

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council meeting held on the 16th March 2020 at 19.30 hrs. In the Stuart Memorial Hall.

Mr. S. Fraser	Vice Chairman
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. T. Goddard	Councillor
Mr. David Sutton	Councillor (co-opted)
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Cllr. Adam Zerny	CBC Councillor
Anglian Water.	

Due to the Coronavirus, some Councillors were not in attendance. The meeting went ahead but Cllr. Fraser stood in for the Chairman as Vice Chairman. All Councillors and Clerk and visitors were distanced between each other.

- 1. Apologies** – Apologies were received from, Chairman Adrian Besant, Cllr. Donnelly, Cllr. Bettles.
- 2. Co-option of new Councillor.**
David Sutton was officially co-opted on to the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct were duly signed by Mr. Sutton and the Clerk. The Clerk will send Cllr. Sutton the link to Central Beds., website for Declarations of Interest. **Action Clerk.**
- 3. Declarations of Interest.**
Cllr. Cooney declared and interest in item 16.
- 4. Acceptance of Minutes.**
Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 was approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 5. Police Report**
Cllr. Goddard did not have anything to report.
- 6. Public Session** - No residents were in attendance, but Simon Love and Neil Roach of Anglian Water were in attendance to explain what had been wrong with Church Street sewers. The intention was for the public to be present, so that they could answer questions. Neil was the day to day engineer which is why he was at the meeting. They had changed 1150 metres of sewer in Church Street, they could have patched it up, but the best option was to reline it. They had brought along some photos and diagrams of what had been done in Church Street. Station Road was also mentioned, and Simon Love reported that something was not quite right there, and he would be following it up. It was an informative presentation and a shame that the public could not be present. However, Simon Love offered to come back later in the year for a good public meeting and they wanted to install confidence within the community. He also mentioned that they would be happy to give a donation to the village.

7. **Chairman report** - Cllr. Besant was not able to attend.

8. **Central Beds. Councillor**

CBC Councillor Adam Zerny was in attendance. He said there was nothing in particular regarding Tempsford but in the light of the present situation he was putting pressure on CBC to get supplies to communities that were in quarantine. Leaflets were being distributed into letter boxes. He was encouraging Parish Council's to bring together their community to help those in need.

If there was anything, we wanted him to find out, just to contact him.

9. **Planning**

Application received – CB/TAC/20/00106 93 Station Road, Work to trees in conservation area. Fell and replace 1 apple tree. No objections. **Resolution passed – no objections.** **Action Clerk.**

East West Rail – Councillors commented that really the events were just a PR presentation. Although a meeting for the 15th April was being arranged, it would no doubt be cancelled because of the present coronavirus situation.

10. **Highways**

Chairman not in attendance, therefore, no Highways Report. The Black Cat meeting for the 17th March had been cancelled.

11. **Green Infrastructure and Grass cutting** – Awaiting payment from CBC/BRCC for the green infrastructure money which had been paid out. The Clerk had contacted BRCC and they were surprised it had not yet been paid.

Mark Zwetsloot – He has asked if he can reduce the hedge in the cemetery to be more manageable? All Councillors agreed it was a good idea, the Clerk had already spoken to Cllr. Bettles. **RESOLUTION – agree with MZ regarding hedge. Clerk to let MZ know.**

Action Clerk.

12. **Neighbourhood Plan and Privacy Policy**

No update from the Neighbourhood Strategy Group. Privacy Policy, the Clerk had received a message from the NSG, about our Privacy Policy. Therefore, the Clerk had produced a new one that she had emailed to all Councillors. Did they think it was suitable? It was based on the SLCC recognised one. The Councillors decided they should re-read it and review it over the coming weeks. The Clerk to remind all Councillors about it. **Action Clerk.**

13. **Finances:** - The below invoices were presented by the Clerk and approved for payment:

12.2.20	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hire of Hall.	£18.00
31.2.20.	Linda Collins Clerk.	Wages.	£ 229.44
	CPRE	Membership	£36.00
	HMRC	Clerk's tax	£4.40
1.4.20	BATPC	Affiliation fees	£131.00
	Easiprint	Tempsford Times	£192.00
	Alison Eardley	Neighbourhood Plan	£462.00
	Total		£1,072.84

The Clerk had spoken to the Chairman, in isolation, and -
 Easiprint needed to be paid for the printing of the Tempsford Times = £192.
 Neighbourhood Plan Committee need a payment made to their Consultant Alison = £462.

Current a/c	£13,293.07 cash book
Savings a/c	£15,483.95
Tempsford 2000	£1,345.05
Total	£30,122.07

Neighbourhood Plan has £4,758.05 ringed fenced. As mentioned above, they require us to pay Alison Eardley Consulting £462.00, so their ringed fenced amount will be £4,296.05.
 Deducting above payments
 The amount of cash within the current account available will be £12,220.23, of which £4,296 is ring fenced for the NP. (£7,924.23 available to PC in current account plus savings and Tempsford 2000.) The Precept will be paid into the account in April.

14. Churchyard/cemetery

Cllr. Cooney reported – there was a good turnout and thanks to Cllr. Goddard for supplying the bacon rolls. A lot was achieved, but more needs to be done later when able.

15. Communication – Tempsford Times

There had been some offers of sponsoring the printing, which will be followed up after this difficult time. In the meantime, the Parish Council would have to pay for the printing. People generally in the village wanted the Tempsford Times to continue. As a new advertising manager was being sought, David Sutton mentioned that he would probably be able to take this on. To be discussed with the Editor (Adrian Besant) when able to.

16. Village Event – WW11 VE Day.

Cllr. Cooney was arranging quite a large event for July 5th which included speakers, 40's singer, small tank, food, tearoom etc. He wanted to make it a free event for the whole village so was asking the Parish Council if they would partly sponsor the event.

RESOLUTION – after discussion it was agreed to offer £500. SF and TG proposed and seconded.

Owing to how things progress with the Coronavirus, this may have to be discussed again in the future.

17. Date of next meetings. The next meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting, but due to the Coronavirus this would unlikely to be going ahead. Future dates would be discussed via email as the situation unfolded.

The meeting closed at 20.45pm Cllr. Fraser thanked everyone that attended and also for Anglian Water for coming along in the circumstances, and hopefully, we can ask them back again in the very near future.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th March 2020.

Chairman – Adrian Besant.