

MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 19.30 HRS. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman
Mr. J. Donnelly	V. Chairman
Mr. D. Clark	Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. Liz Bull	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk.
Cllr. Doreen Gurney and Cllr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillors.
Members of the public	3

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Adam Zerny (CBC) but he arrived later in the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

No Declarations of interest were received.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th September 2017, were confirmed as a true record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

The Clerk reported that again the UK police site was not up to date, as there had been incidents within the village. Cllr. Clark reported about the Meeting he had attended recently at Police HQ at which crime statistics were presented. He gave a summary of the offences recorded, but some refer back to 2014 which seemed to be targeting speeding rather than burglary. Apparently, there is an on-line Survey Monkey that residents can use on which to record their points of view. Council agreed this could be considered further.

5. Public Session

Speedwatch – More volunteers are needed especially during working hours whilst day light time is limited. there really needs to be 3 people doing the task. When people see the high vis jackets, they immediately slowdown, which you could say is having a good effect.

Defib Course – The repeat of the course on Nov 14 was poorly attended but those there said it was a good demonstration and some good points had been raised.

6. Planning

(General) The Chairman read out Fact Sheet 5 received from the River Ivel Project to the effect that they plan to have installed a boom at the sluice at Tempsford in Dec 2017, then the trial and the lifting of the sluice gate will commence in Jan 2018. It also explained about the possible effects on the flora and fauna and that the Trial could be reversed if there were any problems.

CB/17/04756/FULL Extension to 157 Station Road. No objections.

CB/TRE/17/00400 Tree work no objections.

CB/TCA/17/00499 tree works. No objections.

Request from Bedford Borough application to vary hours of working and number of extended peak hours for HGV movements from the Black Cat Quarry. Councillors commented that HGV movements had increased anyway over the last 18 months, that there was now no liaison group as far as they

know with the present company and that lorries were tending to use the Roxton/Gt Barford road more frequently, which was against the original agreed working conditions. Council asked that the Clerk inform Bedford Borough of their objections

Action CLERK.

The weight restriction sign on the beginning of the Little Barford Road needs to be reionstated now that Highways England work on the A1 has finished. Action: CHAIRMAN

Stonebridge Farm Development Council asked the Clerk to check the number of parking places at Stonebridge on original plans compared with what is being provided now. Cllr. Fraser commented “Does it make any point if we object to a plan and get no response from CBC?”.

Land Registration The Clerk read out a letter from the solicitors Woodfines regarding registration of the land that had been transferred to the Parish Council. Woodfines were advising that the Parish Council should have its assets/land registered. This could cost up to £500. It was decided that the Council should first look at the Land Registry site and see who exactly owns the land. This item will then be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to inform Woodfines of the decision.

Clerk to Action.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Bull and Bettles reported that they were waiting for Andy Bennet to finish the Questionnaire, then there would be a committee meeting before they were sent out.

The Clerk reported that the grant for the Neighbourhood Plan had been received into the Parish Council’s account and that she would keep a running total of expenditure in liaison with Philip Joyce, the Treasurer.

8. Central Beds Council

1. Cllr. Gurney reported that the preferred route of the Black Cat and A428 to Caxton would be announced in the new year, having been delayed due to plans being made for the future of the A1, hoping that work would start by 2020.

2. She also reported that she had given a presentation at the November Central Beds full council meeting regarding the Local Plan and the proposed building on Tempsford Airfield. She was hoping that a new Green Belt would be formed of “any land historical enough and could be identified as worthy” should not be built on.

3. Police reporting that would not come out to small incidences – not a good statement to make.

4. Cllr. Zerny reported on the spending of S106 money and his motion at the CBC meeting. Money meant for villages where building development had taken place, had been spent in other areas. He suggested that the Parish Council should make a list of all local projects and inform CBC of this and to ensure any S106 money comes to Tempsford. Parish Councils are not being pro-active enough.

9. Tempsford Charities

Cllr. Fraser reported that as Philip Russell had passed away another Trustee was needed on the committee. The Parish Council was asked to propose the names of people it thought suitable for the post. These would then be compared with those the committee had put forward, and an agreed name approached. The Parish Council would be informed of the decision.

10. Highways

22 items had been sent by the Chairman to Central Beds Highways department for action. Some had been done, some ignored. Chairman agreed to continue monitor CBC’s actions.

Concern was expressed about the mud that had been left on the road in Church Street. It was suggested that the Council write to the company, Bartlett, and ask them if they could take more care.

11. Festival of Britain Sign

This still needs to be refurbished. The Clerk had obtained a revised quote and had sent it to all Councillors.

Cllr. Cooney proposed that Sign of the Times refurbish the sign as the quote was quite reasonable.

