

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19th November 2018 AT
19.30 HRS. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL.**

Mr. Adrian Besant	Chairman
Mr. Dan Clark	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Jim Donnelly	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Mrs. Doreen Gurney	CBC Councillor.
Members of the public	3

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from CBC Councillor, Adam Zerny.

2. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

Cllr. Clark cannot attend the next police meeting but did send in a form regarding incidents. The only information given by the police is about their prevention measures such as the farm watch programme. Although Cllr. Clark has a good relationship with the Police, there is not enough of them to come to parish meetings to discuss matters. The Chairman had been to a meeting held by Alistair Burt MP when Policing was raised. He reported that £4 ½ million has been given to Beds Police to cope with gang crime. Cllr. Clark thought we do have a good liaison with the police and it is a positive thing and does not want it to stop, which he why he attends the meetings. Question raised – is it worth looking into “automated number plate recognition equipment”? To be researched.

5. Public Session

A member of the public raised the question about food waste bags that CBC give residents now. The new ones are not biodegradable. Could the Parish Council find out why this is the case now? Parish Council to send an email/memo asking the question and if it is possible to return to the old bags. **ACTION CLERK.**

6. Planning

Tempsford Sign – The Clerk explained the response she received when she rang CBC planning department. After discussion, it was decided to erect signs in sites adopted previously by Councillors. All Councillors agreed to this decision.

Dropped kerb – The Clerk had received a reply from the Enforcement Office, saying that we had to contact the Highways Department. **ACTION CLERK.**

Downpipe Stonebridge – The Clerk had contacted CBC, and this has now all been passed to the Highways department for action. Clerk to chase up as necessary.

The Rectory – Building development dispute with Cannock House. Resident of Cannock House wanted to keep the Parish Council informed of the situation, even though it is really a civil matter.

7. Neighbourhood plan.

A committee member gave an update. At the meeting on the 9th November the committee went through the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan which Alison Eardley had produced. The result was that various elements of work needed to be done to bring it up to fruition. Photographs need to be taken of the village that they want in the plan and to fill in gaps that Alison cannot do, as she is not a resident. What is becoming evident is that although the plan is related to a given amount of years, say 25, if planning changes, then they will have to change the plan again. Green Infrastructure – BRCC doubt whether this will stand within the plan? The committee is trying to get a reference to it within the plan. Once the plan is done, it must be printed, and copies distributed to residents. The NP committee asked if the Parish Council could donate some finance to get the work on the Green Infrastructure survey done. The Council had not budgeted for this and would defer an answer until they knew more about it.

8. Central Beds. Councillors.

Cllr. Doreen Gurney was in attendance and she also spoke of the lack of Police within the area. A meeting had been held with the Chief of Police on the incidents that had occurred in Potton. She also mentioned that any Councillor was welcome to go to the meetings or ask her to speak on any problems.

Network Rail – Cllr Gurney wanted to make the level crossings safer, because of the frequent incidents recently of suicide.

8A Councillor Training - Councillor Goddard had been on the training and felt that she had learnt a lot and enjoyed it.

9. Finance

The Clerk asked for the listed invoices to be approved for payment. The Cashflow and Bank Reconciliation was explained.

Date	Payee	Details	Amount
5.10.18	Woodfines	Prof. charges	£1041.00
1.10.18	Mark Zwetsloot	Sept grass cutting	£1074.00
7.9.18	Linda Collins	Wages Sept	£215.77
7.10.18	Linda Collins	Wages/exp Oct.	£223.07
2.11.18	British Legion	Wreaths & crosses	£78.00
13.11.18	S. Cooney – re Clerk	Toner cartridge	£59.48
1.11.18	Mark Zwetsloot	Oct grass cutting	£357.00
Total			£3048.32

The British Legion invoice is for the two wreaths and 20 crosses. We usually give a donation as well. Does

Council wish to do this again this year? The decision was taken to make the cheque for £100 being a donation of £22, **Resolution Donation of £22.**

Bank Statements 12 & 13 as at 31.10.18

Date	Ref	Details	Expenditure	Income	Balance
Balance b/f					23046.40
13.9.18	Deposit	Cemetery income – plots		560.00	23606.40
21.9.18	943	George Elwes	50.00		23556.40
21.9.18	946	Linda Collins (2months)	443.43		23112.97
28.9.18	944	Mark Zwetsloot	1071.00		22041.97
1.10.18	948	BATPC Councillor Training	25.00		22016.97
8.10.18	500014	Memorial		40.00	22056.97
10.10.18	945	Stuart Mem. Hall - hall hire	56.00		22000.97
Balance					22000.97

31.10.18 Balance Tempsford 2000 Account -----	£1084.05
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Bank Reconciliation as at 31.10.18

Current Account	£22000.97	Bank Statement 13
Cash book balance	£21964.97	
Savings Account	£15473.57	
Tempsford 2000	£ 1084.05	
Total	£38522.59	

Neighbourhood Plan - £7221.00 Ring fenced for NP Group. Parish Council cash available in c/a £31301.59

PRECEPT/BUDGET The Clerk explained that the Council's Precept decision had to be into CBC by the 18th January, and as our meeting in January is not until the 21st the decision must be made at this meeting or a separate meeting needs to be arranged. The Council decided to agree the precept at this meeting, the Chairman explained the Tax Base which had gone up from 234 to 237 and which would produce a minimum Precept of £13750 it was decided by all Councillors to put in for £14,000. The Clerk will send in the necessary paperwork by the 18th January.

RESOLUTION PRECEPT TO BE £14000. ACTION CLERK

10. Highways

Salt bag scheme – CBC were again offering salt for the roads. The Council felt we had enough, but the Clerk said she would contact Peter Bettles and Richard Infield to see what the situation is and if necessary, order some more. Also ask them to fill the bins with any remaining.

11. Play area

Church Street – the springer is not in good condition. Could the Clerk investigate whether the damage is covered by the insurance we have.

ACTION CLERK

Play fort – Cllr. Bettles is still in the process of repairing the fort. Therefore, the Clerk will delay having the play areas inspected until maintenance has been completed.

12. Cemetery/Churchyard

The Clerk will send the new cemetery fees to the funeral directors and the fees should go on the website for January 2019.

ACTION CLERK AND CLLR. DONNELLY.

The tap needs repairing - Cllr. Bettles offered to repair.

ACTION CLLR. BETTLES.

The cherry tree near one of the graves in the new cemetery area needs to be taken down. Also, the lime trees need to be cut back that are overhanging the graves. Contact contractor to do the

work during winter. Could he also be asked to be careful with the spraying of weeds near the grave stones. **ACTION CLERK**

The Council would also like to thank Cllr. Bettles for repair the cemetery gates.

13. Correspondence.

Cllr. Goddard wanted to know how we could pass items of interest for the village from such organisations as CBC that they should know about or courses that some residents could attend.

Cllr. Fraser suggested that the Parish Council have a “Facebook” that we could use to put such items on. Cllr. Fraser and Cllr. Goddard said they would liaise together to organise this.

ACTION CLLRS. FRASER AND GODDARD.

14. Next Meeting dates 2019

21st January 4th March 24th April (APM), 20th May (AM), 15th July 16th Sept, and 18th November. These may change.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hours and thanked everyone for their contribution.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th November 2018.

Chairman - Cllr. Besant.

Dated - 21st January 2019