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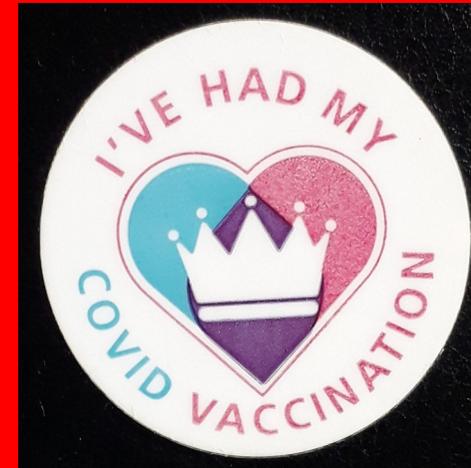


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**HAVE YOU HAD YOURS YET?  
AND YOUR BOOSTER?**

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**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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## UNITED VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

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**WE ARE VERY PLEASED  
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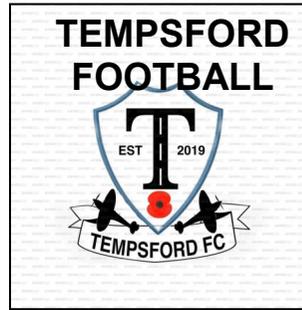
**REMEMBER TO WRAP UP WARM.**



After having got through the nitty gritty of pre-season training and friendly games, the real business began at the start of September with the First team kicking off in the Express Vehicles & Trading Ltd Fourth division, and the inaugural season for the Reserve squad in the My Build Estimate Fifth division. Having two separate teams for the first time in our club's history meant that we needed to adjust to a completely new dimension, and as such, both teams endured a challenging start. The First team lost their first couple of matches by incredibly narrow margins (2-3 vs Kempston Rovers and 2-1 vs Biggleswade Albion), and the Reserves were also on the receiving end of some disappointing results (6-4 vs Real Bedford and 4-1 vs our arch nemesis Hawkins). Nevertheless, the First team's hard work soon paid off with glory in the Bedfordshire Cup: a 2-3 victory in Westoning against BHB Rovers, followed by a resounding 0-6 win over Biggleswade Social Reserves. Ampem Dako (Endo) got off the mark in that game scoring his first hat trick for the club. Despite those two fantastic wins on the bounce, results soon took a turn with a 0-4 loss vs Biggleswade Albion and 4-2 vs Engineers Arm. The Reserves are currently winless at the foot of the division, however performances have been encouraging in recent weeks, and the team's spirit and belief is growing. The first half showing vs AC Bedford was our best all season, and we were very unlucky to find ourselves 3-2 down at the half-time break. The next match at BHB Rovers ended up in a 3-1 defeat, however this time around it was the second half that was the positive one.

All in all, we are very pleased with the Club's evolution and the way in which it continues to go from strength to strength. The additional Reserves team is providing more playing time to players whose opportunities might otherwise have been limited, and the extra dynamics mean that consistently good performances are rewarded with a call-up to the first team. As always, we invite you to follow our journey on social media, or even better - come down one Sunday morning to watch us play at Meltis Social Club in Bedford. Your support is greatly appreciated and if any Tempsfordians are interested in joining us, please do get in touch!

Joe  
(Tempsford FC Chairman and Founder)



## **LET US KNOW WHICH LOCAL ROADS AND PAVEMENTS NEED IMPROVING**

Every year, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC)'s Highways Department puts together a plan for resurfacing local roads and pavements. These improvements tend to take place between May and October in order that harsher winter weather cannot undo their work too quickly.

Last year Tempsford Parish Council submitted a list of pavements in Tempsford which are in a bad way. CBC agreed to improve ALL of the roads which received the most complaints and thus a number of improvements were made (or are due to be made) during 2021/22. We have since noticed there are a number of other roads and pavements - such as the footpath on Station Road, Tempsford - which still need repair.

