

MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY VIRTUAL MEETING
Held on Monday 6th July 2020 at 19.30 hrs., via Microsoft Teams

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman
Mr. S. Fraser	Vice Chairman
Mrs. T. Goddard	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mr. J Donnelly	Councillor
Mr. D. Sutton	Councillor
Cllr. T. Wye	Central Beds. Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	4

Owing to the Coronavirus pandemic this is the first meeting the Council has held since March 16th, this one being a virtual meeting by Microsoft Teams. Members of the public were invited to attend via link.

Action

1.	Apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr. Chris Bettles.	
2.	Continue in present positions. This is to record that because of the Coronavirus no meeting was held to elect a new Chairman for the coming year, so it has been allowed that the present Chairman and Vice Chairman can stay in their present positions. RESOLUTION - Council agreed with this action.	
3.	Declarations of Interest No declarations were declared.	
4.	Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16 th March 2020 were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.	AB
5.	Parish Council Response to Pandemic Since March 23 rd when lockdown was introduced we as a Parish Council have cancelled our Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting, Meeting with MP Richard Fuller and ERW, all Church services have been cancelled, village hall closed, all village clubs ceased. The Parish Council set up a support group, with the Clerk as co-ordinator and she managed to have 11 volunteers who were willing to help out in anyway with, shopping, getting prescriptions or what anyone required. As a village Tempsford actually made sure that all those vulnerable were looked after. The village came out on a Thursday night and clapped for the NHS which helped those not seeing anyone. The village also celebrated VE Day which was a good effort. The Parish Council will continue to keep in touch electronically and hold virtual meetings until such time we can meet face to face. Public Session Tempsford Football Club – A resident – in fact, the instigator of Tempsford Football Club wanted to let Tempsford Parish Council know	

	<p>Another invoice had been received from Mark Zwetsloot for June cutting £820.00.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 309 1220 512"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Bank Reconciliation 30.6.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash book balance</td> <td>£26,950.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings a/c</td> <td>£15486.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tempsford 2000</td> <td>£1,345.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£43,782.46</td> </tr> </table> <p>Neighbourhood Plan have £4,296.05 ringed fenced in the account, which leaves the Parish Council £39,486.41 (cash book = £22,654.86).</p>	Bank Reconciliation 30.6.20		Cash book balance	£26,950.91	Savings a/c	£15486.50	Tempsford 2000	£1,345.05	Total	£43,782.46	
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<p>8.</p>	<p>Cemetery and Churchyard Mark Zwetsloot has paid the £60 for the damage grave so the Clerk instructed the stone mason to repair the damage and send us the invoice. There has been other damage to the cemetery and graveyard stones. Cllr. Cooney will have a conversation with him regarding the way they are working.</p>	<p>Clerk. Cllr. Cooney</p>										
<p>9.</p>	<p>Playground The ROSPA inspection has been completed for both Church Street and Station Road play areas. There is some work that needs to be done on the equipment. Clerk to source a contractor that can undertake any work that has been reported. Opening up playgrounds again - SF - We should be doing what the Government Guidelines direct us to do. JD CBC are not opening their play areas yet. A vote was taken on whether we should open our playgrounds. 4 voted yes 2 no. RESOLUTION to open play areas. To put Governmental Guideline notices up at entrance to explain what the public has to do. Put the same on Parish facebook and Noticeboards. Cllr. Sutton to do the posters and laminate.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr.Sutton</p>										
<p>10.</p>	<p>Highways Flooding – 122 Station Road. CBC have flushed the sewers out a couple of times. If it happens again, the Chairman will contact them again. Gutters are being cleaned more often. White lines have been done at the ski slope in Church Street. They have not put back the 30miles limit in Station Road. Everton Junction is bad. Footpath along A1 is very overgrown and dangerous for cyclists. Also, the footbridge needs clearing.</p>											
<p>11.</p>	<p>Central Beds Councillor – Cllr. Tracey Wye Congratulations to SMH on the money received. Cllr. Wye had looked into Hermes at the Station Yard and they are not acting illegally. The Officer is going to keep an eye on the Yard. Regarding Station Road, CBC to look into redesigning into a “Dutch” living street? CBC Councillor ward grant of £2000. Does not have to be spent on capital items.</p>											

