

Minutes of Tempsford Parish Council meeting held on the 20th January 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. Adam Zerny	CBC Councillor
Members of the public	3

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

1. **Apologies** – No apologies were received.
2. **Declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were received.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18th November 2019 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

4. Police Report

Cllr. Goddard attended the last Priority Meeting and gave a report on the main items discussed: -

Presentation from Select Mark Security – like Smart Water but uses DNA dots.

Presentation from DI Chris Hutton part of the Digital Innovation Team. New piece of digital software, it's a live video streaming tool and in April Beds Police will be part of the first tri-forces in the country to trial it. Video footage can be used as evidence. It will enable 999 and 101 call handlers to send links to callers so they can live stream crimes as they are taking place direct to the control room. System used by NHS and cardiac response.

Cllr. Goddard spoke to PC James Hunt who covers Tempsford. Discussed residents' concerns over speeding and high volumes of traffic, haulage lorries, delivery depot, delivery cars and car sales all being at the end of the village and the problem with the increased traffic volume and large traffic but in fact was not a police issue. He would, however, try and make a brief visit to the goods yard just to remind them of the speed limit through the village.

Cllr. Goddard had asked residents via Facebook what their priorities were and only received 2 responses – speeding and vehicle nuisance. Cllr. Goddard and Cllr. Fraser to work together to put on Facebook again asking about priorities.

Speed watch – Cllr. Goddard spoke with Everton PC who provided their Speed Watch contact. We may be able to collaborate with them to re-start our one up again. We may be able to get help from Blunham as well. The resident who started it in Tempsford, commented that it is difficult to get the equipment to be able to do it.

5. Public Session.

A resident asked if the Parish Council could ask CBC to put a proper footpath notice up at the end of the Ouse Farm driveway indicating that part of the footpath is closed. The Chairman said he would follow this up. **Action the Chairman**

The Chairman suggested a litter pick within the village and date to be fixed later, perhaps at next meeting.

6. Planning – no application had been received.

7. Highways.

The Chairman gave a short report – potholes will be done when weather is better, problems with closing of roads – A1 and Little Barford.

The Clerk had contacted Anglian Water regarding the problems in Church St., and sewer pipes. Simon Love said that they were not sure when it would be completed, but they had promised to make sure the road is returned to its normal state and all cleared up. He would keep the Parish Council up to date with what was happening. It was suggested that perhaps some sort of general meeting with Anglian Water and the village to explain what is going to happen in the future, especially with all the building that is going on. **Chairman and Clerk to organize something.**

8. Green Infrastructure.

The Planters look good and now a plaque has been put on each one indicating the contribution that a resident had in making them happen. The resident asked if we could thank the contractor for his work. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk informed the Council that if they wanted any bulbs, bluebells or anything else, she would need the invoices by the 31st January. A decision was made to order, bluebell bulbs, and some more daffodils, perhaps a bench/picnic tables for Gannock Castle. **Action Clerk**

9. Central Beds. Council

Adam Zerny was in attendance - At this present time the EW rail route had not yet been decided on. Building was still going ahead in Potton. He did not have anything to say relating to Tempsford. If there was anything, we wanted him to chase, to let him know.

10. Neighbourhood Plan

No update received.

11. Grass Cutting

The Clerk reported that she had sent out tenders for the grass cutting to 3 contractors, as the present contract was coming to an end this year. Tenders to be back to the Clerk by 3rd February.

12. Finance.

The below invoices were approved for payment

08.01.20	Stuart Memorial Hall	Hall Hire.	£36.00
30.12.19.	Linda Collins	Clerk wages December.	£221.38
	Cllr. Cooney/Paul's Engraving	Plaques for planters	£50.00
	Total		£307.38

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2019.

Current a/c	£16,125.96 cash book
Savings a/c	15482.72
Tempsford 2000	£ 1261.05.
Total	<u>£32,869.73</u>

Neighbourhood plan has £4,758.05 ringed fenced. Deducting above payments if approved and the NP money the present cash available to the PC is £ 27,804.30.

13. Churchyard/Cemetery

Cemetery hut – there is lot of ivy on the hut. Cllr. Donnelly did manage to cut the main root, but the rest of the ivy needs taking off. It was decided to organize a work party for the 8th February 2020. 9 am – 12 mid-day. Cllr. Cooney would organize flyers for the village. Put on facebook page.

14. Casual Vacancy

Mr David Sutton applied for the casual vacancy and attended the meeting. Emails had been sent to Councillors with Mr. Suttons application so that they could read it before the meeting.

Mr. Sutton was asked by the Council if he was still interested in becoming and Councillor and he said he was. The Council would discuss the matter after the meeting had closed.

15. Communications

Facebook seemed to be working. Cllr. Fraser wanted a specific topic that would be of interest to residents that could be advertised at least 2 weeks before the meeting, to encourage more people to attend meetings. It was decided to try and do this when a topic of interest was raised. Next meeting could be about Anglian Water?

16. Dates of next meetings

16th March, Annual Parish Meeting 21st or 22nd April, Annual Meeting 18th May 20th July, 7^h September and 16th November. There may be occasions that these dates would have to be changed.

The Chairman wanted to mention that the Tempsford Times will not be printed by Kier anymore. We therefore must find another way of printing which will cost money, as Kier did it for free.

David Sutton said he could possibly help in this matter. It will all have to be looked into and costed. Did we still want to continue with the Tempsford Times now that the Church is producing a booklet every month? Council felt the Tempsford Times was a good communication tool really.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.17 hours and thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.

The Chairman made an extra meeting when the resident who had put forward for the Casual Vacancy had left. A short discussion took place and it was agreed by all Councillors that he was a good candidate and invite him to become a Councillors.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th January 2020.

Chairman – Adrian Besant

Dated – 16th March 2020.