Please drop us an email to [adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk) or Tracey Wye via [traceywye@icloud.com](mailto:traceywye@icloud.com) if you have seen any particularly bad areas locally. As ever, Highways is keen to highlight if low speeds are recorded on a road e.g. because it's a cul-de-sac, they would usually permit the road to deteriorate more than with a faster road.

And if you'd like to receive our monthly email newsletter, drop us a line!

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### **KNOTTS OF TEMPSFORD FARM SHOP**

Ellie and Jodie would like to thank everyone for their support at their recent

**Macmillan Coffee Morning  
which raised a magnificent £1100**

A very busy and lovely social morning — thanks to all who donated and supported the event, and special thanks to Sam Smith, Jo Stephens and Shirley Sharman.

## Public Consultation

Aligning policies across Bedfordshire,  
Luton and Milton Keynes



Tell us your views on our proposals  
to align three policies across BLMK:

- Fertility Services
- Gluten-Free Food Prescribing
- Milton Keynes Pharmacy First



**Consultation ends Tuesday 21 December 2021**

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (BLMK CCG) is undertaking a public consultation asking residents to share their views on proposed changes to policies on Fertility Services, Gluten-Free Food Prescribing and the Milton Keynes Pharmacy First minor ailment scheme.

The consultation and supporting documents can be found on the CCG website: [www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/PolicyConsultation](http://www.blmkccg.nhs.uk/PolicyConsultation).



We want as many people as possible to share their views and help shape health policies across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes, so please do complete the survey.

The consultation runs until 21 December 2021.

### **COMMUNITY COURTYARD.**

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## **BIGGLESWADE SANDY LIONS CLUB**

Life is gradually returning to something like normal and we have been to several fetes but due to shortage of time have not been able to publicise these as well as we would have liked. At the time of writing this article we have been to Arlesey Street Market, Sandy Community Fun Day, Potton Village Show and Gamlingay Village Show. If you were able to go to any of those events, I hope you visited our stall and spoke to one or more of our members.

Our meetings now return to our usual first and third Wednesday of each month. At our meeting in September, we took the decision to go ahead with the Christmas Dance on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Weatherley Centre from 8pm until midnight. For further information and where to obtain ticket at £25 per person including supper, please see our website at [bslions.org.uk](http://bslions.org.uk).

The next big thing to think about is Christmas. I am reliably informed that Rudolf and co are looking forward to visiting our area again this year. As soon as I have the dates, I will let you know. You can always be one ahead of me by looking at our website [bslions.org.uk](http://bslions.org.uk) where you will find all sorts of information about us.

Perhaps now is a good time to remind you that we collect used spectacles and hearing aids for distribution to the third world through Medcin sans Frontiere. Collecting bins are available at most Opticians and for those living in Gamlingay there is a collecting bin on the front steps of Potton View Care Home.

John Bennewith

Public Relations Officer

## **TEMPSFORD METHODIST CHURCH,**

**Station Road, Tempsford**

(part of the St Neots and Huntingdon Methodist Circuit)

**Minister: Rev James Bamber 01480 453857**

**Church Steward: Stephen Gosling,**

**81 Station Rd, Tempsford 01767 641175**



## **ANNUAL TEMPSFORD PARISH MEETING : 14TH SEPT 2021**

(Summary only: Full copies of the Minutes are available on the village website [www.tempsford.org](http://www.tempsford.org) or from the Clerk.)

**Present:** - 6 Councillors and the Clerk. 9 Residents from the village.

**Apologies:** received from Brian Harrison – *Stuart Memorial Hall*, Rev. Graham Buckle – *St. Peter's Church*, Andy Bennett – *Neighbourhood Plan Working Group* and Melissa Lucas – *Speed watch co-ordinator*.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** -Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were signed by the Chairman. (There was no Annual Meeting in 2020 due to Covid restrictions)

**Report from Parish Council.** – The Chairman gave an overview of Council work over the last 18 months. Councillor Jim Donnelly recently resigned and two people expressed an interest in filling the vacancy. The Chairman thanked them both for their interest and enthusiasm for the village by offering to be a councillor. The Council has met regularly every 2 months mostly via Zoom. As reported in the Tempsford Times, the Council has continued to maintain the village churchyard, cemetery, and other green areas, reported road and path problems to CBC, worked with Anglian Water re drainage and sewerage problems and dealt with planning applications and matters brought to its attention by residents regarding public nuisance, traffic and litter. Councillors have attended online and public meetings with Highways England regarding the A428 extension and with East West Rail development and held a more recent public meeting.

