

Minutes of Annual Temple Guiting Parish Meeting

Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

in Temple Guiting Village Hall

1. Introductions

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. Apologies were received in advance from Rex Bovill (who arrived at 7.38 p.m.) and from Kate Mather and Ali Clifton Barnard.

2. Approval of minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on 3rd May 2017

The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman signed the copy.

3. Report from Cllr Nigel Moor

Cllr Krier outlined the two main points in Cllr Moor's report: The consultation on the proposed route of the A417 to reduce traffic on the Fosse Way; and that Highways' maintenance, structural maintenance and professional services contracts were going through a tender process and that the current contractor, Amey, would be replaced. A full copy of the report is attached and will be available on the Temple Guiting Parish Council website.

4. Report from PC Bob Hardie

Cllr Krier outlined the main content of the report from the police. Fewer crimes were committed last year – 18 compared with 22. A full copy of the report is attached and will be available on the Temple Guiting Parish Council website. Councillors also discussed Community Speedwatch and the news that further police resources would be available to support Speedwatch. Rob Graves, Speedwatch representative, said that new people were needed to revive the initiative and that none had responded to recent requests.

Action: Clerk to create posters for use on the noticeboards and on the website to attract new participants.

5. Report from the Chairman of Temple Guiting Parish Council

Cllr Michael Krier reported on the Council's work over the past year. Cllr Krier then thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their participation and support during the year, as well as the snow wardens who worked so hard to clear the roads this winter.

This year saw a new Councillor, Stephen Gower, joining the Parish Council. Also this year, a tree was dedicated to the memory of the late Bill Newman (a former Chairman).

Regarding the work of TGPC, much of it has been routine (e.g. Planning and Highways) and specifically included:

- Continuing liaison with Gloucestershire Highways
- Planned liaison with Gloucestershire County Council Planning department re: quarries
- Community Speedwatch needs more volunteers to continue operating
- Council's continuing contribution to recreation field, village hall and churchyard maintenance
- Liaison with Corpus Christi College Oxford's new agents
- Adoption of phone boxes in TG and Kineton

A copy of the full report is attached. It is also available on the Temple Guiting Parish Council website.

6. Temple Guiting Recreational Society AGM

Cllr Krier proposed that the existing team of Val Littlewood (Chairman), Ian Littlewood (Treasurer) and Val Brown (Bookings Secretary) be retained and Councillors agreed.

Cllr Val Littlewood (Chairman of the Society) reported on the past year's activities. A copy is attached and is available on the website. In summary, the Hall continues to be essential for the school, which uses it for school dinners, indoor sport and general assemblies. Elections, parties, rental of the marquee and meetings plus donations generated a small surplus income this year. Val Littlewood thanked the committee members and others involved for their work in maintaining the hall and grounds as a facility for the village.

Cllr Krier then thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past year.

7. Report from the Poor Lotts Committee

Cllr Val Brown reported that nine pensioners and three students were awarded £100 grants by the Committee.

8. there was no report from St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Cllr Littlewood reported that the Church had recently received a grant for its work in improving the church facilities.

9. Update on Green Energy Project

Cllr Gower reported on progress regarding green energy in the village: Unfortunately the scheme for solar panels on Hitchens farm had proved uneconomic. The group is working with Gloucestershire Community Energy to find a way of selling direct (i.e. not into the grid) but are experiencing technical issues. Cllrs Mather and Gower are currently researching a new project to make use of the £3,355.91 ringfenced for projects of this type. One idea currently under consideration is thermal imaging of village houses to identify major sources of heat loss.

10. Public comments and questions

The Chairman noted the earlier comments from Rob Graves and thanked him for his efforts in connection with the Speedwatch programme.

11. Closing comments from the Chairman

Following brief comments from the Chairman, the meeting was closed at 7.50 p.m.