

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023 AT 19.30hrs.
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
Mr. Sam Knott	Councillor
Mr. Joe Lawrence	Councillor
Linda Collins	Clerk
Tracy Wye	Central Beds Councillor.
Richard Fuller	MP
Members of the public	6

	Action
Chairman welcomes everyone to the meeting.	
1. Apologies None were received.	
2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations of interest were received.	
3. Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, held on the 16 th May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4. Central Beds Councillor Tracey Wye was in attendance. Cllr. Wye had nothing to report re EWR, regarding CBC, but she will join in on other subjects if she may.	
5. Public Session Various topics was raised and discussed by the public with the Council. The Chapel wanted to report that £400 was raised at the final service for Sue Ryder. Now that the Chapel has closed, the defibrillator has to be moved to another site. Another site has been identified and the Parish Council will instigate the removal. Clerk to contact an electrician. The Clerk had also contacted Community Heartbeat to enquire about solar power to power the unit, but as yet not heard back. Network Rail Level Crossing Barrier – a resident was still awaiting to hear from the safety people after an incident when the barrier came down too early. Apparently, they are going to tell the residents how to go thru the barrier. Great Barford Surgery – Residents have been told that Station Road would be taken off the surgery list as it was not in the catchment area, and they would have to find another GP within 30days. Church Street seems to be in the catchment area. The Clerk had rung the surgery and obtained the Practise Manager’s email, and the Parish Council would be contacting the Manager for more of an explanation. The surgery said those affected could email in and say why they think they should remain at the surgery. The Clerk explained that some of the residents, do not have computers to be able to do this. No suggestions for other GP’s were given. Residents at the meeting said that some had been at the surgery for 60-70 years. Village appearance – a resident had complained that Station Road, look rather scruffy with overgrown hedges, and verges. The hedges in some places prevented residents walking on the	CLERK. Cllr. Sutton

<p>path and definitely made it difficult for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The verges at the end of Station Road, made it difficult sometimes to see cars coming down the link road.</p> <p>Decision – to put a notice in the Tempsford Times and even letters to certain residents to ask politely to cut the hedges. Contact CBC regarding verge at Station Road., although a resident in the village does cut it when he can.</p>	<p>Cllr. Sutton and Clerk.</p>
<p>6. Charities</p> <p>The Charity in Tempsford, needs to be more understood by the Parish Council regarding appointing Trustees. Clerk to contact the Secretary.</p>	<p>Clerk.</p>
<p>7. S106</p> <p>Option for the small play in Station Road area had been sent by Wicksteed after the meeting held at the playground. I was decided to put it to the village by way of a poll. Put a closing date on it and see what the response is. Also put posts in the Notice Boards if possible. All the items are expensive so need to get the best for value. BBQ's – Now decided to purchase – to look at the area and decide best place to put them, plus a couple of benches in Gannock Castle, which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Council unanimously decided to get this task sorted as soon as possible, as summer will be over.</p>	<p>Cllr. Sutton, Clerk.</p>
<p>8. Speed Indicator</p> <p>A new indicator had been purchased, so we have one for each side of the village. Results so far: - Church St. Max Speed 57mph. Average 29mph. 607 vehicles. Station Road. Max Speed 52 mph. Average 27 mph. Vehicles 3892!!! These readings were over 10 days. The information will be put in the Tempsford Times. Vehicles in Station Road, very high.</p>	
<p>9. Events</p> <p>Millennium Garden Event hopefully will take place this year. Cllr. Cooney is organizing a band.</p>	<p>Cllr. Cooney</p>
<p>10. Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It is still progressing, but with all the possible developments, is there a feeling for some proposed small development be put forward or leave as it is? Possible sustainable development, shared ownership houses starter homes possibly. Some Councillors felt, if we give a small amount then the developers will take a large chunk. The Plan needs to be finished but Councillors, stuck on 14 at moment. The Kier letter is the sticking point, but we have told them its not a “call for sites”. Need to go forward with it. Cllr. Wye said that a NP does carry some weight so it would be good to finish it. Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Sutton to get together to carry it forward.</p>	<p>Cllr. Besant Cllr. Sutton</p>
<p>11. Highways</p> <p>Cllr. Besant had a meeting with Scott Terry, and they discussed 7 things that need addressing. Everton Road will be done in October. Accessibility to Station Road, will be by convoy system. Link Rod (C54), bollard to be repaired. 4 large standard lights are not working, very dangerous. Pavements – some areas not marked have now been remarked and will be done. . Green area near the post box will be re-grassed and some parking space, not sure when it will be finished. Grass cutting – Station Road and link road – right side is awful, needs cutting as traffic obscured, left side is partly cut, but this has been cut by a resident on occasions.</p> <p>Hedges are dreadful all the way down Station Road. Need to contact the Estate for their hedges that need cutting as well as asking residents to cut their own hedges, as it is difficult to walk on the pavements, especially with prams and wheelchairs. To put in Tempsford Times and Facebook.</p>	<p>Cllr. Besant, Clerk Cllr Sutton.</p>
<p>12. Tempsford Times</p> <p>The Estate has paid £600 which is approximately half of the cost of one year’s publication, which is a great help. Cllr. Knott and Cllr. Goddard are going to try and promote advertising. A copy of each edition of the Tempsford Times to be sent to the Estate.</p>	<p>Cllr. Knott Cllr. Goddard</p>

