

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 17th JANUARY 2023 AT 19.30 HRS.
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. Simon Fraser	Councillor
Mr Adam Zerny	Central Beds Councillor.
Linda Collins	Clerk
Members of the public	1

Action

<p>1. Apologies Apology from Cllr. Joe Lawrence.</p>										
<p>2. Declarations of Interest None received.</p>										
<p>3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th November 2022 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.</p>										
<p>4. Public Session A resident had come along to comment on plans for the Coronation celebrations. This is on the Agenda later in the evening and will be discussed then.</p>										
<p>5. Central Beds Councillor – Adam Zerny in attendance. Certain topics had been emailed to AZ before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cost of living updates for community - Cllr. Zerny asked if the Parish Council had provided any warm spaces etc. They had not, as they felt nowhere in village was suitable but had supplied information on where to go and also where food banks were. They were not aware of any hardship cases. Adam and Tracey are ready to act if necessary. ➤ Pavements – AZ is aware of the bad condition the pavements are in Station Road and Church Street. Information has been given to CBC, so they know where the worse places are. They tend to patch the holes which then break down again. Ward Councillors will be told in February which pavements are on the list to be attended to. Adam said that it is a source of embarrassment to him as he cannot resolve the problem. ➤ Any information of large developments – Tempsford seems to be getting from all sides. Bedford Borough are clever by putting loads of houses where they want in Little Barford and won't have to cope with the infrastructure. How will it impact for instance on services? The Government are supposed to be giving Local Councils more autonomy? We just have to keep vigilant on what is going on. ➤ Station Yard – The letter was sent to CBC. We had a response from the residents in Station Cottages, and the Chairman needs to respond to them. 	Cllr Sutton									
<p>6. Finance The Clerk presented the below invoices for approval and payment: -</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>7.12.22.</td> <td>Stuart Memorial Hall – hire 15.11.22.</td> <td>£18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31.12.22.</td> <td>Linda Colins – Clerk salary December.</td> <td>██████</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb</td> <td>Microsoft Office 365 subscription</td> <td>£59.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>Invoices were approved for payment. Cashflow for end of December 2022. Current account 12276.29 Savings Account 15497.70 <u>Tempsford 2000 974.39</u> 28748.38</p> <p>From the current account – NP = £1844.72. therefore, available to the Parish Council in current account is £10431.57. Since last meeting Paid – Mark Zwetsloot (Nov & Dec), Clerks salary (Nov & Dec), MVN Geeks Ltd, Paint for swings and plaques. Deposited Cemetery income £200.00.</p>	7.12.22.	Stuart Memorial Hall – hire 15.11.22.	£18.00	31.12.22.	Linda Colins – Clerk salary December.	██████	Feb	Microsoft Office 365 subscription	£59.99	Clerk
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Precept – This was sent in before Christmas, and I have had an acknowledgement, so I am presuming all ok.

Grass cutting contract – Before Christmas I sent out 3 tenders to local ground maintenance companies. The tenders should be in by 31st January.

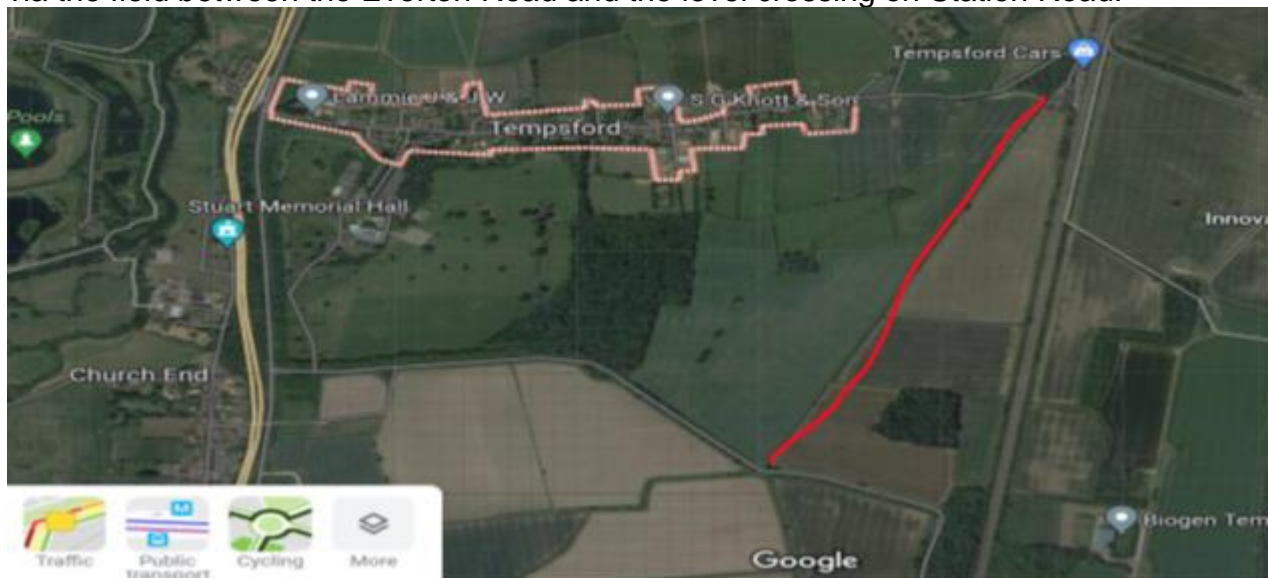
S106 – Council needs to have a meeting to decide on how to spend the money. It has been confirmed we can have it, but CBC say that we should send in information as soon as possible to confirm the area it is going to be used on. S106 for LREC and LINF.

