

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2022 AT 19.30 HRS. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD.**

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
Mrs. Tracey Wye	CBC Councillor (For part of the meeting only)
Members of the Public	3

<b>1 Apologies for absence.</b> Apology received from Adam Zerny, Central Beds Councillor.	
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b> None were received.	
<b>3. Acceptance of Minutes</b> Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4. Public Session</b> A member of the public wanted to speak about planting a tree for the Jubilee. The Chairman said that it was on the agenda next, so we would discuss it in item 5.	
<b>5. Platinum Jubilee</b> The Chairman said that a lot of ideas had been discussed, but 3 suggestions were being put forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planting a tree for the Queens Canopy</li> <li>➤ Beacon</li> <li>➤ Other events on 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. Not every day.</li> </ul> There were a lot of events happening in London, but we had to decide on our village events. Village ideas: - Planting a tree for the Queens Canopy. Cllr. Bettles suggested a tree be planted in the Stuart Memorial Hall grounds, i.e, perhaps the paddock. However, this had not been discussed with the Village Hall Committee who actually own the land and the decision would be up to them. Therefore, this needs to be done before a decision is taken. Other areas suggested for the tree planting: - Gannock Castle picnic area, which belongs to the Parish Council. This area could be developed into a nice picnic area, perhaps named Jubilee Green? The member of the public also suggested that a modest ornamental tree be planted to the left of the SOE Memorial and also may be at the top of Station Road, near the village name planter. Council thought this may not be possible as it is Highway's land. The land near the SOE is Parish Council land and would be possible. Cllr. Fraser commented that we could actually go for all 3 ideas, although the SMH would depend on the committee and position. Trees suggested - possibly 2 oaks and 2 flowering. Oaks really need to be "root ball" trees. Fun Day: - Possibly Church End play area – event leading onto Beacon in Cllr. Sutton's paddock, with public staying in play area, but able to see the beacon. Cllr. Lawrence to organize children's events, 5 a side football, tug of war, kids' games., etc. Possibility of Knotts supplying the food, porta-loos as well. Cllr. Goddard, said that if this was done on the Thursday, which is when the beacon should be, then some people will be at work? Suggest beacon on Thursday and Fun day on Saturday, either at Church Street or Stuart Memorial Hall. As no-one would commit themselves, the decision was made to have a meeting between the Parish Council, Stuart Memorial Hall, The Chapel, and the Church to decide who is doing what, basically sponsored by the Parish Council and led by them. All organizations to join in organizing. <b>Resolution. The Chairman will organize a date and invite the above organizations.</b>	Chairman

<b>6. CBC Councillor:</b> The Anchor/Vanilla Alternative - Cllr. Tracey Wye wanted to raise the point about the licence at the Vanilla Alternative/The Anchor is up for renewal and it states that under 16's are allowed into the premises up to 10pm. She felt this was not suitable for this establishment. She had instigated a process to try and get it changed. After discussion the Chairman said that they thought as a Parish Council it supports the request to have the licence changed in order to uphold the licensing objectives of protecting children from harm. Tempsford Airfield – It appears that the landowner wants to develop the airfield and barn as a historical place, so things will now go ahead to try to achieve this.													
<b>7. Neighbourhood Plan</b> Cllr. Sutton is in touch with Alison to update the plan. They hope the formal consultation will be soon. It is on the website at the moment, and it will be changed when properly agreed.													
<b>8. Finance</b> The below invoices were present for payment approval.													
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<b>Resolution</b> – above payments approved for payment.	<b>Clerk.</b>												
The Clerk presented the cashflow and bank reconciliation, presenting payments since the last meeting. <b>Internet Banking</b> – Cllr. Fraser still needed to be able to log in to authorize payments <b>Defib at Chapel</b> - Recently a resident needed to go to the Defib at the Chapel and they reported to Cllr. Sutton that as it was dark where the defib is, and it was difficult to read the numbers to open the box. Some sort of light is needed there, perhaps solar run. Cllr. Sutton said he has one and could get it fitted there.	<b>Clr.Fraser</b> <b>Clr.Sutton</b>												
<b>9. Playground</b> The refund from Kompan had been deposited into the Bank. It was £360, which meant that the springer repair cost was £308.40 instead of £668.40. The inspections of the play areas are due in May. Work will need to be done.													
<b>10. Planning</b> CB/21/01951/FULL – Sawfords Meadow. Same comments from Council as before CB/TRE/22/00/142 – Tree work. Stuart Court. No objections. CB/22/00801/Full – 156 Station Road – No objections. CB/22/00950/Full – Mill House, Mill Lane. Plans not available yet. Will decide when Councillors have viewed the plans. However, the house does need renovating.													
<b>11. Police</b> PCC Virtual meeting tomorrow, which Cllr. Goddard will attend and report at next meeting. Our local support police person, Louise Bates will be leaving the area. We presume a replacement will be appointed.													
<b>12. Highways</b> Cllr. Fraser and Cllr. Lawrence attended A1 Neighbourhood Parish Meeting. They both felt that it was not a great help to Tempsford. Cllr. Bettles, wanted to raise the matter that behind his house there is a lot of dust and pollution from the A1, and originally there should have been a fence. It needed to be raised with Highways, but he would raise it with the MP on Friday. <b>Speed Cameras</b> – Cllr. Sutton erected it for testing purposes. It is in line with his CCTV, and he can configure it from his desk. It has definitely reduced the speed down drastically and it does give lots of information. The Council suggested other places to site it, e.g outside Chapel, opposite Biggin Farm, opposite Chairman's house or at the top of Station Road. It was also suggested that at some point we may buy another one. The Council will need to insure it and put it on asset register. A similar camera on the Link Road would be good, but it may have to have permission of Highways, but it would be a good tool with which to lobby Highways. Decision: - Leave in situ for 2 weeks: Put information on website and Facebook pages: Batteries would be charged overnight: DS – will train other Councillors. Chairman report: Link Road has been repaired. Potholes still to be repaired on slip road, Church St.,													

<p>and at Everton road junction with link road.</p> <p><b>13. EWR meeting:</b></p> <p>Cllr. Lawrence attended the virtual meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February. It was more a meeting on how they are going to construct the future meetings. Basically, EWR came with their own views. Cllr. Lawrence did put over his and the Council's point of view. He is still awaiting the Minutes of the meeting, even though he has contacted them.</p>	
<p><b>14. Richard Fuller MP surgery</b></p> <p>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the SMH – 9.45-11.15 am. It has been suggested that the Ox-Cam Arc may not happen. Clerk has put posters up and it is also on the Parish Council website and Facebook page, as well the Community Facebook page. Clerk and Chairman will be down at the Hall.</p>	
<p><b>15. AOB – not usually on our Agenda but some items came up after it has been distributed.</b></p> <p><b>Fence at Cemetery</b> – the gales blew down a couple of fences and the gate to the cemetery. This needs to be attended to, so Clerk to get contractor to look at it and quote. Also, a couple of posts round the Memorial Green have rotted at the bottom and need replacing.</p> <p>Cllr. Sutton – has raised concerns that our CBC Councillor does not attend meetings. This is the first time one has attended since 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 which was a virtual meeting. We really should have one at least. It was decided that the Chairman and Clerk would approach the Councillors to discuss and resolve any problem.</p>	<p style="color: red;">Clerk</p> <p style="color: red;">Chairman/ Clerk.</p>
<p><b>16. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the <b>Stuart Memorial Hall</b>. We hope that Richard Fuller will also attend that meeting, so it will be advertised to encourage people to attend.</p> <p>The next Council meeting after that will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 which is the Annual Council Meeting, and will be in <b>The Methodist Chapel</b>.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21.50 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Chairman – Adrian Besant

Date: