

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24^H
SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD**

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| Mr. David Sutton | Chair |
| Mr. Adrian Besant | Vice Chair |
| Mr. Steve Cooney | Councillor |
| Mrs. Tina Goddard | Councillor |
| Mr. Chris Bettles | Councillor |
| Mr. Sam Knott | Councillor |
| Mrs. Tammy Giddings | Councillor |
| Teresa Gilman | Clerk |

| Chairman's welcome The Chairman | Action |
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| <p>40. Apologies for Absence Councillors Zerny and Wye sent their apologies.</p> | |
| <p>41. Declarations of Interest Councillor Sutton declared a pecuniary interest disclosing that he 50% owner of the Wheatsheaf Pub</p> | |
| <p>42. Minutes It was resolved that the Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 9th July 2024 were an accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Councillor Giddings asked about matters arising. The Clerk said that the agenda item would be added to future meetings</p> | <p>Clerk to ensure that actions from minutes are discussed at subsequent meetings.</p> |
| <p>43. Public Session The Clerk highlighted to Members that she only worked six hours a week and worked 26 hours for Huntingdon Town Council so it would be appreciated if she was given appropriate notice for work to be carried out.</p> <p>Councillor Cooney let the Council know that he had erected a flag pole at the war memorial. The Council expressed their thanks to Councillor Cooney and Linda.</p> <p>A Member asked if the fence panel at the playground was going to be fixed. The Clerk said that she had it in hand.</p> | <p>Clerk to arrange for delivery of fence panel</p> |

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| <p>A Member said that residents of village had erected a replacement gate in the Church Yard. The Council expressed thanks to the benefactors and said thanks should be included in the Tempsford Times.</p> | |
| <p>44. Report from Central Beds Council Councillors Zerny and Wye were unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Sutton had met with Councillor Zerny earlier that day to discuss the flooding that had taken place in the village that day.</p> <p>Councillor Zerny had confirmed that Central Bedfordshire Council had written to Angela Rayner, Deputy Prime Minister, about the potential for houses for 350,000 and they were waiting for a response. Central Bedfordshire Council were not in favour of the development.</p> | |
| <p>45. Anglian Water Councillor Sutton had a number of meetings with Anglian Water and it had been confirmed that huge capital investment would be needed to fix the drainage situation. Anglian Water did have a proposal which would alleviate the flooding problems that were faced by residents last year (2023). They were waiting for the plan to be finalised before informing residents. Tankers were going to be deployed in the interim. Members stated that the flooding has already started so the proposed plan needed to be enacted as soon as possible.</p> <p>A Councillor said residents on Station Road were already unable to flush their toilets. Central Bedfordshire Council needed to be notified as it was their duty to provide sanitation.</p> | <p>Councillor Sutton to phone Anglian Water to see what could be done.</p> |
| <p>46. Finance Payments were approved by Members.</p> <p>Members approved New Clerk Training for the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update on acquiring Scribe an accounts software package. She had a phone call with the company later that week before formally purchasing the product.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>47. Crime Statistics Having received crime statistics – June = 3 incidents July = 4 incidents August = 1 incident</p> | |

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| <p>48. Planning Application CB/TRE/24/00400 – No objections subject to report from the Tree Officer</p> | <p>Clerk to send comments back to CBC</p> |
| <p>49. Highways and pavements Councillor Besant gave an update on the meeting he had with Scott Terry, Highways Officer Central Bedfordshire Council, discussing pot holes, overgrown vegetation etc.</p> <p>Members discussed road and bridge resurfacing and the lack of footpath maintenance towards Church End and broken street lighting and road signs.</p> <p>Councillor Besant would contact Paul Salmon at National Highways about concerns</p> | <p>Councillor Besant</p> |
| <p>50. East West Rail</p> <p>No updates</p> | |
| <p>51. Neighbourhood Plan The Clerk had received the draft resident survey from Beds Rural Communities Charity. This needed to be signed off before it was sent to residents.</p> | <p>Councillor Sutton</p> |
| <p>52. Tempsford Charities Councillor Goddard had been put forward as a trustee of the Tempsford Charities. After a formal request from Simon Fraser the Councillors agreed to ask potential candidates for a second trustee.</p> | <p>Councillors to approach potential trustees</p> <p>Clerk to let Simon Fraser at Tempsford Charities know</p> |
| <p>53. Millenium Garden There had been a few occurrences of anti-social behaviour in the Millenium Garden. The wooden path edging had been ripped up and burnt. Members discussed measures to deter this including CCTV and signage.</p> <p>Members agreed it needed to be reported to the police.</p> <p>Members agreed that it would be fixed.</p> | <p>Councillor Sutton/Clerk</p> <p>Councillor Cooney</p> <p>Councillors</p> |
| <p>54. Work Parties Members discussed working parties at the Church Yard and Millenium Garden. It was agreed that the Church Yard did not warrant a working party but Members would meet at 10am on Sunday 17th November 2024 to carry out work at the Millenium Garden.</p> | <p>Councillors</p> |

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| <p>55. Hedges in Church Street A resident had paid to have the hedges in Church Street cut although it was the responsibility of the Tempsford Estate. Councillor Sutton had written to the Estate asking them to pay.</p> | <p>Councillor Sutton</p> |
| <p>56. 100th Anniversary of the Stuart Memorial Hall The Members agreed that a grant would be available for any requests to celebrate this anniversary.</p> | |
| <p>57. Speed Indicator Device Councillor Knott gave an update on the speed indicator devices. The one on Station Road was recording people speeding however the average speed of 38 miles per hour was the same no matter if the display was turned on or off; therefore having the impact of reducing speeding drivers. A Member asked if the speed indicator device on Church Street device could be turned on.</p> | <p>Councillor Knott</p> |
| <p>58. Tempsford New Town Members discussed Tempsford New Town. It was agreed that Councillor Sutton would speak to Everton Parish Council about the matter.</p> | <p>Councillor Sutton</p> |
| <p>59. Little Barford Garden Village Councillor Sutton had spoken to the CEO of Little Barford Garden Village about the community engagement that they would do about the proposed development there when the time comes.</p> | |
| <p>60. Date of Next Meeting The dates of the next three meetings were confirmed as: Tuesday 12th November 2024 Tuesday 14th January 2025 Tuesday 11th March 2025</p> | |

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

I certify that these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024.

Signed
Chairman

Date