Perhaps some for the bench to commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the Accession of King Charles III – perhaps on Memorial Green (LINF). **Decision MEETING TO BE ON FEBRUARY 7TH in the Stuart Memorial Hall Committee Room – 7.30pm.**

7. Transportation – Meeting with Highways was cancelled. Cllr. Besant had seen Paul Salmon at one of the open viewings and Mr. Salmon sent an email to answer the Parish Council's concerns. As below: -

I have now been in discussion with the construction manager, and we would like to offer the following to answer your, and Tempsford PCs questions regarding access along Station Road.

Firstly, I would like to cover the point you raised about the possibility of a new haul road via the field between the Everton Road and the level crossing on Station Road.

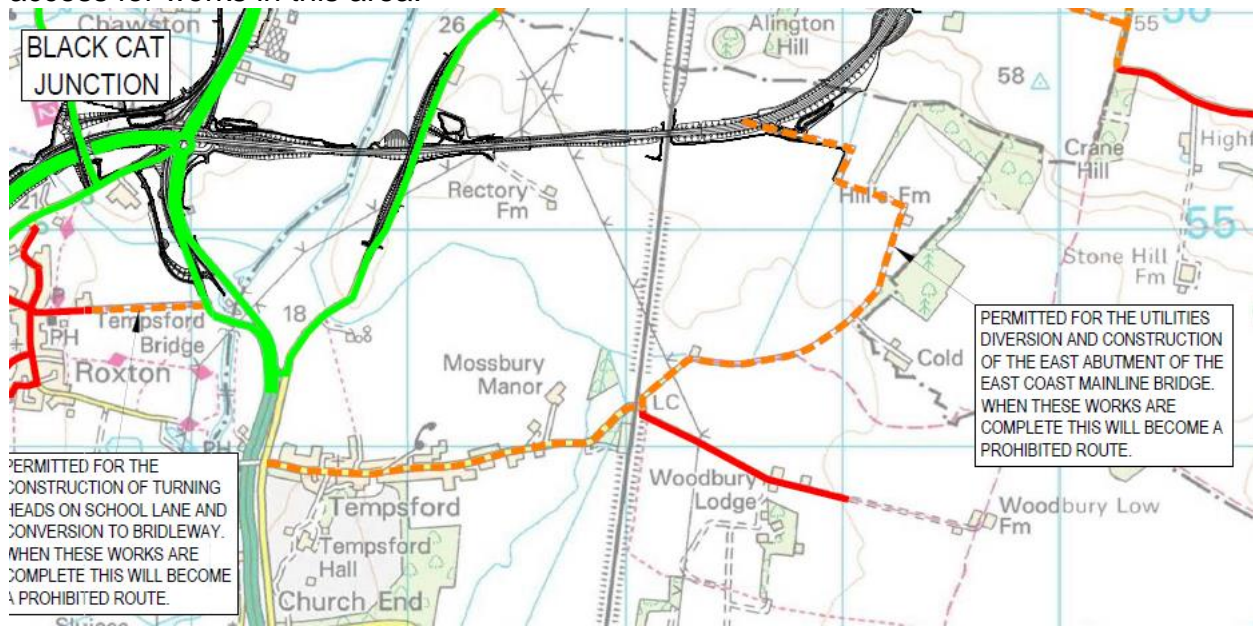


The red line represents the area which you suggested when we met in Biggleswade last Friday. I have discussed this with the team and reviewed the DCO commitments and decision. As this is outside of the DCO decision as well as the approval given by the Secretary of State, unfortunately it is now not possible to explore this option as out of scope with the DCO and Station Road was the agreed access route for the works required to the East of Station Road.