Finance – the cost of maintaining work within the Parish is met basically through the Parish Council Precept which is included in your Council Tax. Council accounts were reported in the previous edition of Tempsford Times.

**CBC Council report** – No Councillor was present.

### **Report from Organizations in the village: -**

Tempsford Charities Report – Simon Fraser (Secretary) – With Covid restrictions, no meetings were held. Before the end of the year, they

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## **BLACK CAT NEWS**

### **National Highways announces new road numbers for A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme**

#### ***Development Consent Order application progresses to next round of hearings***

A 10-mile section of new road to be delivered as part of a proposed major upgrade in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire is set to be named A421, National Highways has announced today (16 September 2021) as the examination process continues to progress.

When the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements scheme opens in 2025/2026, the new dual carriageway will become an extension of the existing A421, which currently stops at the Black Cat Roundabout, through to Caxton Gibbet junction.

The existing A428 will also be renumbered in two sections as it changes from part of the strategic road network to become two local roads. The existing A428 will become the A1428 between Great North Road in St Neots and Cambridge Road junction. From Cambridge Road junction to Caxton Gibbet the existing A428 will become the B1428, continuing the existing B1428 which passes through St Neots further west.

## **STUART MEMORIAL HALL**

We have now had broadband installed at the Hall and we will be running a trial for 2 years to establish whether it is well used or not. Instructions on how to log on to the network are posted in the Hall. We ask all users to provide us with feedback on how well the system performs, particularly on more demanding tasks like downloads and uploads.

Bookings are currently running at a high level for most evenings and weekends but we still have plenty of slots in the daytime on most weekdays. Perhaps influenced by the broadband installation, we are getting some midweek business bookings but we would like to attract more bookings from the community. You can look for available slots on the 'Calendar' page of our website or check by ringing our Bookings Secretary, Linda Collins (see 'Contact' page on our website)

As you may have noticed, our Facebook page has become a lot more active and we would love you all to take the opportunity to become more involved. Please like and follow our page and check out our new Instagram account 'Temsford Community Hall'. We would also love to hear about local residents, young entrepreneurs, groups, clubs, residents that help their village etc., and who would like to feature in our 'Meet our Village'. Please send in your nominations via our Facebook page.

By the time you read this, the first meeting of the new village club, T-Mug (Temsford Meet Up Group), should have taken place in the Hall. T-Mug will be independent of the Hall but most of its meetings will take place there. We very much hope that the first meeting will have been well attended and will have generated ideas for ongoing events, classes, clubs etc.

We plan to continue our maintenance programme by redecorating the kitchen and the outside of the Hall in the coming few months. We hope and believe that we are providing a very attractive venue for all sorts of events.

Brian Harrison, Chairman, Hall Committee

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[www.temsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk](http://www.temsford-stuart-memorial-village-hall.co.uk)

hope to have a meeting. There have been no cases put to the Charities in need of help. The land which funds the Charity is part of the land which EWR may need for the railway. Discussions are underway, but the ethos is still to continue to support the village as long as it can. EWR have made a substantial donation to the Charity.

**Neighbourhood Plan Working Group** – The Chairman of the NPWG confirms that he has almost completed the setting up of the necessary website which will be used for the Regulation 14 consultation. The Plan and all the accompanying documentation will be made available on the new website for both the Statutory Consultees and the parishioners to view to comment on over the required 6-week consultation period. We will notify everyone as soon as the website is "live" and available.

