

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on
Monday 20th March 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. Cooney	Councillor
Mr. S. Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillor.
Members of the public	2

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Liz Bull and Cllr. Doreen Gurney.

2. Declarations of interest.

No Declarations of interest were declared.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 16th January 2017, Neighbourhood Plan Mtg. 26th January 2017 and Planning/Finance Meeting 1st February 2017, 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 one incident in January in Bakers Lane.

5. Public session

Two residents were present. One resident reported a diesel theft from a lorry in Church Street, to the value of about £350. The second resident had attended as he wanted to request the permission to use the Church Street football pitch for Blunham Football team. This includes some youth players from Tempsford and surrounding areas aged 8-9 years. It would be on a Sunday between 10 – 11.30 am every week. They will mark the pitch out and possibly put a small lock-up on it. They at present play at Blunham but need to venture out. There will be 6 teams possibly making up to 8 teams. They would draw up the necessary documentation for the use of the field. The Councillors discussed this proposal. All Councillors agreed it would be good for the village.

RESOLUTION: to allow Blunham to use the Church Street Playing field. Draw up a contract for use and to maintain the grass area. Agreed no charge. To start in September.

6. Central Beds Councillors

The Chairman asked Cllr. Zerny if he had any knowledge of the Local Plan yet. Cllr Zerny knows it exists but does not know what is in it yet. He also commented on the A428 and Black Cat that he felt not enough thinking was being put into it to include the A1 as well. He felt there would be a lot of building round the east/west rail link. Broadband – no further information, but Dunton has employed a private company to do it.

7. Neighbourhood Plan – Going forward to form Steering Group.

A meeting has been arranged for the 30th March in the Chapel Schoolroom. Siobhan Vincent from CBC will be bringing samples of Neighbourhood Plans that could give an idea of what is included. Cllr. Fraser said he knew someone whose village had done one and wondered if he could get him to come along to the meeting and discuss their experience.

7A Local Plan – see Central Beds Councillor – asked Cllr. Zerny to comment.

8. Meeting with Alistair Burt.

The Chairman went to the meeting and the topics discussed were – planning, transport, health broadband. Alistair Burt said he would take on board all the comments which were made and he would be in touch again in due course.

9. Planning – CB/17/00624/LB and 00623 – 65 Station Road, Tempsford. The plans had been looked at by all Councillors and the Resolution was passed – No objections.

10. Highways

Spring Clean – 21 people over the two weeks turned out. The whole of the village was picked and a good job was certainly done. Information was passed back to CBC who collected the bags of rubbish later.

Black Cat and A428 Consultation - this is being held on the 31st March at the Stuart Memorial Hall 2-8 pm. It is important to encourage all residents to attend. There are 3 routes suggested and 3 roundabout formation and all will have an effect on our village. Cllr. Clark said that everyone should log onto their site and put forward their points.

Speed watch signs – These have been paid for and are now awaiting fixing.

Refurbishment of festival sign – The Clerk had received a brochure in the post for exactly this type of work. Although the sign is with one of the village residents to attend to, he does not mind if we wish to get this company to do it. **Resolution – Clerk to get a quote from the company for a) for refurbishment of the sign as it is b) as it is a double-sided sign, so see if we could get a quote to split the sign so we have two signs, one for Church Street and one for Station Road.**

ACTION CLERK.

11. Children's play areas

New fence in Station Road small area – the newly installed fence looks very good. Storm Doris brought a branch down and broke the fence almost immediately it had been completed. Balaam have put a new fence up and the estate are paying the invoice as it was their tree. The Estate are coming to the village to do some tree work and the Chairman has asked if they could also attend to the willow.

Basketball posts – Cllr. Bettles has material and will now go ahead to assemble ready to be put up. Council to get a quote from Tony Davis to put two new basketball posts up. **ACTION CLERK.**

Tree in Church St. playing field – The clerk has written to the owner of Gannock House (whose land the tree is on, but has received no reply. Cllr. Cooney knows the new people moving in, he will contact them and explain the situation.

