

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 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. Sam Knott	Councillor
Mrs. Tammy Giddings	Councillor
Linda Collins	Clerk
Adam Zerny	Central Beds Councillor.
Members of the Public	One resident.

<b>Details - Chairman welcomes everyone to the meeting.</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. It was agreed to register a small piece of land near the play area to the Parish Council. Clerk to contact the Parish Council's solicitor.	<b>Clerk.</b>
<b>2. Declaration of Office</b> The Chairman officially welcomed Cllr. Tammy Giddings. She then signed the Declaration of Office and Code of Conduct.	
<b>3. Apologies</b> No apologies were received.	
<b>4. Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were received.	
<b>5. Approval of Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, were approved, and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>6. Public Session</b> A member of the public requested to talk about 3 subjects: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Could a work party be organised to tidy the paths in the Church Yard at St. Peter's. This could be done later in the year when the weather is better.</li> <li>➤ A work party for paths where some hedges had been cut. Earth on the path. This area mentioned belongs to the Estate and also the Highways. Cllr. Besant had in the past spoken to CBC also about paths being overgrown by hedges and was told it is for the residents to keep it clear as it was their hedges. Would speak to Estate regarding the hedge area.</li> <li>➤ Could PC talk to Anglian Water re donation to the Church. This we may be able to do.</li> <li>➤ Bell ringing. There would be bell ringing at the Church more often soon, as Blunham are having their bells repaired and they will have to practise at Tempsford. Council agreed to help publicise this, so that residents were aware.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk.</b>
<b>7. Central Beds Council – Adam Zerny in attendance.</b> <b>Budget</b> – Cllr. Zerny said they had inherited a large financial deficit, which could not be covered by Council Tax. They had put in place some small savings. Clean less often, less	

<p>heating, street lighting – lower light. They also wrote to the Government for extra money and received some. Garden waste and bus subsidiaries will be retained but reviewed. They can save 2m a year on garden waste. They are going to charge for collection of garden waste – this will be £55, and a sticker will be attached to bins, that have been paid for so can be collected. There will be a flyer with the Council Tax bill when it comes out.</p> <p><b>EWR</b> - Cllr. Zerny had recently spoken to the CEO. The Chairman asked if CBC had an official stance about EWR? There is another consultation due in June. CBC say they are not in agreement with huge amounts of development, it could go to a development corporation. They are not demonstrating what people want. Labour and Conservative support the railway. They want to develop the Cambridge Bio Science area.</p> <p><b>A1</b> – Adam had written to the Road Minister and explained about all the pollution in the Sandy area. He had not received a reply yet.</p> <p><b>Anglian Water</b> – He is trying to get a summit on this problem and get a multi-Agency meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8. Clerk Resignation</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk has given her resignation in. She will finish the year end accounts so that no one else has to do them. To liaise with the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the advertisement.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b> <b>Chairman</b> <b>V.Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>9. Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>A housing needs survey should now be done again, as not done since 2009. It will cost, so we now wait and apply for another grant in April. The latest Local Plan is again calling for sites for development.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b> <b>V.Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>10. Annual Parish Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>Agencies and groups asked to attend – Stuart Memorial Hall, Museum, Charities, TMUG, Richard Fuller MP, Anglian Water and Highways. Clerk to ask the Secretary of the Tempsford Charities, Simon Fraser to come along.</p>	<p><b>Clerk.</b></p>
<p><b>11. Anglian Water</b></p> <p>The Chairman presented a “Survey of Sewage Flooding” that he had found from Ofwat. It was an interesting read and actually related to Tempsford quite a lot. He will send it round to all Councillors to read. The new water separation facility in Blunham should be in place by the end of this year and will hopefully help reduce the levels of infiltration and ultimately help Tempsford.</p> <p>The porta loos supplied should be paid for by CBC. Suggest keeping the toilets in-situ for another 2 weeks because of the weather and the levels keeping rising.</p>	
<p><b>12. Highways</b></p> <p><b>Speed Camera</b> – Cllr. Knott will take over maintaining the cameras. Link Road – there had been a lot of complaints about trying to get out of the top of Station Road, onto the link road. The Parish Council are going to ask Highways if we can have a 40mph along this area whilst the Black Cat roadworks is taking place, as the volume of traffic avoiding the Black Cat and coming along the Little Barford road has increased.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Besant</b> – The tankers are using the turning area in Station Road, but now a large pothole has appeared. CBC have not agreed to a notice yet to be put up. Cllr. Besant, say they have told him they can do the potholes easier now with a new machine? They are very bad over the A1 bridge. Another bollard has been put in the area near the post box in Station Road, plus grass seed. A small tree may be planted there as well, which was discussed at a past meeting in memory of the Queen but we need to check with CBC as this is not our land.</p> <p><b>EWR</b> – There is a zoom meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, which Cllr. Sutton will join in with.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/</b> <b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p>

<p>They are again consulting with landowners about land they may be affected. It seems that the Government is keen for the railway to go ahead.</p>	
<p><b>13. Finance</b>  Invoices were presented for payment from The Stuart Memorial Hall for hire of room for meetings, Clerk's salary for February and Wicksteed Park – new swing. They were all approved for payment. The Clerk then presented the Cash flow as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024. She also presented, deposits and expenditure since the last meeting. All on Appendix 1. Also discussed was 1) Getting Tempsford 2000 account online. 2) Possibility of new accounts package for accounts. 3) Keeping just the Budget in current account.  Grass cutting contract – The new contractors had returned the Contract along with their insurance as requested by Clerk. They should start end March – beginning of April. The Clerk will keep in communication with them to ensure smooth takeover. New combination locks have been put on the play areas. Need to get bollard keys back.  <b>Tempsford Times.</b>  Cllr. Goddard requested a copy Invoice for the Tempsford Times advertisement payments. Clerk to send one over.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>14. Crime Stats</b>  Having received crime stats = January 2024 there were 3 incidents. February 5 incidents.</p>	
<p><b>15. Planning Applications: -</b>  <b>CB/24/00169/LB</b> and Full - 65 Station Road. New Garage at rear of garden. No objections to this planning application. Clerk to inform CBC.  <b>CB/24/00348/FULL</b> – Lambcourt Farm, Station Road. Conversion of farm buildings into 2 residential dwellings. Demolition of rear modern structures, stores, tanks and erection of rear extensions. The Council object to this – they took pre-application advice for 3 houses but applied for 2 houses. Bad design. We need bungalows for older people. Sewage, drainage is still the big problem. Floods already there. It's a historic farmhouse and in a conservation area. The Parish Council will put in their objections.  <b>Wheatsheaf Public House</b> – as of meeting no decision made yet by CBC.  (Post meeting – the Application was declined.)</p>	<p><b>Clerk.</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b> <b>Clerk.</b></p>
<p><b>16. Community Responder</b>  It was agreed that this was something that we would like to investigate further and will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>17. Date of next meetings</b>  Annual Parish Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April. Annual Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May and Ordinary Meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	

Meeting closed at 21.40 hrs. Chairman thanked everyone for their comments.

<p>I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</p>	
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<p>Signed.....</p>	<p>Date.....</p>
<p>Chairman.</p>	

