

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 19.30
HRS IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, STATION ROAD, TEMPSFORD.**

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

	Action
<p>1. Apologies Apologies received from Councillor Tina Goddard.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest None Received</p>	
<p>3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th July 2022, were approved by Council, signed and dated by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. A428 On the Department of Transport letter to National Highways, that the Chairman had seen on the website, , page 6 item 23 also 171 – read out by the Chairman. This especially related to Station Road, when the work needs to be done over the level crossing. It greatly impacts on Station Road and would have a great affect on parking and the weight the vehicles going to be used, could damage the road. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Council should prepare another plan for getting to the other side of the level crossing there is another route that could be looked at. We as a Council and village need to have a say in this decision. Resolution: Chairman and Cllr. Bettles (and anyone else) get together and prepare a plan to put to the Highways and Department of Transport. Tempsford Charity – Cllr. Fraser informed the Council that the Charity had been told that the land will be temporary or permanently acquired.</p>	CB DS
<p>5. Public Session One of the residents attending, voiced his concern about the construction traffic coming down Station Road. Really needs to be looked into. Councillor Fraser also raised a point, that the village should be compensated for any upheaval of the village life. The same resident also mentioned that there was a lot of bushes and hedges overhanging the pathways which made it difficult to walk on the path, therefore, people were walking in the road. Perhaps a Generic letter to house owners and estate. The other resident present wanted to know if the copper beech was surviving. The Chairman it seemed to have recovered, but the hot weather did not help and the time it was planted. He has been watering it regularly. It is budding again.</p>	DS Clerk.
<p>6. CBC No Central Beds Councillor was present. Therefore, could not discuss subjects suggested. General discussion on Street Maintenance. Footpaths still not repaired anywhere. A1 meeting - The Chairman and Cllr. Besant are joining a virtual meeting on the A1.</p>	
<p>7. Neighbourhood Plan The Plan was now on the website and people are being encouraged to comment on the survey – they have until the 1st October. It was suggested to do a Countdown to the day.</p>	AB DF
<p>8. Playgrounds The ROSPA inspection has been completed and the Clerk sent the finding round to all Councillors. There was various work that needed to be done, some of which the Council could do themselves by a work party with the help possibly of residents. We could use the 15th October work party to do some of the work. We should, however, look to replace some of the equipment. It would be worth looking</p>	Clerk

into and also, we could look at getting grants, compensation re A428, lottery etc. Cllr. Cooney said he would repair some of it at the weekend in Church Street.	
<p>9. Future Investments.</p> <p>Having just discussed the play areas, this is one area that needs to be looked into. Cost of replacement equipment. Also, another speed camera if the Council thought it was worthwhile. A letter had been received from a resident, asking about the benefit of the speed camera. Gannock picnic area – replacement picnic tables. The plaques still need to be put on the tree planted in June. Cllr. Cooney had obtained a quote. Decision – go ahead with the plaques to put on the tree.</p>	SC
<p>10. Events</p> <p>Cllr. Lawrence said that the Jubilee was so successful, perhaps it would be good to think of more such events – possibly for the Coronation. The Chairman mentioned re-instating the Millennium Garden event just before Christmas.</p>	SC/DS
<p>11. Flood Tool Kit</p> <p>As this was never taken further, a general discussion on the actual need for one in Tempsford? The main flooding area is Mill Lane and the last time, it was handled well. We have sandbags and all Councillors are on a WhatsApp group for any emergencies.</p> <p>Decision: No need to get Flood Tool Kit for Tempsford at this time. Clerk to inform CBC</p>	Clerk.
<p>12. Finance</p> <p>Invoices for Playground inspections, Grass cutting, and Clerk’s salary were approved for payment. The Cashflow was presented by the Clerk to Council.</p> <p>A date would be set between the Clerk and Cllr. Fraser to discuss the Budget for year 23/24, ready for the next meeting in November. This present budget, we have not exceeded any areas, but of course we had the Jubilee which was not allowed for.</p>	
<p>13. Planning</p> <p>No Planning applications had been received at present. The Clerk had booked the Chairman onto a Planning Workshop with CPRE in November.</p>	
<p>14. Police Report</p> <p>Cllr. Goddard not present, so no report to present. Cllr. Goddard said she would hopefully attend the next Priority Meeting on 10th October. An email had been received regarding that they would be changed, and this had been forwarded to all Councillors.</p> <p>There is also an Annual Parish Council Conference on Tuesday 4th October at Flitwick, she will try to attend.</p>	Cllr. Goddard.
<p>Matters arising – a resident had mentioned to the Clerk about the grass growing out of the? drain covers which obviously mean they are blocked and if we get any heavy rain, it will not be able to drain away. Could this be reported to someone? CBC.</p> <p>Cllr. Lawrence – wondered if there were any grants available to private properties with regard to the Culvert that is at Station Cottages? The Council felt that there might be, but the Council or CBC would not provide any finance to private properties.</p>	
<p>15. Date of next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on the 15th November 2022 at THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL.</p>	

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 21.50 hrs.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20 th September 2022.	
Signed	Date.....
Chairman – David Sutton	