**Speed Watch Co-ordinator** – The Police have recommended that we should buy our own devices approx., £2,500 each. Unfortunately, only two of the volunteers have responded to any of the requests so the Police think we should put our Scheme on hold for now.

**Temsford Museum and Archives** – The Chairman reported that the museum was doing very well at the moment. The Museum had approached CBC during lockdown and was successful in obtaining a substantial grant which has helped a great deal with the loss of revenue during covid. Some of the money was used to obtain exhibition pieces to do with the Stuart Family. The museum opened in August 2021 for the first time since March 2020 – it was a small attendance, but in September it had increased again with new faces appearing. During lockdown the Chairman has helped people with family history research and reorganised the museum. The tearoom is very popular and has become a social get together for some people. There will be an open day for the Highways Agency to come along and discuss and explain the archaeological dig in Temsford on 26<sup>th</sup> September in the Stuart Memorial Hall.

**Temsford WI, Parish Church and Methodist Chapel** – The Parish Council Chairman reported that the WI had sadly decided to cease meeting. The Parish Church and the Methodist Church are both struggling and would very much appreciate attendance and support.

**Tempsford Football Team (Joe Lawrence)** – The football team is going from strength to strength. There was more planning over the summer. Sadly, we have lost our first two games, but it is all about playing together. Training at One Leisure in St. Neots, so working within our budget. I am the only actual person living in Tempsford who is in the team! We did have 4 or 5 at one time. Home games are played at Bedford Meltis Social Club – the long-term goal would be to play in Tempsford – that is the vision, but the pitch is not good enough to play league games on and there are no changing facilities. The football team does have Facebook and Instagram pages. There is a need to promote the team in the village as much as possible.

**TMug – New Social Group (Kay Quinn)** – Aims to be a mixed group, meeting bi-monthly. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October is the first meeting with “free food and drink”, so people can come along and see what is going to happen. Hopefully, out of the group will come other groups, such as a book club, walking group, talks, games night, cheese, and wine night, whatever anyone would like. It is not an alternative to the WI. It will, we hope, be a diverse group.

**Residents’ responses** – A resident questioned the No Entry signs being posted in fields, stopping the walking of dogs in the fields. Was there a reason for this? Answers from within the meeting indicated that the fields belong to farmers and dogs should not be on them, only on footpaths and bridleways. Parish Council agreed there is a need to clearly identify footpaths that can be used. The bridge over the local at Roxton has now been opened and the footpath could be used, but to be careful going through Ouse Farm because of cows. A resident has offered to donate/sponsor new play equipment in Station Road Play Area.

**The Annual Parish Meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.**

the Bedfordshire county moth recorders – an amazingly knowledgeable couple who continue the tradition of Great British Naturalists.

Moth trapping in our garden and watching and listening to things flying around, I am always astonished by what must be in the skies over Tempsford. A myriad species of moths and other insects. Bats and birds that depend on them, or are just commuting from A to B. As I write, the first Redwings of the autumn have just reappeared, fresh in from Scandinavia or northern Europe. Often heard flying overhead at night giving thin ‘tpssssp’ calls. Autumn is really here now. Enjoy the changing seasons and changing wildlife around you, there’s lots close to home to look for and be fascinated by.

Some of it without parallel!

*Guy Anderson*



***Clifden Nonpareil – Station Road, Tempsford, 18 Sept 2021  
(Guy Anderson)***

## WILD TEMPSFORD - TEMPSFORD GETS THE BLUES...

Clifden Nonpareil?

A small village near Ashby-de-la-Zouch?

A 1960s jazz trombonist?

No, apparently, it's a moth!

And with a wingspan of nearly 10cm, it's an impressive moth. Who, or where, 'Clifden' was, I have no idea. 'Nonpareil' is of course from the French for 'without parallel', and that is a good shout. Delicate lichen-grey patterned fore-wing, with black and violet striped hindwing, lending its alternative name of Blue Underwing.