Play area work – A representative of CPM would like to meet one of the Councillors at Church St. play area to discuss work that needs to be done. The bar at the top of the slide needs to be done and it comes from Germany cost - £75 + del £15 plus labour. Cllr. Bettles said he would meet him and the Clerk said she would also go to take notes.

12. Kier land access from Station Road – Alan Rootsey had requested the Council for any ideas of the services present in that area. Chairman said we had no record of them, as they would be on either on Kier’s or CBC Highways’ plans.

13. Village Amenity Areas – CBC had sent a schedule about our amenity areas. The Clerk had rung them to correct the details of the new play area in Station road and the facilities at the SMH. CBC said would correct it.

14. Cemetery/Churchyard

. There is some conjecture as to who owns the land to side of the hut. Cllr. Bettles thought we needed to know as vermin in that area need to be dealt with. Clerk would either contact Cottage Farm or try land Registry.

15. Finance.

The Clerk read out payments to be approved for payment as below:-

Payments that need to be approved:-

Date	Payee	Details	Total
07.01.17	Linda Collins -Clerk	Wages January Expenses – stamps.	£202.13 £14.28
07.02.17	Linda Collins -Clerk	Wages February	£202.13
01.03.17	Mark Zwetsloot	Ivy in cemetery	£350.00
10.03.17	Community Heartbeat	New cardiac pads.	£45.60
01.04.17	BATPC	Affiliation fee	£125.00
Total			£939.14

Two invoices already paid – Auckland Manufacturing - £198.17 for speed watch signs. Balaam Bros. £2711.95 for the fence.

RESOLUTION ALL PAYMENTS APPROVED TO BE PAID.

The below Statements, cashflow and present balance were explained by the Clerk.

Bank Statements Nos 91 & 92 as at 28th February 2017.

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance
Balance b/f					£6927.81
23.1.17	Deposit 500498	Cremated plot purchase.		£80.00	£7007.81
25.01.17	Chq 876	L.Collins Clerk	£404.26		£6603.55
02.02.17	Chq 874	Tempsford Methodist	£12.00		£6591.55
02.02.17	Chq 878	Mark Zwetsloot	£557.00		£6034.55
03.02.17	Chq 877	HMRC re tax	£23.00		£6011.55
03.02.17	Chq 875	Stuart Mem. Hall hire	£64.00		£5947.55
13.02.17	Chq 879	Stuart Mem. Hall grant.	£1000.00		£4947.55
Balance					£4947.55

28.02.17 Balance Tempsford 2000 Account	-----	£934.45
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Bank Reconciliation as at 28th February 2017

Current Account £4947.55 (Statement 92)

Cash book Balance £4947.55

Savings Account £15460.70 (Jan & Feb interest £1.32)

Tempsford 2000 £ 934.45

Total: £21342.70

The Clerk requested permission to ask Mr. Elwes to audit the accounts this year.

RESOLUTION – It was agreed for the Clerk to take this action.

Budget – At the last finance meeting Cllr. Fraser asked if we could discuss the Budget for the future few years to be able to plan projects. The Clerk asked if this could be left until after the financial year end so that we knew what the total outgoings were. It was agreed to do this.

Transparency Code – The Clerk informed Council that she had applied for a Transparency Grant and was waiting to see if we received one.

Pensions – The Clerk wanted to inform the Council that their staging date was the 1st May. Although the Council would not be paying pensions, needed to report to the Council that as they were an employer of one person they had to let Pensions Regulator know. The Clerk would be doing this and ensure the Council is compliant with this.

16. Correspondence

Letter read out from The Stuart Memorial Hall regarding the grant received from the Council, thanking the Parish Council.

17. Dates of future meetings.

Annual Parish Meeting 25th April

Annual Meeting 4th May

Ordinary Meeting 17th July

Ordinary Meeting 18th September

Ordinary Meeting 20th November.

Speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting were needed. It was suggested that perhaps someone from the Estate could come along.

The meeting closed at 21.15 hrs. and the Chairman thanked all Councillors and public present for attending the meeting.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the meeting held on the 20th March 2017.

**Chairman Cllr. A. Besant
2017.**

Date 4th May