13. Policy Updates

The first policy update is to be the Finance Policy. The old one has been sent to the Chairman who will look at it, update and send round to Councillors for approval. Each of the Council's policies will gradually be updated.

**Cllr. Sutton.
Clerk.**

14. Church Request

- A request from St. Peter's church was received. This was for a new storage shed. It was put to the vote and the Council agreed unanimously to give a donation of £600.
- Defib – as mentioned previously this has been moved to a new site. Clive Knott has offered to have it moved to the farm. Clerk to get an electrician to look at moving it as soon as possible.

Clerk

15. Finance.

The below items need to be approved for payment please.

Mark Zwetsloot	Grass cutting June as contract. Includes hedge cutting.	£1318.00
Linda Collins, Clerk	June payment	

Clerk

Payments since last meeting – as agreed at meeting 16.5.23.

Stuart Memorial Hall, Mark Zwetsloot, Quickplay, BATPC Affiliation fee, Clerk salary, Cartridgesave, Kay Quinn, Anne Francis, Tina Goddard, Joe Lawrence and MVN Geeks, Morelock Signs, Zurich Insurance,

Deposits since last meeting: - £45 (Coronation event), CBC (S106) and £600 Estate for TT, Cemetery income, Sale of Mugs money.

Bank Reconciliation as at 6th July 2023.

Current account	17641.75
Savings Account.	15548.08
Tempsford 2000	<u>974.39</u>
Total	34164.22

16. Planning

None to present at the meeting. However, the Chairman mentioned that a new Planning Application would be coming to the Parish Council soon from the Wheatsheaf – planning to put 2 houses in the garden of the pub.

Sawfords Meadow – paddock is in a terrible state. It is private land, so not the duty of the Parish Council. It was decided that the Parish Council should not get involved.

Gravel Extraction – Gravel extraction at the back of Church Street. The Chairman has asked the Estate to attend a meeting to explain what is going on regarding the gravel extraction. A planning scoping application has been made which shows the borrow pits as they are referred to as being returned to 2 lakes and some agricultural land.

Clerk

17. EWR Sub committee

Richard Fuller MP was in attendance. The Parish Council had attended the EWR meeting held on Friday 7th July before it opened to the public, where they set out to EWR what their concerns were and how it was thought that Tempsford was not a good site for a new station. Mr. Fuller was present to convey his opinion of the scheme. He suggested that it was not about building a railway, but more about building houses. A long discussion took place which included the Parish

<p>Council, the residents, and Mr. Fuller. St. Neots and Sandy are against the station being at Tempsford as it will take it all away from those stations and area, Mr. Fuller is against the railway in its entirety. East West Rail have still not decided how it will run, diesel or electric. Bedford Borough is against it, and it would help if CBC came out with an opinion either for or against it. If we are able to undo the railway, then we may be able to undo the housing. The infrastructure and services, as not capable of that amount of housing that has been put forward to encompass Tempsford. We are in a flood area, and flooding has got worse since Fallowfield was built. Parish Council's next steps – Get the Estate to come a long to a PC meeting and we are also going to join together with other Parish Council's in this area and have a meeting. Clerk to write to them all.</p>	<p>Cllr Sutton Clerk</p>
<p>18. Date of next Meeting 26th September 2023 plus a meeting with other Parish Councils in the area.</p>	

<p>I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023.</p>	
<p>SIGNED.....</p>	<p>DATE</p>