For Victorian collectors of lepidopteran specimens, this was a super-rare prize in the UK – it only ever appeared here as a migrant from Europe, borne on southerly winds in autumn. It is still rare today but not as rare. As with many southerly species, our warming climate has allowed them to naturally colonise the UK. The Clifden Nonpareil has a foothold here now, and this autumn saw records from moth traps more widely than ever before.

Bedfordshire has had several records this year, so I had been hoping that we might get lucky with our Station Road garden trap. And we did, on 18 September; a pristine moth sitting on the outside of our light trap at dawn. I will admit to a brief outburst of language almost as blue as the moth's underwing. Snapped a few photos before it started to get lively and clearly wasn't content to be in a plastic tub any longer. Released safely back into the garden, along with all its fellow trap-dwellers that had arrived overnight. Submitted the record to



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Thankfully life is getting back to some kind of normal after a year and a half of restrictions. Last year, we were able to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day at a Social Distance from each other. The day was enjoyed by so many and several households decorated their homes for the occasion. What better way to end the year, than to show something good that came out of Covid for Tempsford.

### **Our Sunday November 7th and Sunday December 5th**

our Exhibitions will be showing enlarged photographs of the happy occasion.

Do come along and see how Tempsford Celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. There will also be lots of permanent and portable exhibitions associated with Tempsford Village and RAF Tempsford on display.

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After such an amazing response to our 12 days of Christmas over the years. We are hoping you will Sponsor the lights again, so we can have our lovely St Peters Church, lit up all over the Christmas period. The cost will be £5 per name, you can either have it in remembrance of a loved one, or just to celebrate your friends and family, your name will be on the list of sponsors. Hope to hear from you soon, the more we get the longer we can keep St Peters lit up.

Please contact: - Gloria 01767 640050.

**Merry Christmas**  
**Christmas Eve Crib Service**  
will be at 6pm,  
please come along and join us.

St Peters would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and let's hope 2022 will bring us back to a little bit of normality. May you stay strong and healthy, keep smiling and stay positive.

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:**

The following is a summary of the main points of discussion at the **Parish Council Ordinary Meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Full copies of the Minutes are available on the village website [www.tempsford.org](http://www.tempsford.org) or from the Clerk.

**Present:** 6 Councillors and Clerk. Some members of the public remained after the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Apologies for absence:** None were received.

**Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were received.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Appointment of a new Councillor:** Two candidates had previously attended an interview. The Chairman thanked both candidates for their enthusiasm for the village and in wishing to use this by being part of the Council he hoped that whichever of them wins the vote that they would both carry it on. There will be another chance to be elected in 18 months' time when a new council will be elected. A secret paper vote was taken, which the Chairman and Clerk counted in front of the Council. The Chairman announced the result of the vote: 4 votes to Joe Lawrence. 2 votes to Richard Infield and congratulated Mr. Lawrence.

**Items raised at Annual Parish Meeting:** Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Sutton commented that he had heard a lot of people in the village asking what was happening about the Plan. He felt that the Parish Council should have control of the Group. Parish Council should take Chairmanship of the group or at the least have another Councillor back on the Committee, as there were two before. Cllr. Sutton said that he was happy to be the replacement. Cllr. Bettles was still on the committee, but felt we should not take over, but talk to the NP Chairman in the first instance and then put another Councillor on the group.

**Footpaths** – Council agreed to contact Chris Darrow (CBC) to clarify local footpaths and perhaps to provide maps that can be shown on social media for walks in and around Tempsford.

## Tempsford

At St Peter's we are running our Christmas Raffle this year as usual. If you would like to donate an item to the Hamper, please can you contact Maureen Goddard on 01767-640227 or Maureen Gore 01767 640231 If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, nearer the time, Maureen Goddard is also the contact.

## Tempsford Gift Day

St Peter's is once again holding its Gift Day on Thursday 11 November. The church will be open from 10am to 2pm to receive your monetary donations towards the running of the church. You will have a received a letter through the door explaining why we hold a Gift Day. Refreshments will be available in church.