Further to the concerns over the access in Station Road, I have found the following from the approved DCO after the consultation period and agreed Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) with the Local Authority. The Station Road access is shown in the OCTMP (certified as part of the DCO) to be a restricted route – **it will only be used** for the utility diversion works and the construction of the east abutment of the East Coast Mainline Bridge.

The reason for this restriction is that these works need to be constructed early in the programme. While these works are in progress a new logistics route will be constructed

along the mainline trace from Potton Road. Once this is complete it will become the site access for works in this area.



The access will be carefully managed and the times of day the vehicles use the route will be very tightly controlled. We have established through our learning from previous works, using Station Road as the access (to build a significant stone track), as well as our monitoring to establish traffic patterns in the road, the times of day when traffic and parked vehicles are at their lowest.

We would expect to have the alternative access route in place approximately 9 months after the commencement of these early works. To caveat this, it must be noted that it is anticipated there will be an average of 30 vehicle movements over a weekly period. This is an average and on some weeks, it may be more, and some weeks it may be very little, or none at all. Please remember that this is for the gas diversion and the bridge works, and much of the movements will be bringing materials in, once that is done, there is little need for additional vehicle movements, and we will ensure we transfer to the more permanent access route as quickly as is practicably possible.

We will ensure that we work very closely with you as we have done in the past when we worked on the gravel access road which was built some time ago. Our construction team will have contact with you and you have a contact with them to ensure that we are assisting where possible and appropriate for our works.

I fully understand that this will not satisfy all of your aspirations and concerns, but please be assured that it will be closely managed, and we will use Station Road as approved in the DCO and the OCTMP, but when we do it will be at the most appropriate times.

The decision of the Council was that the above information answered a good deal of the questions we were concerned about, so there was no need for Paul Salmon to come to a meeting. **Decision – Not to arrange a meeting at this present time.**

It was mentioned that we should keep watch on Station Road surface to watch for any damage and report it to Highways when the work commences.

Piece of land near post box – Cllr. Besant to contact CBC (Scott Terry) to find out who owns the land and if part of it can be turned into a parking area.

Cllr.
Besant

<p>Speed tracking device – The Chairman reported that he has pulled the latest data to give us an updated average and maximum speed and he had put a report on the Parish Council’s and Community Facebook page. The maximum in Church St., was 73, average 29. Station Road, Average 24, Maximum 42, down from 28 and 55. Other people needed to be trained on how to use the device. Chairman will organise a date and time in the next few weeks.</p> <p>EWR – Any update. Adam Zerny said he had not heard anything further.</p> <p>Tempsford Charity – Second request to authorize access to the land and for payment.</p>	
<p>8. Planning</p> <p>The Chairman had been on a planning course run by CPRE. The slides from the course had been sent round to all Councillors. It was apparent from the course that other Councils comment a lot more than we do. The Council should perhaps look into it more and comment more fully.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan – Have spoken to consultant regarding Kier’s comments. We now need to respond. We need to submit the Plan. Funds left should be returned to Groundworks.</p> <p>Planning Applications – None.</p>	
<p>9. Police</p> <p>If there are any priorities, they should be admitted by end of March. There are no real problems, except hare coursing.</p>	
<p>10. Anglian Water</p> <p>Cllr. Bettles would like AW to attend a meeting. Clerk has spoken to them, and they are happy to come to a meeting. Decision to ask them to come to the Annual Parish Meeting in April when residents may be present and may want to ask any questions.</p>	Clerk.
<p>11. Events</p> <p>Coronation celebration – Decision was to organize a public meeting on the 9th February. Advertise in the Tempsford Times and on Community and Parish Council Facebook page. Encourage residents to come along to give some ideas or what they would like to happen. Get some or organise the event.</p>	
<p>12. Future meeting dates</p> <p>Next meeting will be 14th March 2023 in the Stuart Memorial Hall</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting – 25th April 2023 – see if it can be held in the Methodist Chapel.</p> <p>See if we can get Anglian Water and Richard Fuller to the meeting.</p>	Clerk

I certify these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 17th January 2023.

Signed..... Chairperson – David Sutton. Date.....