

**Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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. Fraser	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. E. Bull	Councillor.
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Cllr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds Councillor.
Cllr. Doreen Gurney	Central Beds. Councillor.
Members of the public	2

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

**1. Apologies for absence**

None received

**2. Declarations of interest.**

No Declarations of interest were declared.

**3. Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 were approved by Council. They were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**4. Police Report**

The Clerk had looked at the police.uk site and it showed three incidents in Tempsford in November, but she felt it was the same crimes as last month, just put into another month. She also reported that she had managed to get a contact number for the village as Cllr. Bettles had tried to contact the police, but could not find a number. Gary Kidd was retiring from the police force.

**5. Public session**

Two residents were present. They wanted to point out about the litter along the link road and Little Barford Road. The Chairman mentioned that an email had been received from CBC asking if villages would like to support “The Great British Spring Clean”. The village must register on a website and they will get posters, flyers etc. It was decided that the Clerk should register and then we could take it from there.

**6. Neighbourhood Planning.**

A public meeting has been arranged for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom. Flyers to be distributed over the weekend to remind people.

## 7. Central Beds. Councillors

Cllr. Gurney said she has some numbers for the police and will email them to the Clerk. Cllr. Gurney had attended a meeting where the police were in attendance and they did get some questions regarding communication.

Cllr. Gurney also remarked on the flowers on the bridge on the Little Barford road in remembrance of a young man killed there. She felt that perhaps they should be removed now, as they were a distraction to drivers. Clerk to look into this. **Action Clerk.**

Cllr. Donnelly asked if there was any further information on faster broadband. Cllr. Gurney said there was no further information.

Cllr. Zerny - Wanted to bring to the attention of Council that the planning at CBC was not good as they were just letting applications be passed. There is no local plan and residents do not have a right to refuse. So, Adam has created a National Alliance and has a Petition running now "Change to Government Legislation". He is encouraging everyone to sign it so it can go to Parliament.

Regarding broadband – no further forward. Council could contact James Cushing at CBC.

## 8. Planning

**CB/16/05630/FULL** Tempsford Hall, Car park extension. The plans were passed to Councillors to look at.

Points raised –

- Cllr. Fraser- are there any conditions we can impose, such as it has capacity so that people do not park on Station Road.
- Lights should be "full cut off design "and on a timer so they go off at a sensible time.
- Should they be doing this on ancient historic parkland which still has traces of medieval ridge and furrow landscape.

Otherwise, no objections to this application. **RESOLUTION NO OBJECTIONS.**

**CB/TRE/16/00521** – Tree work in a conservation area. Tempsford Hall. Plans and schedule passed to Councillors. There were no objections to the trees being cut down or reduced if they were diseased. However, Council thought that there should be a re-planting programme, especially as some of the trees were oak and horse chestnut.

**RESOLUTION NO OBJECTIONS.**

**CB/TCA/16/00530** Tree work at Stonebridge Farm, Station Road, in conservation area. Again, no objections, as trees are diseased, but Council feel again they should be replaced by other trees. **RESOLUTION NO OBJECTIONS.**

**Biggin Farm Development** – There were still some difficulties with the conservation people, but the estate would let Council know when it has been decided on.

## 9. Highways

**A428** - No update yet.

**Speed watch signs.** - The Chairman has photographed where we want them and sent them to the correct department. He is awaiting a reply.

**Some signs** have been cleaned. The Festival of Britain village name sign is going to Mr. Norman to be renovated.

**Potholes** – some have been filled in and they have done some at the top of Station Road, but not enough! Cllr. Bull pointed out that the white lines and cat's eyes need doing on the Little Barford road. Cllr. Donnelly pointed out that the willows at the end of the road still have not been cut.

**Gritting** – Cllr. Cooney and Gary Blick put grit down at the end of Station Road one particularly frosty morning. Our thanks to them. The footbridge had also been gritted. The bin is almost empty. Clerk to ask Peter Bettles to fill the bin as he has the grit stored in his yard. **Action Clerk.**

#### **10. Kier's land access**

Clerk read a letter out received from the resident in Spring Cottage regarding the use and state of the access road outside their home. Council agreed that gate across the entrance would be a good idea. Chairman to contact Alan Rootsey again and explain that we had already agreed on this way forward. **Action Chairman.**

#### **11. Children's Play Area**

**Fence for small play area Station Road.** The Clerk had contacted two contractors, Ballam Brothers and Gilks fencing. Quote had been received from Ballam Bros., but not Gilks yet but it would be sent by end of the week. Ballam quoted on a 6 ft fence all the way round, but Council thought that would be too high, so ask them to requote on a 4 ft fence. The quote at the moment was quite high, could the Council afford to have it all re-fenced, perhaps it would be better just to do the back. Cllr. Fraser said we should budget for such items, but the Clerk said that this was not really thought of until just before Christmas. She suggested that in September this year the Council decides what projects are needed within the village, before the Budget is worked out so they can be included. Clerk will send the quotes around again when received.

**Basketball posts** – Cllr. Bettles reported that the quote he had obtained for the new posts was £84.00 for two poles. Council agreed this was satisfactory.

#### **RESOLUTION TO PASS QUOTE FOR PAYMENT.**

**Bin re play area** – Cllr. Cooney to attend to. Action Cllr. Cooney, Clerk to remind him.

**Work at play area** – A quote had been received from CPM, but Clerk had looked at the swings in the small play area and they seemed ok. Clerk to get back to CPM.

#### **Action Clerk.**

**Tree in Church Street play area** – Clerk to write to resident of Gannock House, as the tree has fallen from their property and damaged the fence and the tree needs clearing away for safety. **Action Clerk.**

**The Chairman** had spoken to the estate about the willow tree in the small play area. They said it had a TPO on it, but the Chairman said it only needed the branches cutting back. He had not yet received a reply. The Chairman had met the gentleman who had made the bridge in Esme wood.

#### **12. Cemetery/Churchyard.**

**Shelving needs fitting** – arrange for this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am., to erect shelves and clear shed. Millennium garden – possibly of 28<sup>th</sup> January for putting pea gravel down. Cllr. Cooney will let everyone know when it will be. Action Cllr. Cooney.

### 13. Grass Cutting

The Clerk had sent out 3 tender invites for cutting the grass. 1) In Trim 2) Grainger 3) M. Zwetsloot. Although she had received an email from In Trim, they did not send any quote in. The deadline was 15.1.17. So Mark Zwetsloot had been the only one. The Clerk read out the quotation and the difference from previous year, which was not a lot of difference. He was prepared to do it on a 3-year contract again., The Clerk also read out a letter that she had received praising the hedges and grass cutting in the cemetery and church yard. **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT M. ZWETSLOOT QUOTE. Action Clerk, also send a copy of the letter received.**

### 14. Finance

The Clerk presented a list of payments to be approved: -

Date	Payee	Details	Total
16.12.16	Tempsford Methodist Church	Hire of Schoolroom.	£12.00
30.11.16	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hire of Committee Room.	£64.00
30.11.16	Linda Collins – Clerk.	Wages – November	£202.13
31.12.16	Linda Collins – Clerk	Wages – December	£202.13
04.01.17	Mark Zwetsloot	Laurel Hedge and Lime Trees	£557.00
Jan	Inland Revenue	Clerk's tax	£23.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1072.26</b>

**All payments were approved. Resolution - payments approved. Clerk to Action.**

### Bank Statements Nos.89 & 90 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance
<b>Balance b/f</b>					<b>£8711.25</b>
25.11.16	D. Credit	Bedfordshire Rural		£120.00	£8831.85
28.11.16	Chq. 872	Steve Cooney (BQ)	£16.00		£8815.85
28.11.16	Chq 869	Steve Cooney Shelves	£99.99		£8715.86
28.11.16	Chq 870	Linda Collins Sept/Oct	£429.05		£8286.81
06.12.16	Chq 871	Mark Zwetsloot Sept/Oct	£1189.00		£7047.81
14.12.16	Chq 868	James Donnelly daffodils	£120.00		£6927.81
<b>Balance.</b>					<b>£6927.81</b>

<b>31.12.06</b> Balance Tempsford 2000 Account ----- <b>£641.45</b> <b>However £293 was paid into the account in January from the Millennium Event.</b>
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Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016  
Current Account £6927.81 (Statement 90)

Cash book Balance £6927.81  
Savings Account £15459.38 (Nov/Dec interest £1.28)  
Tempsford 2000 £ 641.45  
**Total: £23028.64**

The Clerk explained the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

### **PRECEPT**

A copy of the updated budget was distributed to Councillors at the last meeting and was asked to look at it before the meeting. The Precept decision must be into CBC by the 20<sup>th</sup> January. The Clerk said that the new fence must be taken into account as it was decided after the budget was done. It was put to the vote and the vote was all in agreement to raise the precept to £13,000 from £12,500. **RESOLUTION – precept to be raised to £13,000.**

**Action Clerk.**

**Transparency Code Grant** – The Clerk explained that she had been contacted by BATPC on more than one occasion regarding the grant for this. It can be used for equipment and software etc. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should try to obtain the Grant.

Village Hall Grant – an invoice had been received for the water leak. The total was £4560 including VAT. The questions that were put to the Hall trustees had not been answered. **Decision** – await reply from last email regarding questions before amount of grant to give. No invoice had yet been received for the repair of the curtain motor.

**15. Correspondence:** - Town and Parish Conference- no-one available. Chairman will attend meeting Alistair Burt on Feb 4th. Local Plan and Budget consultation emails circulated.

**16.. Date of next meeting** – 20<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> May Annual Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> September and 20<sup>th</sup> November. All booked with the Stuart Memorial Hall.

**I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**Chairman Cllr. A. Besant**

**Date 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**