Cllr. Dan Clark seconded this; **RESOLUTION – Council agreed “Sign of the Times” to refurbish sign.**

Clerk to Action

12.Children’s Play Area

1. Fort repair – The Chairman will attend to this repair.

2. Visual checks – Cllr. Bull reported that Gannock Castle and Church Street area are satisfactory except for the Fort.

Small play area in Station Road, area where slide is, is very green with algae. Could we try mould remover?

3. The Clerk had received a letter from a resident suggesting “exercise equipment” might be included in the play area in Church Street. The Clerk said she had looked at some companies, but they are not be cheap. Council suggested that the Clerk consider companies and what they can provide, cost etc. and research what other Councils had done, Cranfield had this equipment. Clerk to reply to the resident to that effect.

Clerk to Action

13. Tempsford Estate

The Chairman had been contacted to confirm that the estate was now managed by Strutt & Parker.

14. Cemetery/Churchyard.

The Clerk reported that there had been a few burials and sale of plots recently. The tap had been mended at no cost, but it was suggested that a new watering can be purchased. The Cemetery gate: Cllr. Bettles agreed to get people to come and see him regarding the rebuilding of the gate post.

Cllr. Bettles to action

It was also discussed regarding badgers, foxes and rabbits in the cemetery becoming a big problem. An electric netting fence was suggested, but this could cost £400 + maintenance. **It was decided that the Council should wait a while and monitor the situation.**

The gap in the Churchyard wall – Cllr. Bettles is going to put a new gate there.

Russian Vines in the cemetery should be trimmed by MZ regularly.

15. Finance

The Clerk presented a list of invoices to be approved for payment: -

Date	Payee	Details	Total
31.9.17	Linda Collins Clerk	Wage September	£207.14
1.10.17	Mark Zwetsloot	Grass & Hedges September	£864.00
31.10.17	Linda Collins, Clerk	Wages October	£207.14
1.11.17	Mark Zwetsloot	Grass & Laurels October	£747.00
1.11.17	Community Heartbeat	Replacement lamp for defib.	£18.00
24.10.17	British legion	Poppy wreaths x 2	£38.00
1.11.17	Methodist Chapel	Rent of room	£129.00
Total			£2210.28

A donation was usually given to the British Legion, so it was agreed by Council to make the payment up to £50.00.

The Clerk then reported on the Bank Statement and cashflow: -
Bank Statements Nos. 99 & 100 (1)

Date	Ref	Details	Exp	Income	Balance.
30.8.17		b/f			£11077.83
7.9.17	901	Re NP tee shirts	£92.00		£10985.83
20.9.17	500003	Memorial George Witt		£40.00	£11025.83
22.9.17	Giro credit	Groundwork Ltd. Re NP		£4500.00	£15525.83
26.9.17	903	Linda Collins Wages	£429.66		£15096.17
27.9.17	906	Lexis Nexis Arnold Baker book	£68.60		£15027.57
27.9.17	905	Mark Zwetsloot July/Aug	£1428.00		£13599.57
29.9.17	904	BDO Audit	£120.00		£13479.57
4.10.17	902	Andrew Bennett re NP>	£31.00		£13448.57
12.10.17	908	HMRC Clerk's tax	£14.40		£13434.17
23.10.17	907	CPRE Renewal	£36.00		£13398.17
Total					£13398.17

Balances Tempsford 2000 account as at 31st October 2017. £934.45.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2017.

Current account	£13398.17 – Bank Statement No. 100 (1) and Cashbook Balance.
Savings Account	£15465.83 Statement 61
Tempsford 2000	£ 934.45
Total at 31.10.17	£29798.45

Neighbourhood Plan - Opening Balance		£4500.00
Chq. 900 Vistaprint	£33.28	
Chq 901 Tee-shirts	£92.00	
Chq 902 A.Bennett	£31.00	
	<u>£156.00</u>	<u>£156.00</u>
		£4344.00

Methodist Church Bill		<u>£ 96.00</u>
		£4248.00

Ringed fenced money = Transparency Code.	£1774.24
Neighbourhood Plan.	£4248.00

BUDGET - The Clerk sent round a Budget sheet which the Council had looked at. She asked that the Council considered any projects that would be needed so that these could be included in the Budget. It was agreed that a Budget Meeting be held on the 11th December (Clerk to check with Methodist Church if free). Cllr. Fraser wanted to look at the budget in more details and it was suggested that the Clerk and Cllr. Fraser get together to look at the layout of figures.

The Transparency Code – Parish Council equipment. Cllr. Donnelly had listed the items needed from JL. **Resolution – that these items be obtained as soon as possible for the Clerk.**

16. Correspondence. No correspondence had been received, other than already mentioned.

17. Confirm dates for 2018.

The Clerk had looked at the dates with the SMH and below are the dates she had entered if everyone agreed.

15th January, 19th March, APM to be decided at next meeting, Annual Meeting 21st May, 16th July, 17th September and 19th November.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.05 hrs. and thanked everyone for their contribution.

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

Chairman - Cllr. A Besant

Dated 15th January 2018.