the public for attending and for their contributions.

Linda Collins
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
27th November 2015

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

Chairman – Cllr. A. Besant

Date 18th January 2016. .