

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 21ST March 2016 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.
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds Councillor. – later.
Members of the public	2

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Doreen Gurney

2. Declarations of interest.

No Declarations of interest were declared.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th January 2016 were accepted as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

No representative of the police was present, so the Clerk read out a Report that she had obtained from the link that Sgt. Gary Kidd had sent to her, as it is unlikely that they will be able to give reports or attend in the future. The link is **police.co.uk** There had been 3 crimes in January 2016, but she thought they may be the same ones that were reported last time.

5. Public session

Two members of the public were present. The question of conservation areas were put to the Council – what does this actually mean? The Clerk said she had spoken to CBC on this matter and had obtained a map, which she passed round. She was told that it covers buildings of architectural and historical interest, or considered to be heritage. It was suggested that perhaps someone from the department could come to the Annual Parish Meeting to talk about this subject. The Clerk would look into this. **Clerk to Action.**

6. Queen's 90th Birthday.

The Clerk had already reported that the beacon had been destroyed. So the Chairman asked for ideas to celebrate this event, perhaps on the actual day 11th June. It was suggested by Cllr. Cooney, that it could be a "Village Day", much as had been done in the past for Jubilees, where the whole village is invited. Council thought this a good idea, using the money from the grave markers. This way it

would be used for the village as a whole. Firstly, need to check village hall is free that day. A meeting should be organised to discuss the event and get other villagers to attend.

Post meeting note – Hall booked for June 11th.

7. Central Beds. Councillors

Cllr. Zerny – pointed out with regard to the A1 Strategy group, that the group wanted to have some ideas on this before the end of the year.

8. Planning

The Clerk reported on what she had written to the Planning Department with regard to the planning applications received. CB/16/00528/FULL, CB/TRE/16/00020 and CB/16/02533/FULL. The two members of the public also expressed their views on the planning applications.

Cllr. Clark said that the Council should follow up any comments that they had put to the CBC to see if they were actually taken note of. Perhaps we need to find out when planning meetings were for the specific application. **Clerk to Action.**

Cllr. Bettles pointed out that Kiers do not seem to be replacing any trees that are taken out.

A1 Strategy Study – The Chairman gave a summary of the A1 Strategy meeting which he and the Clerk attended. The route has not been decided on yet, but whatever is decided has to include the plans for the east-west link via the Black Cat roundabout. The Clerk had asked Cllr. Madeline Russell to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to speak on this topic.

Black Cat Quarry – The Chairman attended a recent liaison meeting and reported that everything was progressing well. They had received no complaints from local parishes about the work and are restoring the area as they are going along. Phase 5 has nearly finished and will then be filled with water. Approximately 2-3 years extraction remains from phases 8 and 9 and they will be looking to receive suggestions from local parishes as to how to gain access to the area.

Local Plan – Cllr. Zerny advocated that the Council has a Neighbourhood Plan. It does help when planning applications are submitted. CBC has to approve the plan. 50% of the residents have to agree it. S106 is being replaced by The Community Infrastructure Levy. **Clerk to look into process Neighbourhood Plan.**

9. Highways

Chairman reported on further progress after the “walkabout” last January with the Highways Department.

- Footpath in Station Road – CBC is planning to include this in next year’s work
- Turning area in Station Road near play area. This is project will require a major funding scheme. CBC is investigating who actually owns the land.
- Ivy Close – Floods and is uneven. Apparently CBC does own the road, so they will address the problems.
- Village signs – The Chairman has contacted some companies for refurbishment of the “Tempsford” sign that was on the A1. CBC will re-site it when done.
- Customer service bulletin – The Chairman read out the complaints that had been put to the CBC Highways.

- Cllr. Bettles commented on the state of the road next to the wall opposite Stonebridge farm. The Chairman said that if they move all the earth, that it is only earth underneath.
- Cllr. Donnelly – The willows at the end of Station Road, in the link road ditch still need pulling up.

10. Kiers

The Chairman has met with Kiers. They were happy for us to contribute to the boulders at the Kiers entrance. Kiers were still going to use boulders near the entrance to play area. Planning permission for putting boulders on the road near the Kiers entrance is still needed apparently. Cllr. Clark has requested this from CBC. A resident had sent a letter to Kiers with regard to the poor state of the track outside his house. The Chairman read it out.