	Cllr. Donnelly asked Cllr Wye when they would be introducing bins for garden waste. She said she would chase CBC again.	
12.	<p>Traffic</p> <p>Speed watch – this is on review. New process. Need 3 Volunteers. One person will be trained. Due to current covid19 there are no sessions but can do online. A resident is going through the process of setting up one, in hope that it can be re-established after the pandemic. There are a lot of cars parked now along Station Road and the volume of traffic has increased because of the Hermes depot. We have had a number of complaints about speeding in Station Road, not only the Hermes traffic, but residents as well.</p>	
13.	<p>Tempsford Times –</p> <p>This is being sponsored by a resident for the time being.</p>	
14.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group sent this report.</p> <p><i>We have had confirmation from Central Bedfordshire Council that all Regulation 14 submissions are being put on hold, and therefore means we're unable to progress any further at this time.</i></p> <p><i>Following the completion of Regulation 14 stage, we will be presenting the plan back Tempsford community so you can see the plan before we hold a referendum to get your approval and ensure its legally bind. We were planning for this to happen shortly after we have Regulation 14 completed. However, due to Covid-19, there have also been some important changes to Neighbourhood planning process from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government which have meant there will be no elections or referendums until 6 May 2021. This includes Neighbourhood planning referendums. These provisions will be kept under review and may be amended or revoked in response to changing circumstances. These measures will mean that our neighbourhood plan will come into force later than it would have done.</i></p> <p><i>This also means we have not spent all of our grant money we were allocated within our original time scales and therefore ordinarily would mean any money would be returned. Philip Joyce has doing a great job again, completing many complicated, not user-friendly forms to request a hold of our unspent money and we are awaiting approval of this.</i></p> <p><i>Once we have confirmation that the restrictions within Central Bedfordshire Council have been lifted, we will follow up with the Regulation 14 submissions and then present the final plan to you.</i></p>	
15.	<p>Planning</p> <p>CB/TCA/20/00288 Works to large Oak tree in Conservation Area. After discussion with Councillors, this planning application was rejected except for deadwood to be removed. This is a good old Oak Tree. RESOLUTION – Object by all.</p> <p>CB/20/01924/FULL - 37 Station Road, in conservation area, front door to be erected into old estate house. Discussion took place, and the</p>	

	<p>vote was 5 against and 1 for. This was on the basis that, it will change the look of the original estate houses. The alteration does not fit in with the other estate houses, so therefore changes the view of the houses and it opens the door for more changes to the original estate houses, so why have a conservation area? A suggestion was made that perhaps the door could go in the side as the house next door, under the alley. RESOLUTION - object.</p> <p>CB/20/02116/FULL Land to rear of 1, 2 and 3 Sawfords Meadow. Erection of two detached bungalows and associated works.</p> <p>Members of the public were at the meeting to put their objections to this planning application. A main spokes person put forward their objection based on the below summary of points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing should be built in that parcel of land in Tempsford as it is not in the village envelope. They believe the village envelope is the end of the gardens. • Building beyond what is there now was refused before because of this. • There is no parts of Tempsford, Station Road and Church Street, that go over the 2 rows of building. This is to maintain the character of the village. • If this is allowed it opens up that it can be done all over the village it sets a precedence. • Sewage problems. Since January there has been real problems with the capabilities of the sewers that is without anymore buildings. <p>The Council does not approve the building, but Cllr. Donnelly said that it is important that they all object individually, if they send it in as a group it is counted as one objection. It would be good to look at the planning website to see the reasons that will not be accepted.</p> <p>RESOLUTION – Object to application totally.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p>Public Footpath</p> <p>The Anchor footpath had been moved. The Clerk had reported this to CBC, but because of the lockdown, nothing has been done. This has not been agreed with CBC and she has been told to contact them again, which the Clerk will now do.</p>	<p>Clerk.</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Black Cat Forum</p> <p>No one attended the Forum. Cllr. Fraser informed the Council that the Charity land is still outside the development site.</p> <p>A resident had emailed the Clerk with concerns about the land Highways were thinking of using for work in relation to the Black Cat. Clerk to email resident.</p>	<p>Clerk.</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>East West Rail</p> <p>No one seem to know exactly what the surveys are for. When they come along, they do not elaborate, but mentioned newts etc. Hopefully, a meeting can be rearranged with Mr. Richard Fuller, MP and EWR as the original one was cancelled because of the virus.</p>	

19.	Anglian Water Sewer issue has been sorted. The damage done to houses are being repaired. The smell was probably caused by taking the vent pipe out. It is now being replaced.	
20.	Future meetings The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7 th September. Nearer the time, it will be decided if it is a virtual meeting or not.	

The meeting closed at 21.50 hrs. The Chairman thanked everyone that had joined in the virtual meeting and hopefully we will soon be able to have a non-virtual meeting.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Virtual Meeting held on the 6th July 2020.

Chairman - Adrian Besant.