

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
2024 AT 7.30PM IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD**

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

Chairman's welcome	Action
The Chairman	
61. Apologies for Absence Councillor Knott sent his apologies.	
62. Declarations of Interest There were none	
63. Minutes It was resolved that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 24 th September 2024 were an accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman.	
64. Public Session Councillor Bettles raised concerns about fly tipping of garden waste in Mill Lane.	Councillor Sutton to investigate
65. Report from Central Beds Council There was none.	
66. Clerk Recruitment The role of the Parish Clerk had been advertised at the beginning of November. The Clerk said that she was happy to stay until a replacement had been found.	
67. Finance Payments were approved by Members. Scribe accounting package was discussed and it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Council would purchase Scribe as the account software package.	Clerk to arrange purchase
68. Budget setting 2025 – 2026 Councillors received a draft budget and discussed. This item would be further discussed at the meeting in January 2025.	
69. Precept Members discussed the precept. The decision would be resolved in the meeting in January 2025	
70. Grants The Clerk gave an update on the following grants that were available:	

<p>A428 Legacy Funding grants Food Fairness Grant Scheme</p> <p>Members discussed the A428 Legacy Funding grant and which organisations in the village could apply. Playground equipment was discussed.</p> <p>Members did not think that the Food Fairness Grant Scheme was relevant</p>	<p>Clerk to send information to Councillor Giddings</p>
<p>71. Anglian Water Councillor Sutton updated Members on the action that Anglian Water had taken to reduce flooding in Tempsford which was to introduce a pump and pipe that would run from the sewers over land to the treatment works. A Member asked what the long term solution would be. Councillor Sutton said that huge infrastructure investment was needed.</p> <p>The Council offered their thanks to Councillor Sutton for his partnership with other agencies including Anglian Water to enact the flood prevention strategy.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to Mr Knott to thank him for allowing access to his land for the pipe.</p>
<p>72. Flooding There had been unprecedented rainfall in September. The Council had been approached by parishioners on a long term solution to the drainage issues and Councillor Sutton was pushing for answers from Richard Fuller MP.</p>	
<p>73. Crime Statistics Members received crime statistics: October – 4</p>	
<p>74. Planning Application – The Old School, 21 Church Street, Tempsford, Sandy SG19 2AW CB/24/02924/FULL Members discussed the planning application at 21 Church Street. It was agreed that Members would discuss this at a later meeting and Councillor Sutton would send comments to the Planning Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council.</p>	<p>Clerk to send a list of material considerations to Councillors</p> <p>Councillor Sutton to send comments to Planning Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council</p>
<p>75. Highways and Pavements Councillor Besant gave Members an update on his discussions with Scott Terry at Central Bedfordshire Council about the delays in resurfacing the bridge over the A1.</p> <p>Councillor Besant also updated Members about correspondence with National Highways regarding the footbridge. National Highways explained that the signage and street lighting were not going to be repaired due to the Black Cat road works. There was a difference of opinion as to</p>	<p>Clerk to look into Local Highways Improvement Schemes</p>

<p>whether vegetation clearance was the responsibility of National Highways or the Local Authority.</p> <p>The defects had been reported on Fix My Street.</p>	
<p>76. East West Rail East West Rail would hold a public consultation on 13th December 2024 at The Stuart Memorial Hall. Councillor Sutton was going to arrange a meeting with East West Rail on 13th December and Councillors who were available were going to attend.</p>	<p>Councillor Sutton</p>
<p>77. Neighbourhood Plan The Housing needs forms were delivered on 15th November 2024 to all houses in Tempsford. The deadline for responses was 13th December 2024. The results would need to be collated before the plan could be updated and submitted.</p>	
<p>78. Tempsford Charities It was proposed that Linda Collins would be asked by Councillor Cooney to be a trustee of Tempsford Charities.</p>	<p>Councillor Cooney</p>
<p>79. Millenium Garden Councillor Cooney gave an update about the Millenium Garden. A total of nine people helped out and a lot was achieved. It was agreed that Councillor Cooney would order the path edging to replace the damaged section and this would come from the Tempsford 2000 funds. One of the bollards near the memorial needed to be replaced. The ivy was removed in the churchyard and Juliet Pennington was planning to finish that.</p> <p>Councillor Cooney explained that the Tempsford 2000 bank account needed to be closed and the funds from that transferred to the Parish Councils other bank accounts due to a new fee of £10 a month to have the Tempsford 2000 account open.</p> <p>It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the funds from the Tempsford 2000 bank account would be transferred to the Parish Council bank account and the Tempsford 2000 account closed.</p> <p>Christmas Carols in the Millenium garden – was to happen on 13th December 2024. The band had been booked at a fee of £120. It was agreed that it would be publicised and Members would help out with the raffle and the mulled wine.</p>	<p>Councillor Cooney</p> <p>Clerk, Councillors Sutton, Besant and Cooney</p>
<p>80. Speed indicator device It was agreed that Councillor Besant would take over the admin for the Speed indicator devices on Church End and Station Road. Councillor Sutton would inform Councillor Knott.</p>	<p>Councillor Besant and Councillor Sutton</p>

81. Developments

There was not much to discuss in light of no new information about East West Rail. It was agreed that a clear and detailed response would be needed when the consultation did happen.

82. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th January 2025

The meeting closed at 10.23pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

I certify that these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024.

Signed
Chairman

Date