11. Children's play areas

Goal posts – The Clerk read out a quote she had received for putting the posts up and re-siting the basketball net. Cllr. Donnelly proposed it be accepted and Cllr. Clark seconded it. The Council accepted it. **RESOLUTION – to accept the quote from 4 Seasons for the work on the goalposts and basketball net. Clerk action** Council suggested that 4 Seasons also look at the basketball net at Church End to see if they could secure that safely at the same time.

Safety Sheets – They need to be done at both play areas.

Church End play area – membrane under play fort could present a trip hazard and needs to be attended to; the hedge growing on to play area near to fort needs to be trimmed back. Ask Mark to clip hedge on next grass cutting. **Clerk to action.** It was decided to have a work party on Saturday to sort out the membrane.

12. Cemetery/churchyard

- **Cemetery hut door** – The door will be fitted this week. Metal bar door already fitted. To get quote for shelving in hut.
- Letter received from resident requesting the loan of ducks for Air Ambulance event. Council agreed this would all right. Loan system would be put in place by the Clerk for hire of any equipment.

13. Finance.

The Clerk read out payments that needed to be approved by Council. **Resolution: Payments were approved by Council.**

Date	Payee	Details	Total
07.01.16	Linda Collins	Clerk wages January £207.76 Expenses – stamps £14.04 Less tax £8.20	£213.60
07.02.16	Linda Collins	Clerks wages February £207.76 less tax £8	£199.76
End March	HMRC.	Tax re Clerk.	£16.20
Total			£429.56

Payments have already been made to:-

Central Beds for Election costs	£122.59	Chq 838
CPM Playground Ltd	£711.60	Chq 839

Bank Statements Nos. 79 & 80 as at 29th February 2016.

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance
Balance b/f					£7874.60
11.01.16	Chq 831	CBC Election costs.	£848.62		£7025.98
15.01.16	Chq 830	HMRC tax re Clerk.	£23.60		£7002.38
20.01.16	Chq 820	Simon Fraser re flowers	£226.00		£6776.38
25.01.16	Deposit	500490 Seamers £60 I.Quince – memorial £20		£80.00	£6856.38
27.01.16	Chq 834	Linda Collins Clerk Nov/Dec Wages	£391.92		£6464.46
27.01.16	Chq 832	Mark Zwetsloot December	£552.00		£5912.46
02.02.16	Chq 835	Antony Abbs church yard work	£1620.00		£4292.46
03.02.16	Deposit	500491 Tempsford PCC TT		£457.50	£4749.96
05.02.16	Chq 836	Ivel Sprinter donation	£1000.00		£3749.96
11.02.16	Chq 833	Stuart Memorial Hall Rent.	£54.00		£3695.96
16.02.16	Chq 837	Tempsford PCC re gravel	£233.00		£3462.96
Total					£3462.96

29.02.16 Balance Tempsford 2000 Account -----	£641.45
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Bank Reconciliation as at 29th February 2016.

Current Account **£3462.96 Statement 80**
Less o/s cheqs. 838,839 **£834.19**

Cash book Balance **£2628.77**
Savings Account **£15452.32**
Tempsford 2000 **£ 641.45**
Total. _____ **£18722.54**

Cash book Balance, after above payments will be = **£2199.21**

Clerk explained the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

Insurance. - The Clerk informed Council that the insurance renewal is due in June and that we would not get another chance before to discuss this item. The new fence, contents of hut, and some of the play equipment is not on the schedule. Therefore, she would get some different quotes on these new added items from different companies.

Internal Audit – Council agreed to continue with the present auditor.

14. Correspondence – Information only

- Ivel Sprinter
- Tempsford PCC
- Helimedi
- Treasure Trail – Blunham
- Beds. Bugle – has everyone received it?

Council said they did not usually give to national charities such as Helimedi. Clerk to write to them. **Clerk to Action.**

15. Date of next Meetings - Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 22nd April, Annual Meeting 16th May; General meetings: 18th July, 19th September, and 21st November.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to organise refreshments for the APM on the 22nd April.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs, and thanked the Councillors and members of the public for attending and for their contributions.

Linda Collins
Clerk to Tempsford Parish Council
31st March 2016.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on the 21st March 2016.

Chairman – Cllr. A. Besant

Date - 16th May 2016.