## Advent and Christmas at St Peter's & St Denys

28th November Advent Sunday – 9.30am  
Holy Communion

12th December Advent Three – 11.00am  
Holy Communion

12th December Advent Three – 3pm  
Carol Service at Little Barford

24th December Christmas Eve – 6pm  
Crib Service

26th December St Stephen (Boxing Day) 10.30am  
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### Are you a squirrel?

As I look out of the window, there are a couple of squirrels bouncing round, scratching at the surface of the grass. I can't quite see if they are actually burying their food store for the winter months, but they are making every effort to find hiding places for the nuts they are gathering.

It has reminded me of the story about the servants of the man who was going away on a journey and he left them in charge of his wealth. To the first was given ten talents, to the second five and finally the third servant was given one talent. The first servant went and invested his ten talents and received ten talents in interest by the time the man returned from his journey. The second likewise invested his talents and received five talents in interest. The third servant decided that in fear of the master, he would bury his one talent, just in case he invested it and made a loss, and therefore not able to give his master any accrued interest.

The moral of this parable told by Jesus is simple; put what talents or gifts you have been given by God to good use, for furthering the kingdom of God. The man with one talent buried his talent in fear of rejection by his master. Eventually, in the parable, he lost the one talent he had been given, as the master realised that he hadn't bothered to use it for good.

The same is true of the gifts and talents we have as individuals; the phrase I believe is, "use them or lose them!" We can either use them for the good of the people around us – family, friends, neighbours – or we can be squirrel-like and lose the skills we have. I hope you have the courage to use your God-given talents!

With Christian love

Rev Graham

**Railway Crossing:** A member of the public mentioned that the level crossing barriers appeared to be down for a long while because the trains were so frequent and busy. Is there a planning that stipulates how long a level crossing should be open? Is it possible to investigate this? Council doubted this would be possible.

**Police:** PCC virtual Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September that Cllr. Goddard will be attending. Cllr. Fraser – raised the question of having a portable speed display unit. Gt. Barford has one that works quite well. He will find out if they would lend it to us.

**EWR & A428** – Cllr. Sutton joined a (virtual) meeting on impact of work on A428 extension and how they are going to do it. He said it was a useful meeting. They would make sure a strategic route was made, so that traffic would not go to the Black Cat roundabout for the next 3 years! There was a general discussion on what will happen regarding matrix signs, diversions etc.

**Planning** - CB/21/0296/Full/Jasmine Cottage – Clerk had mentioned that the Planning Support Document's observations about Station Road being a quiet road with little traffic and lots of parking were totally wrong. The planned height of the roof had been reduced on the plan. A member of the public mentioned that there could be a problem with drainage infrastructure in the area. CB/TCA/21/004004 – Tree works Bakers Lane. Response had been sent saying that some want the tree reduced not taken down completely.

**Finance:** Invoices were presented for approval to be paid. Clerk reported on Bank Reconciliation. The Clerk and Cllr Fraser had a meeting to discuss the Budget for next year. This would be finalized in October ready for the meeting in November, as Council would have to decide on a Precept ready for January 2022. The Clerk was arranging to have Cllr. Fraser as a signatory for internet banking. The Clerk read out a letter from a new group that is being formed in the village, requesting financial help for set up. The Council asked for more precise details of what funds are needed for. The Council repeated that it is keen to support any

new group that was starting up in the village to try and bring the community together.

**Playground** – The Clerk had arranged for contractors to give quotes for repairing and replacing the fence at the small play area in Station Road. The Clerk had contacted Kompan regarding the small springer in Church Street. One of the goal posts had been removed from Church Street, to stop children kicking the ball over the nearby gardens.

**Next Meeting** – the next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Stuart Memorial Hall at 19.30 hrs.

*Linda Collins : Clerk to the Council*



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**Blunham and District Gardening Club.**  
**Blunham Village Hall, MK44 3NN.**

The November meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30 pm. Our speaker will be Anne Godfrey talking about Some like it Hot (choosing plants that will cope with full sun and drought). Visitors are welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you wish any further information contact Brenda Leaf 01767 640623.