

**.MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT
19.30 HRS IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD.**

Mr. Adrian Besant	Chairman
Mr. David Sutton	Councillor :- V Chairman
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk.

Members of the public were present. Covid precautions were taken by public and Council.

	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence No apologies were received by the Clerk.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest. No declarations of interest were received.</p>	
<p>3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 5th July 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Appointment of a new Councillor. Two candidates had previously attended an interview. The Chairman thanked both candidates for their enthusiasm for the village and in wishing to use this by being part of the Council. He hoped that whichever of them wins the vote that they would both carry it on. There will be another chance in 18 months time a new council elected. There would be another chance. A secret ballot paper vote was taken, which the Chairman and Clerk counted. The Chairman announced the result of the vote: 4 votes to Joe Lawrence, 2 Votes to Richard Infield, and congratulated Mr. Joe Lawrence.</p>	
<p>5. Items raised at Annual Parish Meeting Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Sutton commented that he had heard a lot of people in the village asking what was happening about the Plan. He felt that the Parish Council should have control of the Group. Parish Council should take Chairmanship of the group or at the least have another Councillor back on the Committee, as there were two before. Cllr. Sutton said that he was happy to be the replacement. Cllr. Bettles was still on the committee, but felt we should not take over, but talk to the NP Chairman in the first instance and then put another Councillor on – David Sutton. The resolution to talk to Andy Bennett and explain that another Parish Councillor would be coming on to the Committee. All Councillors agreed. Footpaths – Contact Chris Darrow (CBC) Perhaps get maps done and shown on social media where you are allowed to walk in and around Tempsford. Railway crossing – Member of the public mentioned that the level crossing barriers appeared to be down for a long while because the trains were so frequent and busy. Is there a planning that stipulates how long a level crossing should be open? Decision – Need to look into it if possible. Data from network rail – time for barrier is getting less and less.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/AB</p>
<p>6. Police PCC meeting on the 21st September, that Cllr. Goddard will be attending – virtual meeting. Cllr. Fraser – Portable Speed display unit – Gt. Barford has one that works quite well. Could we find out if they would loan it to us. It records all the information. Decision – Cllr. Fraser discuss with Gt. Barford PC.</p>	SF
<p>7. EWR & A428. Cllr. Sutton joined the meeting (virtual) on impact of work on A428 extension and how they are going to do it. He said it was a useful meeting. They would make sure a strategic route was made, so that traffic would not go to the Black Cat roundabout for the next 3 years! There was a general discussion on what will happen regarding matrix signs, diversions etc.</p>	
<p>8. Planning CB/21/0296/Full/Jasmine Cottage. Clerk had mentioned on the Planning Support Document that their observations about Station Road being a quiet road with little traffic and lots of parking was totally wrong. The planned height of the roof had been reduced on the plan. A member of the public mentioned there could be a problem with the drainage infrastructure in the area, which had not been included. Clerk will have a look again.</p>	

CB/TCA/21/004004 – Tree work Bakers Lane. Clerk had sent in response saying some Councillors felt that the trees should be reduced not taken down completely.

9. Finance

The below invoices were approved for payment.

1.9.21	Mark Zwetsloot – August plus Weed control as contract.	£1055.00
24.8.21	Stuart Memorial Hall – July meeting.	£26.00
31.08.21	Linda Collins – August Wage. To be paid later in month.	£222.98

Income since last meeting: Cemetery - £200 interment, Refund of VAT from HMRC - £379.15.

Current account/Cash book	24109.56
Savings account	15489.23
Tempsford 2000	1032.28
	40631.07
Neighbourhood Plan	Less £ 3275.05 ring fenced.
Balance	£37356.02

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Fraser and herself had a meeting to discuss the Budget for 2022 and that they would finalize it in October ready for the meeting in November, as they would have to decide on a Precept ready for January 2022.

Cllr. Fraser had filled in the necessary forms for internet banking so that we have an extra person to authorize payments.

Clerk to send off the necessary documents.

A letter was read out by the Clerk from a resident, as the instigator of the new group called TMug being formed in the village. She was requesting some financial help in setting up the group. The Council asked what amount of finance were they thinking of? It was explained that the Council could not just hand out a certain amount of money – there had to be a plan given to the Council itemizing what they wanted it for. She would go back to the committee and discuss and itemize a plan. The Council, however, were keen to help out any new group that was starting up in the village to try and bring the community together.

10. Playgrounds

Fencing repairs to small play area in Station Road. The Clerk had arranged for a contractor from Huntree Fencing to come on the 22nd September at 11 am., to give a quote. If a Councillor could also attend. Church St play area. The broken Springer needs to either be taken down or be replaced. Clerk to look into costing

Footballs being kicked over fencing in to neighbouring property: Council's suggestion of removing the one goal post proved to be a success at first. Apparently children are now using the wheelie bins! Clerk to find out.

11. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th November in the Stuart Memorial Hall at 19.30 hrs.

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I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th September 2021.

Chairman: Adrian Besant

Date: