

**Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council Ordinary Virtual Meeting
Held on Monday 7th September 2020 at 19.30 hrs., via Microsoft Team**

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
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Cllr. Adam Zerny	Central Beds. Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	2

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

Action

1.	Apologies for absence. No apologies received.	
2.	Declarations of Interest Cllr. Sutton declared an interest in item. 11 – planning.	
3.	Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6 th July 2020 (Virtual) were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.	Signed 14.9.20.
4.	Public Session No items to discuss at Public Session. Residents present are for items 5 and 6.	
5.	Police Report No report from Cllr. Goddard regarding police. A member of the public attended to express concern about what is happening at Church Street. Julia Hobson Cooper has taken over from Sharon Wood on the Community Safety Partnership. The resident was advised to keep a diary of activities in Church Street, which she has done, and she has shared this with Julia, but has heard nothing since. It has been quieter over the last week or so. The police have also been about more. Cllr. Sutton had spoken to the truck drivers and they said they had not caused the problems. The pub and cars recently had eggs thrown at them. Perhaps CCTV could also be used to monitor activities. Cllr. Donnelly also pointed out that the trees overhang the lights in Church Street and need to be cut back, as it naturally makes it dark there. The residents nearby are happy to cut the trees back, as they are in their garden. Trees on the other side also need trimming back. There is a lot of rubbish left about down there. Highways Cleansing Department will clear up the mess hopefully, they tend not to go right to the end of the	Chairman

	<p>road near the SMH. The chairman will contact CBC and ask them to clean right to the far end of the road near the hall.</p> <p>A community Spring Clean in the Autumn could be arranged again.</p>	
6.	<p>Speedwatch</p> <p>A new resident has taken over as Speedwatch Co-ordinator. She has not been contacted by David Pennington, who is the original co-ordinator. Adrian will find out about the training sessions for the new co-ordinator. There are also another 4 residents who have offered to undertake SpeedWatch. There is also speeding in Church Street as well as Station Road. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to David as outgoing organiser for all that he has done.</p>	Chairman
7.	<p>Highways</p> <p>Flood area round 122 Station Road – Gulley backed up and water filled the road up to the kerb and over into the driveway. Chairman had spoken to Scott Terry (CBC) and he said the gulley was to be flushed and cleared. Anglian Water to inspect sewer in centre of road. Manhole cover in path leads to chamber which is “broken” - inspection is needed. Level of gulley opposite 122 is above road surface – this needs to be lowered. There are also several small potholes further along Station Road to be filled. The Chairman also pointed out that the 30mph roundel at the entrance to Station Road, still has to be repainted. The surface of C54 (Little Barford Road) at Junction with Everton Road is breaking up and needs to be resurfaced.</p> <p>Turning Circle</p> <p>17.8.20, workman turned up, the Parish Council had not been informed or shown any design which they were told would happen. Residents were concerned about what was to happen, although it had been put in the Tempsford Times last year when we applied for the Rural Match Funded Capital Scheme. The Chairman spoke to the workmen and were surprised to see that in the end chippings were used instead of tarmac. It has been explained to residents that this is a turning area not for parking, although it is possible to park away from the play area where the turning should be. The Chairman has emailed CBC to say about the surface and ask them to meet him on site, but he has not received any reply to date.</p> <p>Suggestions - Some sort of signage perhaps needs to be put there to explain that it is a turning area and not to block the turning space. Letter to occupants near to explain why the area has been surfaced and kerbed. Inform bus company to come and look at the area and see if it can be used to turn the school bus on. Inform residents that the buses will be turning between such and such time.</p> <p>RESOLUTION – get the bus company to come and look at the turning point.</p> <p>Footpath – between The Anchor and SMH – needs to have the weeds and plants cut back as difficult to walk and cycle along. Also, the overbridge needs clearing.</p>	7.

	<p>Black Cat – The Consultation was completed in July based on changes to permanent acquisitions. Some land was going to be used near the SMH to enable a large matrix sign to be erected, but it would not be a permanent acquisition. Cllr. Fraser commented that The Charity land was still not in the development.</p> <p>Anglian Water – They have now decided that adding the air vent will not make any difference. They are supposed to be monitoring the odours. The A1 pumping station is pumping more from Blunham than before. A faulty pump in the A1 pumping station has been repaired. Council expressed concern about the increased amount of building at Blunham is now adding to the amount of sewage having to be pumped away.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>EWR</p> <p>It seems to have gone quiet, but the Chairman did join in with another virtual meeting, concerning Stage 2 – developing the route alignment, surveying land which will result in another consultation in the New Year. (Stage 3 – Choosing preferred alignment option will take place in 2021/22. Stage 4 – securing development consent in 2022/24, and Stage 5 – Construction 2025.) Questioning were raised about land surveys, helping to understand the environmental conditions of the area and about where Cambourne station should be placed. They suggested that all Parishes work together to clarify their needs and present them again to EWR. Chairman suggested Tempsford needs to contact Wyboston, Roxton and Blunham Councils to meet and discuss our particular situation.</p> <p>EWR did encourage us to write, talk etc., to them if you have any problems, they want to “talk” to people.</p>	<p>Chairman.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>CBC</p> <p>Adam Zerny from CBC – spoke of the new Planning Consultation that the Government is pushing forward to make it easier for developers. It would appear that anything goes. If something in the local plan is not yet signed off, the developer may not have to seek outline planning. This could be potentially disastrous. It is difficult for the public to comment on it. Need to be watchful.</p> <p>Pavements and roads – preparing plan for next year of areas that need to be re-surfaced. If there are areas in Tempsford to get officers out to look – Chairman to get a list to Adam what needs to be done so he can put them on the list.</p> <p>EWR – it did not get put on “at risk” list of the government, so not likely to be cancelled.</p> <p>Govia – Agreed to introduce flexible ticket at Sandy and Biggleswade.</p> <p>Cllr. Fraser asked about uptake on the grant – Adam said had a few but none from Tempsford.</p>	

10. Finance

The Clerk asked if the below invoices could be approved for payment.

31.8.20	George Elwes re internal audit	£50.00
31.7.2020	Linda Collins July wages plus expense for ink cartridges.	£245.66
1.9.20	Mark Zwetslook – August cutting	£820.00
2.9.20	Jim Donnelly re website.	£25.20

Resolution – Invoices approved for payment.

Paid since last meeting: -

Julie Cambridge £20 flowers regarding covid volunteer, Geere & Pepper grave damage £60.00, Maskearaid re sanitation for play area £23.98, Zwetsloot grass cut July £820, Chq Juliet Pennington re plants for planters, £16.98. L. Collins June wages £222.78. Deposits £300 for interment.

Bank Reconciliation 31.8.20.	
Cash book Balance	£23,499.83
Savings	£15,486.50
Tempsford 2000	£1,345.05
Total	£40331.38

Neighbourhood Plan have £4296.05 ringed fenced in the account which leave the Parish Council **£36035.33**.

Cash book liquid cash = £18062.92 after payments.

Cllr. Donnelly – how is the internet banking going for authorisation?

Clerk explained that she was still having difficulty trying to get Lloyds to do this. She had been into the Bank at St. Neots and they said they could not do it, she had to go back to the phone and do it which she will endeavour to do. At present the Clerk pays by BACS and then takes the payments etc., to the Chairman to sign off.

Cllr. Fraser - when do we do the Budget again? The Clerk said this would be November and she would arrange a date with Cllr. Fraser for this.

11. Planning

There were no recent planning applications to present. However, Cllr. Donnelly asked that when the Clerk sends round the information by email for any planning applications, that each Councillor replies “to all Councillors”, so that other Councillors know what has been said and that everyone has put their objection or no objections in, before the Clerk sends the email to CBC.

The Clerk pointed out that a planning application that the Council objected to had been passed. CB/20/01924/FULL.

12. Playground

Cllr. Sutton reported on problem with balls going into resident garden.

Cllr. Sutton had been to see the residents to discuss the matter. It is a difficult situation – the goal posts at the other end near Gannock Castle

	<p>do not get used because the ball gets lost down there. The other end, they must kick it really hard to get it over the high fence and into the garden. Nets would not stop this. After discussion, Councillors decided to try and move the posts halfway down the field, so that they would be further away from the fence. The other idea was to add to the height of the fence.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: - move goal posts halfway down the field. Clerk to write to residents.</p> <p>Sanitation of playground – this had been done but would need to be done at least once a month – the cost will be £23.98 a month which 2 x 5 litre canisters.</p> <p>The Clerk asked if this could be agreed by Council. It was agreed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: - to spend this amount on sanitation. Also look to see if anyone does other chemicals.</p> <p>Work for playgrounds</p> <p>The Clerk was sourcing a contractor who could do the work. The Reports need to be looked at again by the Chairman and Clerk, so she can make a list of work that most needs to be done.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk.</p> <p>Chairman and Clerk.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Churchyard/Cemetery</p> <p>The Chairman read out a letter from Rev. Buckle regarding Little Barford churchyard and cutting of the grass and rabbit problem. The Chairman had replied to this letter explaining that Little Barford was in Bedford Borough and not Central Beds so therefore, Tempsford Parish Council did not receive any precept for work in Little Barford. He suggested he approaches Bedford Borough, or the Historic Church Trust. The Chairman would ask a resident who can deal with the rabbits in Tempsford. Council approved of the Chairman’s reply.</p> <p>Cllr. Donnelly asked when there was going to be another “community work party” in the cemetery and millennium garden. This would be general work and planting of wildflower bulbs etc. It was decided that it would be on October 10th and 11th, Saturday and Sunday, so that residents could come along on either or both days. Time from 9am-2pm and they could come for as little or as long as they wish. Refreshments would be provided.</p> <p>To be advertised on the website and Facebook and flyers distributed. Also, on the notice board.</p> <p>A new gate had been put at the Millennium garden (near memorial green) in memory of a resident, who kindly paid for it together with a plaque.</p>	<p>Chairman.</p> <p>Clerk, SC, JC, SF, Chairman.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan - no update.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Permissive Path</p> <p>Robin Clarke had been in contact with the Clerk and suggested the 6th October or 5th November for a meeting. 6th October was decided, so the Clerk will email him and let him know that date is preferred. However, the Council has already decided against the License they wish the Council to enter into. The Chairman and Cllr. Sutton would attend the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk.</p>

16.	Date of next meeting. November 16 th as originally agreed at the beginning of the Council year. Again, it will be decided nearer the time if it is a virtual or actual meeting in the Hall.	
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The meeting closed at 21.25 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 7th September 2020.

Chairman - Adrian Besant.