

MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY VIRTUAL MEETING
Held on Monday 15th March 2021 at 19.30 hrs., via Zoom.

Mr. A. Besant	Chairman
Mr. S. Fraser	Vice Chairman
Mrs. T. Goddard	Councillor
Mr. S. Cooney	Councillor
Mr. J. Donnelly	Councillor
Mr. D. Goddard	Councillor
Cllr. Adam Zerny	CBC Councillor
Mrs. L. Collins	Clerk
Mr. J. Lawrence	Resident (Tempsford Football Club)

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic this meeting was held as a virtual meeting by Zoom. Members of the public were invited to attend via link.

Action

<p>1. Apologies for absence. Apology received from Cllr. Chris Bettles.</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Interest. No Declarations received.</p>	
<p>3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th of January 2021 (Virtual) was approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.</p>	
<p>4. Public Session A member of the public (JL) wanted to mention about litter picking. He had spent a couple of weekends picking up litter in the village and on the link road, which he had left in bags for the refuse people to collect. He suggested that signs be put up on the link road, one north bound, and one south bound. "Thank you for keeping Tempsford tidy or Keep Britain Tidy". Chairman was a little worried that CBC would not allow us to do that without their permission. Could we not put this question to CBC? Adam Zerny agreed could put it to them. It was noted that Joe was wearing a high viz jacket whilst litter picking. The Council thanked him for taking the trouble to do this task. The decision was taken that we would contact CBC re signs and also Britain.org (keep Britain tidy) to see if we can collaborate with them. JL also asked if anything had been done about the rabbit problem in Church St., playing field. An email had been received that evening and Clerk would get back to JL about it. He also wanted to ask if he could put a sign up near the playing field from sponsors repairing and making the football pitch playable. The Councillors agreed he could do that, but the sign had to be in the correct place.</p>	<p>Clerk. Clerk.</p>
<p>5. Finance The Clerk presented invoice for payment for approval: - Invoice: - 31.1.21. Linda Collins, Clerk January wages + expense (keyboard) = £240.98. Payments made since last meeting: - BATPC Simon's course £30.00. TM Tree Services £1800. LB Collins Dec £222.98. Bedford Electrical £342.00.</p>	

LB Collins Microsoft Office £59.99.
 ICO £40.00.
 CPRE £36
 Alison Eardley Consulting (NP) £1498.00.
 All approved.
Income - £600.00 cemetery income, plot purchase and burial.

Bank Reconciliation 2nd March 2021 current a/c

Bank Statement	£17,214.36
Less o/s chqs	£126.00
Balance	£17,088.36 cash book balance
Savings a/c	£15,488.34
<u>Tempsford 2000</u>	£1,032.28. £135.00 was paid for new bench back.
Total	£33,608.98

Neighbourhood Plan money still ringed fenced.

6. CBC

Cllr. Zerny spoke earlier in the public session, but at moment nothing more to report. However, if his support is needed for anything, please contact him.

7. Police

The Clerk read out a report from Co-ordinator of Speed watch. All Speed Watch activities are currently suspended during lockdown. She does not have a definite date for things to restart, but Police will prioritise groups where training is yet to take place. This includes Tempsford as we need equipment training. Online training has been completed.

- On another subject – there seems to be suspicious behaviour near the Millennium Garden again. Did we decide about cameras for this area? Litter – beer cans, etc., is accumulating again. Clerk said she would report to Community Partnership again.

Clerk.

8. Planning

Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk read out a report received from NP committee – The plan has been written and is ready to be presented to all the regulation 14 statutory consultees. They are currently in the process of building a website to upload the plan, character assessment and evidence-based documentation. Once this is completed, we will direct the statutory consultees to the site to review and feedback on the plan for a 6-week period. Following this and any amendments we need to make, we will be in a position to communicate the plan to the Tempsford community for their approval over another 6-week period. They also need to elect an external examiner to approve the plan, and we are working on identifying the ideal person for that at the moment. Other than the final referendum, they should have everything ready by August.

Archaeological dig – West Hills Farm - Responses from a meeting held recently between the company and Tempsford Parish Councillors and recent emails: the alternative route suggested by the Parish Council was investigated, but found to be impossible; also, they investigated the train times etc., for level crossing, but they could not find definite information for the level crossing opening. Responses by Councillors: -

- Did not want to stop dig but concerned about traffic in Station Road.
- We will notice it with the amount of traffic at present, but they may get held up at level crossing.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Still against the traffic. Concerned about the level crossing and trying to get across in time the level gates go down. Have Network Rail really assessed this properly? ➤ Concerned about large numbers of cars being stuck at level crossing. <p>Proposal – To email the company with two concerns – general increase in traffic volume and the possible jams at level crossing causing a safety risk. PC will not withdraw opposition to application, until sufficient evidence is supplied dealing with our concerns for our parishioners.</p>	Clerk.
<p>9. Highways</p> <p>Chairman reported – some potholes had been filled in, but still a lot to be attended to. Other road works are being attended to over the next few weeks: kerb work at Stonebridge Farm and Ivy Close. He had asked why the 30-mph sign had been done yet.</p> <p>Turning point Station Road - People are still parking there, thereby blocking the bus from turning which was the whole idea of having it there. Decision: to send a note from the Parish Council to all houses opposite asking not to park in turning area, also to put notes on offending cars. Consider a sign being put up in the future if this does not work. (CBC to provide?)</p> <p>Charity land – SF had written to Highways England expressing concern re Charity Land being affected by the construction of the new road as he has not heard anything since last communication. AB reminded all that there will be another public consultation in the near future.</p>	Clerk/ Councillors
<p>10. Flood Tool kit</p> <p>The Clerk had received information regarding the tool kit and what could be included.</p> <p>The Council will to consider what could be needed, where and where it would be kept. The Chairman will fill the sheets in and then pass to everyone for their comments.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Moggerhanger Parish Council had contacted us and wanted to form a group action regarding the flooding and Anglian Water.</p>	Clerk/Chairman
<p>11. Play Area: Grant to purchase trees</p> <p>The Clerk had been into the website for this grant, which was quite extensive. Do we need trees? For the small number that we thought to need (5) in Orchard at Gannock Castle, we could consider buying them ourselves. The Grant is there until March 2022.</p>	
<p>12. Cemetery/Church yard.</p> <p>Church yard – Concern was expressed about the large tree in corner of church yard from which bits are falling off that are dead and needs to be taken down, before falling down. Decision taken – take down, get a contractor in to do this.</p> <p>Cemetery - Some graves have planting on them, and extend from headstone, which is not really allowed. Could we contact people to take them off so that the area can be grassed for ease of cutting.</p> <p>Woodfines – Letter re Land Registry of cemetery land. The area on which the cemetery hut stands not on the Registry. Decision – instruct Woodfines to inform LR that it is the Parish Council land.</p>	Clerk/SC Clerk. Clerk.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting – **Monday May 10th (virtual)**. There will be no Annual Parish Meeting in April.

The meeting closed at 21.30 hrs and the Chairman thanked all Councillors and public for their input.

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Virtual Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021.

Chairman – Adrian Besant.

Date:-