

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 19.30  
HRS. 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. Joe Lawrence	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Tracey Wye	CBC Councillor
Linda Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	Non attended.

Action

<p><b>1. Apologies</b> No apologies were received.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of interest</b> None received.</p>	
<p><b>3. Acceptance of Minutes</b> Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022, were approved by Council, and signed and dated by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4. Public Session</b> 1. Chairman wanted to mention about Station Yard problems and correspondence received. He wanted to organize a separate meeting with concerned residents from Station Yard, to go over the information received. Councillor Lawrence said it would help greatly if the units were correctly registered and named. Also, acknowledgement that there was a cannabis factory in one of the units. CBC Councillor Wye spoke that, the trouble with CBC is that there is nothing in Council law to go down there and sort it out. There is nothing in planning control, rates etc. Councillor Fraser – We need to find out what is expected of Tempsford Parish Council to do about it and then we can work to try and achieve that. Resolution: - To organize a meeting with residents mentioned and find out what they would like us to achieve. 2. Letter from resident regarding small piece of land near the post box in Station Road. At the moment cars just park on it, since the bollards were removed. Some park across the pathway, churn up the grass and it general looks a mess. He wondered if it could be made into a green space again, bollards put back, plant bulbs or wild flowers to make it visually appealing. After discussion which included, the fact that parking is needed in that area, although it was suggested as one of the sites to put a tree in for the “queens canopy”. It was suggested to contact CBC regarding making a proper parking area but keeping a small area near the path/letterbox to plant a flowering cherry tree or such like.</p>	<p align="center"><b>DS AND CLERK.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>DS/AB/ Clerk.</b></p>
<p><b>5. CBC</b> Cllr. Tracey Wye was in attendance. We had asked for an update on a few matters: - 1. Street and pavement maintenance – patching on the road across the level crossing, had taken place. Potholes needed to be done still. TW said there had not been an update, Cllr. Sutton asked that she chase up about the pathways not being done, they had been asked to be done since 2007. 2. Tempsford children at Roxton School – CBC do not contribute to Roxton school just because Tempsford children attend there, other than pupil premium and transport.  Cllr Wye asked if Tempsford was going to have a “warm space”. It was felt that there was not a good place in the village for such a space only the village hall, which would mean people walking a distance in the cold to get there. It was suggested if the Sprinter bus could possibly take people to a warm space, either in Tempsford, or Sandy, as the Library was a “warm space”. It was suggested that a list of food banks could be put on Community Facebook/Parish Council Facebook.</p>	<p align="center"><b>DS</b></p>
<p><b>6. Finance</b> The below invoices were presented for payment. Approved for payment by Council.</p>	

Royal British Legion	2 poppy wreaths.	£40.00	
Mark Zwetsloot	Oct grass, laurel hedge	£885.00	
Steve Cooney	Paint play area B&Q		
Steve Cooney	Plaques Engravity.		
Linda Collins - Clerk	October salary		
Total		£1419.77	
<p>We usually give an extra donation to the British Legion. Do you wish to this year? It was agreed to send £50.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the cashflow and what money was left for the Neighbourhood Plan. DS and AB reported that this would now have to be paid back.</p> <p><b>Budget/Precept</b> – Cllr. Fraser explained the Budget proposal and suggested Precept for 2023/2024. A speed camera was still wanted, but this would be in the 2023 Budget starting April 2023. After discussion. <b>RESOLUTION: to increase the Precept from £15,000 to £16,000.</b></p> <p><b>S106 money</b> – The Clerk had made an investigation into S106 money, after a resident suggested some new play equipment could be purchased. It would appear we have quite a lot to claim, not only for play area but other things. Another meeting would be organised to discuss what we could purchase and to fill in the application form to apply. Some money is for open spaces and village hall.</p> <p><b>Grass cutting</b> – The Clerk was to put out for tender for the grass cutting contract in the next month, for the year 2023/24, possibly for 3 years depending on the Contractor’s tender. The specification had been sent to all Councillors, and after discussion it was agreed to reduce the cuts down from 14 to 12 a year. We also needed to include the picnic area on the specification.</p> <p><b>Resolution – to reduce cuts per year from 14 to 12.</b></p>			<p><b>Council Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>7. Transportation/Highways</b></p> <p><b>Potholes</b> – Cllr. Besant will try and get someone from the necessary department to go round with him pointing out things that desperately needs to be attended to.</p> <p>During the meeting, Tempsford list was sent to CBC again by AZ and the bad news was that nothing would be done before 23/24 as Highway plan.</p> <p><b>A428</b> – Possible idea of an alternative route from Station Road. Apparently one of the farmers owns part of the land that was suggested. Another resident thought the route was a good idea. This will have to be discussed in more detail and report to Highways our concerns.</p> <p><b>EWR</b> – Cllr. Lawrence attended the virtual meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November. He felt it was not really helpful and they seemed to have made no headway.</p> <p><b>Speed Camera</b> – it would appear that it makes matters worse when it is actually displaying the speed than when the display is not turned on. Station Rd. – 1 % difference if on or off. Church St., 6% difference and the max speed is 64. This would appear to be the UPS driver. It may be a good idea to inform UPS of this. Cllr. Besant reported that Highways have put wires across the road on Cold Harbour Road and mobile video camera.</p>			<p>DS/ Councillors</p>
<p><b>8. Station Road Yard</b> – this topic was dealt with in Public Session.</p>			
<p><b>9. Planning</b></p> <p>1. CB/22/03511/FULL 4 Ivey Close. No objections 2. Anchor Hotel, retrospective. The Council’s comments had been sent in. 3. Neighbourhood Plan – response from Kiers. This had been discussed with the Consultant advising on the Plan and they would follow her advice. Cllr. Wye said you must press forward with what Tempsford wanted – not anyone else.</p>			
<p><b>10. Police</b></p> <p>Cllr. Goddard gave a report on the Crime Commissioners AP Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Briefly: - Policing teams consists of 67 PCS and 52 PCSO’s. Working out of hubs. Beds police ranked 1<sup>st</sup> as outstanding in the country for how they deal with persistent offenders. There is 200-400 kilos of class A &amp; B drugs, street value 15-20 million pounds passing through county every month! Budget not realistic £140 million. Enormous amount of mental health cases. 12,000 calls into control room in July. In 2012 crimes were mainly burglary and car theft. Now in 2022 it is gang related, county lines, sexual abuse, modern slavery and organized crime. Cyber Crime Team is most advanced in the country. A social media academy has been set up to support a mixture of digital and face to face meetings to reach out to people. Police force is snowed under.</p> <p>Parish Council’s could get together to fund FCSO’s to share.</p>			
<p><b>11. Playgrounds</b> – topic already covered in S106 – finance.</p>			

<p><b>12. UK Power Networks</b> Cllr. Sutton reported that last month there were 6 power cuts, lasting 1-2hrs., in Church Street. Clerk to find out who we can talk to, about why this is happening.</p>	<p><b>Clerk.</b></p>
<p><b>13. Hedgehogs are Us</b> Cllr. Sutton, thought it may be good idea for the village. Council thought it would be better to possibly put it on Facebook for people to decide if they wanted to.</p>	
<p><b>14. Events</b> Millennium Garden event, not taking place this year, but probably will next year. Clerk re - checking with insurance company re-cover. Event for Coronation next year – need to start earlier, some funds would be put aside for this event.</p>	
<p><b>15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</b></p>	
<p><b>Councillor Bettles</b>, requested that we contact Anglian Water, to attend one of our meetings again to discuss the impact of extra building on the sewer system in Tempsford. Clerk will contact them.</p>	<p><b>Clerk.</b></p>

The meeting closed at 22.10 hrs, and the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Signed..... Chairperson – David Sutton.      Date.....