

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE  
17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT 19.30 HRS. IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOL ROOM, TEMPSFORD.**

Mr David Sutton	Chairman elected
Mr. Adrian Besant	Vice Chairman elected
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mr. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Joe Lawrence	Councillor
Mrs. Linda Collins	Clerk
Mr. Adam Zerny	CBC Councillor (For part of the meeting only)
Members of the Public	1 (arrived at 8.30pm)

<p>Adrian Besant, present Chairman at time of opening of meeting wanted to say a few words: - I have been a Tempsford Parish Councillor for the last 17 years, 15 of them as a Chairman. I have always felt honoured to be elected to that post and enjoyed steering the work and life of the village through those years, and I would like to thank you for your continued support in that role.</p> <p>Next year 2023 will see the end of the 4 years life of this Council and as elections will be due, my intention is to step back from the position of Chairman for this coming year before retiring from the Council in 2023, so that I can shadow and support my successor as Vice Chairman, if you will have me. I would therefore like to propose David Sutton to be our Chairman for the ensuing year.</p>																			
<p><b>1.Election of Chairman</b> Cllr. Adrian Besant proposed David Sutton. This was seconded by Cllr. Chris Bettles. Cllr. David Sutton agreed to be Chairman for the ensuing year.</p>																			
<p><b>2.Election of Vice Chairman</b> Cllr. David Sutton proposed Adrian Besant. This was seconded by Cllr. Steve Cooney. Cllr. Adrian Besant agreed to be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. He also asked if he could continue to oversee the Jubilee celebrations, the Neighbourhood Plan, and the Highways portfolio.</p>																			
<p><b>3. Receipt of Declaration of Office</b> Cllr. David Sutton signed his Declaration as elected Chairman. Cllr. Adrian Besant signed his Declaration as elected Vice Chairman. Also signed and dated by the Clerk.</p>																			
<p><b>4. Declaration of Interest</b> No declarations of interest presented.</p>																			
<p><b>5. Apologies for absence</b> No apologies received from Central Beds Councillors. (Cllr. Zerny arrived at 20.30 hrs with a resident) It was suggested that we send CBC Councillors and idea of what we wish to discuss with them on the agenda before a meeting and they are prepared and can come when this item is discussed.</p>	Clerk																		
<p><b>6. Acceptance of Minutes</b> Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were accepted and signed. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved and signed. <b>Approval of AGC – Audit Approval of Annual Governance Statement (Audit).</b></p>																			
<p><b>7. Finance</b> Below invoices were presented for payment and approved; -</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.5.22</td> <td>Mark Zwetsloot – April grass cutting. As per contract and extra agreed</td> <td>£1215.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.4.22</td> <td>Community Heartbeat x 2 invoices for defib pads (£58.80 x 2 )</td> <td>£117.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30.4.22</td> <td>Linda Collins, Clerk – wages April</td> <td>£222.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31.5.22</td> <td>CPRE membership (yearly)</td> <td>£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31.3.22</td> <td>S. Cooney – Daily supply Ltd. Flags for Jubilee celebrations</td> <td>£35.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.5.22</td> <td>Community Heartbeat another two defib pad packets.</td> <td>£112.80</td> </tr> </table>	1.5.22	Mark Zwetsloot – April grass cutting. As per contract and extra agreed	£1215.00	18.4.22	Community Heartbeat x 2 invoices for defib pads (£58.80 x 2 )	£117.60	30.4.22	Linda Collins, Clerk – wages April	£222.98	31.5.22	CPRE membership (yearly)	£36.00	31.3.22	S. Cooney – Daily supply Ltd. Flags for Jubilee celebrations	£35.84	3.5.22	Community Heartbeat another two defib pad packets.	£112.80	
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13.5.22	Stuart Memorial Hall – Annual Parish Mtg. 26.4.22.	£26.00	
31.3.22	Zurich Insurance – This is due 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 (at moment)	£616.18	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2382.40</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Opening balance</b> £10386.57 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022. Income April £15800.00 (Precept and Burial) Expenditure <u>£2494.43</u> <b>£23692.14</b> Savings a/c £15490.28 Temsford 2000 <u>£974.39</u> <b>Total</b> <b>£40156.81</b>			
Neighbourhood plan – £3275.05 less Alison Eardley invoice £1680.00 = £1595.05 which is ringed fenced.			
<b>Audit – The Internal Audit Report, Accounting Statements and Certificate of Exemption.</b> Were all approved. Mr. Elwes will be charging £50 for the internal Audit. Clerk to request an invoice for the service.			Clerk
Insurance due on or before 1 <sup>st</sup> June. Need to agree on new asset list with Zurich Insurance company. The Clerk will send round the present list.			Clerk.
<b>8. Public Session</b> – one member had mentioned that she would like her Open Garden Day mentioned on the Jubilee Celebrations. <b>Jubilee Update: - Beacon</b> – Cllr. Besant “on reading information in the Tempsford Times about our plans for a Beacon on the Thursday evening, some residents of Church End expressed a deep concern over it being a bonfire in Gannock House paddock. To go as far as to take out an Injunction against it and if anything happened the person concerned would sue the Parish Council and every Councillor on it personally. Therefore, as it is too late to order a traditional style gas-fuelled beacon, and as a bonfire anywhere near the Stuart Memorial Hall could affect the traffic on the A1, the Parish Council decided to cancel that part of the celebrations.” The Council praised Cllr. Besant for the way he handled the jubilee meeting and this particular difficult situation. Therefore, the proclamation, punch, jubilee song etc., would all be moved to the Saturday celebrations. The Programme, therefore, would be: - <b>Friday</b> – Afternoon Tea at the Methodist Chapel, plus Juliet’s open garden. <b>Saturday</b> – Fun Day at the Church Street play area to include, tree planting, proclamation, poem etc. 5 aside football, races for children, Bouncy Castle, Paying bar, Tea Tent (free), Hog roast (free) Tug of war – Church End/Station Road. Ice cream van. <b>Sunday</b> – Street Parties, Museum open. Get everyone to decorate their houses, lamp posts. Posters to be made a put up on notice boards, Facebook, website. Then put a flyer in everyone’s house. Marquees to be erected for tea tent and bar, children’s biscuit decorating and hog roast serving. Risk Assessment to be done. Grass cut before, straw bales to sit on, Temporary Events Notice to be obtained. Hole to be dug for the tree – Copper Beech. The tree planting will be performed by Stephen Gosling with the lady who put the tree in at The Stuart Memorial Hall on the date of the Queen’s Coronation. Picnic area to be tidied up and eventually made into the Platinum Jubilee Picnic Area.			Clerk
<b>9. Police</b> Cllr. Goddard said that the zoom meeting was more to introduce the Police Commissioner more to everyone. It was apparent that the Luton area take a good deal of the allotted money for police. Cllr. Goddard wanted to know our priorities as she was attending the meeting on the 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. She felt that drug problem was a priority, after the Cannabis farm had been found at Station Yard.			
<b>10. CBC Councillor</b>			

