

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT  
19.30hrs. IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD.**

Mr. David Sutton	Chair
Mr. Adrian Besant	Vice Chair
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Tracey Wye	Central Beds Councillor.
Linda Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	None

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> No apologies were received.</p>	
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest.</b> None were received.</p>	
<p><b>3. Acceptance of Minutes</b> Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4. Public Session</b> There were no residents in attendance, but Adrian Besant (Cllr) as a resident wanted to ask the Council what their thoughts were on the Methodist Church being closed. The Methodist Church belongs to the Methodist Circuit, the village raised the money for it to be built. It is sad it should now be closed. Could it be used for something else. The Council discussed various suggestions, Parish Rooms, somewhere to be used for Counselling when not able to use SMH, but it still needs maintenance etc. Proposal – if the fact it has closed is not public knowledge, we should make it known and find out what residents think. Cllr. Besant to talk to Methodist Chapel first see what plans they may have, and publicise in Tempsford Times.</p>	<b>Cllr. Besant</b> .
<p><b>5. Central Beds Councillors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Road and pavements</b> – Station Road pavements have been marked and will be done shortly. There is a new head of Highways now. Cllr. Zerny has made Tempsford high on list.</li> <li>➤ <b>Planning</b> – the Chairman thanked Cllr. Wye for the help with the planning re Wheatsheaf public house. We may need her help again in the near future with it. Needs to be sold at a sensible price to be used as a public house which we made need CBC help with, it is not going concern at moment. It should not be lived in as it is not being used as a pub and is not a domestic house.</li> <li>➤ <b>CBC – complaint received by Cllr. Wye re cars at level crossing</b> –</li> </ul> <p>The below is a reply that Cllr. Wye received from CBC concerning the continued line of cars that wait to go into Hermes distribution depot:-</p> <p><b>“Whilst I can appreciate this is a frustration to residents we have inspected and note that the cars do not appear to be causing issues and there is ample room for cars to pass. We also expect vehicle movements to be low so, currently, this does not look like a critical safety issue. We have also checked our collision data and there have been no reported incidents at this location in the last five years. We will of course continue to monitor the situation and we will speak to business to ensure cars are parked respectfully.”</b></p>	



**6. Election**

- Clerk had received nomination papers from CBC which need to be completed by anyone wanting to stand in the election on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Notice of Election has been posted on social media and on the noticeboards.
- Clerk will take any completed forms to CBC for checking on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Clerk**

**7. Open Spaces**

- **Grass cutting contract** – A discussion took place on all the three tenders received and what each Councillor thought about the costs. A vote was taken, and it was 5 to Mark Zwetsloot and 2 to another contractor. **Resolution – Contract awarded to MZ, for a year contract.**
- **S106** – This application needs to be presented this week. Clerk will complete application forms for the 3 areas. Cllr. Lawrence to send pictures to Clerk for goalposts etc. Cllr. Bettles to get quote for BBQ.
- **Tree in Station Road** – Estate still saying it belongs to Parish Council. Cllr. Bettles has looked at the area and says it is Estate land and he is happy to meet the Estate (Robin Clarke) to discuss this. Sometime ago, a large branch fell down onto the Parish Council's fence that had to be replaced and the Estate paid for this to be repaired. They must have thought it was their tree on their land at that point. Clerk to check previous correspondence to refer Estate to and push again for them to have the work completed.
- **Fence in football play area, Station Road.** It was discussed whether to replace with green mesh as the rest of the site is or wood. It was suggested that we look at the insurance policy to see if we are covered.

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**8. Transport**

Cllr. Besant had a meeting with Scott Terry to look at pavements and the area near the post box. It is CBC land and he thought it was a good idea and parking space was needed. He would measure it up and give us a design to look at and agree.

**Pavements** – The list had been sent to Adam Zerny twice. The areas have been marked this week. However, Church Street will not be done this year! **Lighting** – to look at lighting, 6 lights were not working. One in Station Road, near Lambcourt Farm. **Trees** – have been felled on the link road. **Bollard** on link road has been knocked over and a temporary sign to show this is in place. **Road** near Everton Junction is very dangerous and urgently needs repair.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A428 and EWR – no update on either.</li> <li>➤ Speed Camera - Other Councillors need to be trained to use the camera. Chairman to organize. Average speed in Church Street is 59mph!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Planning</b>  <b>CB/23/000633/LB</b> – 65 Station Road. Listed building. Removal of existing roof tiles and replacement with handmade tiles to match tiles approved for new extension. <b>Resolution – No Objections.</b>  <b>Wheatsheaf Public House</b> – Closed for objections now. Awaiting decision.</p>	
<p><b>10. Neighbourhood Plan</b>  The End of Grant Report has been submitted and the remaining money of the grant has to be returned. This will be actioned this week. Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Sutton still need to respond to Kiers. Once this is sent and amendments to the draft plan confirmed we will be able to progress to Regulation 16 Consultation.</p>	<p><b>AB</b> <b>DS</b></p>
<p><b>11. Police</b>  Priority settings email was sent round. Cllr. Goddard explained that we need to have problems to put to the Police. It was suggested “prevent drug abuse”.</p>	<p><b>TG</b></p>
<p><b>12. Annual Parish Meeting</b>  Anglian Water and Highways will attend the APM. Richard Fuller MP could not attend on this occasion. Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Sutton to discuss agenda.</p>	<p><b>AB</b> <b>DS</b></p>
<p><b>13. Coronation Event</b>  Cllr. Sutton is Chairing the Event’s organisation. Below is a summary of what has been organised so far. Things organised since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bouncy Castle</li> <li>• Bar</li> <li>• Fish and Chip Van</li> <li>• Toilets</li> <li>• Hay Bales</li> <li>• Rev Graham – Opening and Blessing of Tree</li> </ul> <p>5-A-Side Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately Joe was unable to attend the meeting, Could we please get an update on the 5-a-side planning as we need to work out timings and the medals</li> </ul> <p>Kids Games / Races</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tina and Dave have this all-in hand and will tailor the games based on who we get attending and the weather.</li> <li>• They will also run the “Chuck-A-Duck” competition where people buy a numbered duck for £1 and at the end of the event or when sold we will call out the number’s bingo style, they will then chuck their duck which will be collected and the last number remaining wins 50% of what we take.</li> </ul> <p>Gazebos – We will need a number of Gazebos for the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St John Ambulance – if we have them.</li> <li>• Tea &amp; Coffee</li> <li>• Biscuit Decorating</li> <li>• Bar</li> <li>• Sound System – Control Point</li> </ul> <p>Things required on the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water – David/Hayley</li> <li>• Power – David/Hayley</li> <li>• Volunteers!!</li> </ul> <p>Things to do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design Mugs – David/Adrian</li> <li>• Compile Mug order after 18<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Order medals</li> <li>• Create Timetable of the day</li> <li>• Advertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Volunteers on the day</li> <li>○ To encourage people to bring a picnic and a chair.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Art competition
- Fancy Dress competition
- Apply for National Lottery Grant – by 24<sup>th</sup> March Linda/David
- St John Ambulance – Parish Council to discuss and decide at meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Follow up:

- Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 to check we are on track at SMH.
- Final decision on weather contingency to be made on the Wednesday before the event.
- Also, a Grant from National Lottery was being applied for.

St. John's Ambulance – although the Clerk had put in an order for the St. John's ambulance to attend, it was not confirmed until we replied to the email order. Cllr. Lawrence had come forward with his First Aid capabilities because of training for his football team. After a discussion it was decided not to confirm the St. John's Ambulance order (£197) and to let Cllr. Lawrence to do it. Clerk to cancel the order with St. John's. **Resolution – Cancel St. John's Ambulance cover.**

Clerk.

#### 14. Finance

The Clerk presented invoices to be approved for payment.

	Stuart Memorial Hall – hire 15.11.22.	£27.00
	Linda Colins – Clerk salary February 2023	
	Julie Pennington – plants for boxes.	

Bank Reconciliation as of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Current Account	11307.96
Savings	15519.53
Tempsford 2000	<u>974.39</u>
	27801.88

- **Grant** – Tempsford Museum is holding an Armed Forces Weekend in July, this was previous going to be held in 2020, but was cancelled because of Covid. However, a grant was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. The resolution was to award £500. The Museum is now asking if this can now be carried forward for this July as they intend to hold the event. A vote was taken and all 7 Councillors agreed that could be approved. **Resolution – to approve the Grant of £500 for the event, which would a free entry event.**
- **Tempsford Times** – David Sutton was thinking of stopping funding the Tempsford Times, which he has done for a few years now. In actual fact the advertisers should fund the printing, which has not been happening. The cost is £200 every two months. We need to find someone to take over getting advertisers and invoicing them for the cost. Suggest advertising in the Tempsford Times for such a person.

Clerk

#### 15. Next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Annual Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting closed at 21.55 hrs, and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Signed..... Chairman - David Sutton. Date.....

