

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd September 2019 at 19.30 hrs. In the Stuart Memorial Hall.

Mr. A. Besant	Councillor
Mr. J. Donnelly	Councillor
Mr. C. Bettles	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. T. Goddard	Councillor
Mr. S. Fraser	Councillor.
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Cllr. Tracey Wye	CBC Councillor
Members of the public	2

The present Chairman, Mr. Adrian Besant, opened the meeting at 19.30 hrs.

1. **Apologies** – Apology received from Cllr. Filby.
2. **Declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were received.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes**
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th July 2019 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Police Report**
Cllr. Goddard was unable to go to the Priority meeting. However, she is going to ask residents via the Village Facebook page for suggestions as to what they thought Tempsford Priorities should be. She will be going to the Annual Meeting and will report on that at the next meeting.
5. **Public Session.** - members of the public did not want to speak.
6. **Open Spaces.**
Green Infrastructure funding is still available.
Planters – A resident gave a presentation regarding her idea of the planters suggested for under the Tempsford signs. Main points: -
 - To have the soil away from the oak posts so design changed slightly to have two planting areas.
 - Keeping planting areas tidy and well planted. The resident said she was happy to keep doing this for 2-3 years, then she suggests someone else takes over. Councillors showed concern about this. It was suggested that a piece was put in the Tempsford Times asking for a volunteer.
 - If it goes ahead, the resident wanted a budget to keep to. The Council suggested not more than £1000. (Cheaper to dig out with a spade and not digger.)
7. **Planning**
Station Yard – A detailed discussion took place with Cllr. Tracey Wye. There is some query as to the actual use of the yard, whether there has been change of use or not. Cllr. Wye and residents have been in contact with CBC (Richard Proctor).
The resolution made was that the Council support Station Yard residents and write to CBC.

Station Road- volume of traffic – following on from the above, it was suggested we contact a previous Councillor for advice and information regarding lorries weight size etc permitted to go down Station Road. **Clerk to Action.**

Footpath – Permissive access Esme/Holme Wood – The Clerk had received a telephone call from Strutt and Parker, Mr. Robin Clarke asking if we had a licence for the permissive access. She explained about not having all documents from previous Clerk. However, the Clerk had spent some time looking at old Minutes and it seems this was suggested in 1993. Nothing came of it, as Council did not agree with what the estate managers, Smith Wooley wanted at that time. There has always been a sign at the entrance to the wood saying it has Permissive Access, but that seems to have disappeared.

Roxton Footbridge – The Clerk had contacted CBC regarding the closing of the footpath through Ouse Farm to the Lock. CBC (Christopher Dorow) said he could take the sign down, but it would be a long time before the work on the Roxton footbridge was finished.

9. Highways

White lines still need marking out on the “ski slope” in Church Street. The Chairman regularly contacts CBC regarding any highway problems.

A428 (“Black Cat” follow up from public Consultation)– Meeting on 30.9.19. Two representatives from the Parish Council could attend. Cllr. Besant and Cllr. Fraser offered to attend.

10. CBC Councillor

Apart from the previous discussion, there was nothing to add for Tempsford. Cllr. Wye said no decision had yet been made for East/West Rail route. There is a Ward Councillor Grant that will become available. Cllr. Wye had a briefing on how it is going to work, but she will notify us about it when she has more information.

11. Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk read out a Report from Andy Bennett: -

“The plan is a good place and currently being reviewed by our external consultants. Next steps: - Review mapping that has been completed by mapping consultant. Clarify with CBC if Strategic Environment Assessment Screening is required. Review and provide feedback on the draft plan. Consult with CBC to get feedback on draft plan prior to it being officially submitted.”

12. Finance: - the below invoices were approved for payment: -

Date	Payee	Details	Amount
23.7.19.	S. Cooney re Coopers	Pest Ultrasonic devices	£44.97
7.8.19.	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hire of hall, April, May, July.	£62.00
31.8.19.	L. Collins.	Clerks wages August	£215.77
11.9.19.	Centrewire	Kissing gates	£1224.00
1.9.19	Mark Zwetsloot	August grass cutting.	£714.00
Total			£2260.74

Invoices paid since last meeting: -

Mark Zwetsloot – July cutting	£664.00	
Linda Collins – July wages	£215.77	
Alison Eardley Consulting	£2400.00	Re: Neighbourhood Plan
Central Beds re Uncontested Elec	£61.14	

Since the last meeting we have also received:

£440.62 Vat refund

£600.00 Cemetery income

£135.00 Tempsford Times advertising income.

Bank Reconciliation as at 31.8.19.	
Current Account	£24,713.32 Bank Statement No.23
Less o/s chq.	£2,400.00
Cash Book Bal	£22,313.32
Savings Account	£14,580.02
Tempsford 2000	£1,261.05
Total	£39,054.39

Neighbourhood Plan - £4821.00 ringed fenced. Therefore, the Council's Cash available is **£34233.39**.

Tempsford Football Club – The Clerk read out a letter of thanks for the grant.

Grant Application – St. Peter's Church have requested a grant towards the heating in the church. It was agreed by Council that more information is needed (as does any grant request) before an amount would be decided on.

Budget - Councillor Fraser and the Clerk would meet sometime in November to discuss the future Budget.

- 13. Play Area** - New Springer has now been installed. Awaiting claim from Insurance company now.

Kissing Gates – Cllr. Cooney presented the quote from the contractors to install the kissing gates £713.00.

Vote taken – Proposed by Cllr. Donnelly to accept quote, Seconded by Cllr. Besant. Instruct Contractors to go ahead and install gates. **Action Cllr. Cooney.**

Tree in Gannock House – This is being removed in the next week or so.

- 14. Churchyard/Cemetery** – It was suggested at the last meeting that a work party be organised to tidy the Church yard. The date decided was Saturday 16TH NOVEMBER. Cllr. Cooney to organize a shredder and Cllr. Besant will put it in the Tempsford Times to encourage residents to come and help as well.
The Clerk read out a letter from a relative of one of the graves in the old cemetery, who wished to have sole responsibility of the grave. A letter was sent from the Council to him to grant this.

15. Remembrance Day –

The Chapel and St. Peter's Church together are organising this service. The Clerk reported she had ordered two poppy wreaths.

16. Communications

Letter read out by Clerk she had received, regarding walking dogs down the road where no footpath. Facebook – quite a lot of people seem to like the page.

17. Date of next Meeting - 18th November 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hrs. and thanked everyone for their contribution.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 23rd September 2019.

Chairman – Adrian Besant
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Dated – 18th November