

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY
2022 AT 19.30 HRS IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL, SCHOOLROOM.**

Mr. Adrian Besant	Chairman
Mr. David Sutton	Vice Chairman
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Joe Lawrence	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	2

<p>1. Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr. Tracey Wye, CBC Councillor.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest None were received.</p>	
<p>3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th November 2021, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Public Session A member of the public asked if the footpath at The Anchor (Vanilla Alternative) was open. The Chairman said it was open and it should be walked on the original footpath. All the footpaths round Tempsford have been put on the Parish Council's website for people to see. Another member of the public pointed out that the footpaths in Station Road are breaking up and need something done to it. Chairman commented that he had informed CBC, had sent a list to Cllr. Zerny pointing out all paths that need attending to in Tempsford a few years ago when asked. Nothing has come of it. The member of public also mentioned that a ride on mower had been stolen from a home in Station Road – it had been broken into and driven away. The vegetation along the link road, and the road from the level crossing was badly in need of cutting, it obscures pulling out. Chairman will contact CBC again. Platinum Jubilee - Ideas were put forward – Cllr. Sutton, said he would be happy to have a Beacon in his field, with the public in the Church St., playground. Cllr. Bettles suggested we “plant” a tree for the Queen's canopy, perhaps in or near cemetery. Other places, Stuart Memorial Hall, or the orchard at Gannock Castle. Cllr. Bettles to source a tree. The new group TMUG could take the lead to organize something, for all the village. We need to do something. The Parish Council are keen to support, finance and encourage, but to totally organize the Council are not keen. Perhaps a meeting of the organizations in the village, i.e, Stuart Memorial Hall, Parish Council, and TMUG and possibly Methodist Church. It needs new people in the village to organize it as previous Jubilees were organized by groups that do not want to do it again. Letter read out from TMUG group by the Clerk regarding put advertising posters on the lampposts. Also, to decorate the lamp posts for the Jubilee. Resolution: to allow this to happen.</p>	<p align="right">AB</p> <p align="right">CB</p>
<p>5. Central Beds Council No Councillor present. Email sent to Clerk by Cllr. Wye. Clerk read it out. Summary: - She had contacted Highways Officer again regarding the speeding through the village. Hermes – if the Council or anyone wants to outline the problem, and what they would like to see happen, she will take it back to CBC again. She is working on getting the licence changed at The Vanilla Alternative to exclude under 21 years from the premises, current licence permits children under 16 inside up to 10pm (that would</p>	

probably be from the public house licence).

Tempsford Airfield – There is a strong interest in getting the Tempsford Airfield associated hut/barn protected as a site of historic importance. Some work has been done, but as I am working with CBC Officer, and he would like someone from Tempsford Parish Council to be nominated to join the group to work on the project. **Resolution: Cllr. Cooney and Cllr. Lawrence have put themselves forward for this.**

6. Finance

The below invoices were approved for payment: -

10.12.21. Stuart Memorial Hall	Hire of hall 8.11.21	£18.00
31.12.21. Linda Collins – Clerk	December wages plus stamps (£9.06)	£232.04
13.1.21. Linda Collins	Microsoft Office 365 (due 12.2.21)	£59.99
Total payments		£310.03

Paid since the last meeting: -

Kompan £668.40, Poppy Appeal £100, Zwetsloot £591.00, Juliet Pennington (planters) £117.36, Linda Collins, Clerk £222.98. `MVNGeeks website £118.80. Tempsford 2000 - £50 Adam Wake

Reconciliation as at 31.12.21.

Current Account - Bank Statement £19560.98

Less o/s cheques £5273.61 **£14287.36 Cash book balance.**

Less Payment Website £118.80 **£14168.56 Balance as at 15.1.22.**

Less Ringed fences NP. £3275.05 £10893.51 Balance available to PC as at 15.1.22. (Current a/c)

Savings Account £15489.75

Tempsford 2000 £974.39

Total funds available. £27357.65

Cllr. Fraser raised the question, what can we invest in the village to improve it and open spaces. Councillors mentioned a few things that will have to be paid for in the coming year or so. There are the speed cameras we are going to purchase, at least £3000, the grass cutting contract is for renewal 2023 which may possibly increase, there could be an election. These are expenses that will have to be paid. Suggestions – new play equipment? Things that invigorate the village.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman and Cllr. Sutton meet on December 13th, 2021, with Christine Creese (Secretary) as a Neighbourhood Implementation Group to check on what we had to do to get things moving – who to contact, to check through the existing plan. Cllr. Sutton has put the NP on the village website. They also had a meeting on January 14th, 2022, to check that Alison (Consultant) knows we are moving ahead and wanting her to lead us through the next stages and how much it will cost. The NP Plan has been checked through by the Group to see if there needs to be any alterations needed since the last 2 years, so that it can be sent to the Consultees and village for 6-week consultation. Cllr. Sutton is preparing a survey monkey to receive comments and also flyers to tell people what is going on and what they will be asked to do. Intend to get things going in February.

8. Playground

The springer still has not been repaired, even though they have had the money for 2 months. Clerk will follow this up again and see if there can be a refund for the inconvenience.

Clerk.

9. Police

Crime stats sent to all Councillors. 3 incidents took place in Church Street. As no more details about incidents are allowed to us, Cllr. Fraser wondered whether we need to mention the police at every meeting. Cllr. Besant felt that we really need to let people know what is happening in the village even though we cannot do anything.

<p>Two meetings have been organised by the Police and details sent to Councillors. 1) Priority Setting meeting – 2nd February and PCC meeting 16th March. Both virtual. Cllr. Goddard will attend.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>10. Planning CB/TCA/21/00672 Works to trees in Conservation area - Gannock Castle area. No objections. Anchor Pub – The CBC planning is looking into the unauthorised development on the land. Clerk read letter from department.</p>	
<p>11. Highways Chairman gave a short report on the state of the roads regarding potholes. He has been in contact with Highways England regarding lights still off on slip road. Also trying to get CBC to do something with the tree overhanging the road near Home Farm Close. He will persevere.</p> <p>Speed Cameras The Clerk had obtained quotes from two companies, which were sent round to all Councillors. A discussion took place to which one the Council preferred. They decided on SID VARIO, so the Clerk was instructed to place an order.</p> <p>Little Barford Road – The Clerk had contacted Highways England regarding what would be happening if anything with regard to the dangerous corner where fatal accidents have taken place. No answer at this present time.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>12. Dates for next meetings It was decided by Council to share the meetings between the Methodist Chapel and Stuart Memorial Hall.</p> <p>15th March Ordinary meeting - SMH 26th April? Annual Parish Meeting – SMH. 17TH May Annual Council Meeting – Methodist Chapel 19th July Ordinary Meeting – SMH 20th September Ordinary Meeting – Methodist Chapel 15th November Ordinary Meeting – SMH</p> <p>If it is not possible to attend these meeting, if they clash with holidays, please let Chairman or the Clerk know please. The dates can be changed.</p> <p>The meeting close at 21.40 hrs. The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and attending.</p>	

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18th January 2022.

Chairman – Adrian Besant. Date: