

# Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 7.30pm

in Temple Guiting Village Hall

**Councillors present:** Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood, Stephen Gower, Kate Mather, Val Brown, Rex Bovill. The 7<sup>th</sup> position is currently vacant.

Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), attended the meeting.

**Public:** No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
  2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.
  3. **Points from the floor:** Cllr Nigel Moor expressed an interest in speaking to item 7. Cllr Moor provided an overview of major GCC activities next year including:
    - \* the cabinet will meet in December to prepare a climate change strategy including a tree planting fund to encourage local landowners to plant trees.
    - \* the Local Transport Plan, including a Freight Strategy, will be under review.
    - \* an 'Uber for rural areas' is being proposed to improve community transport. Concessionary fares will be available.
  4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 6 November 2019 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. **Action: Clerk to post to website.**
  5. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman announced that the 'I dig trees' pack would arrive on December 10 and that they would be planted in the new year. A planning application for a development at New Barn Farm is expected shortly.
  6. **Clerks Report:** The Clerk's report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The bank/cash book reconciliation was approved and signed.
  7. **Planning:**
    - 19/0072/CWMAJM** Tinker's Barn quarry. Councillors attended a site meeting and agreed on a 'No objections' response to the application. **Action: Clerk to post to CDC portal.**
    - 19/03890/TELEC** 15m telegraph pole mast housing antennas and dishes, Mill Lane, Diamond Way. Councillors attended a site meeting at which it was decided to register strong objections on the grounds of noise from the generator, lack of screening, in winter, and doubts over the need for the mast, among other points. **Action: Clerk to post objections to CDC portal.**
    - 19/03877/FUL** Colmans, Temple Guiting. Erection of garage/car port with storage over and solar panels and garden. The site meeting decided to respond with 'No objections'. **Action: Clerk to post to CDC portal.**
- Quarries update:** The Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party (QSMWP) had been held at 6 p.m. A chairman was appointed (Cllr Gower) with additional membership confirmed as Cllr Mather, Ali Clifton-Barnard and Jayne Ewart Perks. David Sandy also attended. Caroline Bell was also keen to be involved. See separate minutes for further details.

Signed

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**Guiting Farms:** Cllr Moor noted that CDC had not notified GCC of the quarrying activities included in a planning application for a new barn. The two councils are to discuss better liaison regarding quarrying activities.

## 8. Highways

**8.1 VAS.** Cllr Krier explained that the loan equipment had not been acquired yet but would be used in as soon as possible until the PCs own equipment could be purchased. Cllr Moor committed to providing £1000 towards the equipment in March 2020. Cllr Krier thanked Cllr Moor on behalf of the parish council for his generosity.

Councillors agreed that new posts would be needed for the equipment as the 30 mph sign posts were too low, making the equipment vulnerable to theft. **Action: Clerk to ask Highways to install posts as agreed at the 9 October meeting at locations to be provided by the PC on the B4077 and Ford/Barton road.** Cllr Krier reminded the meeting that responses from Highways had been slow e.g. it had taken 4 years for the 'narrow road' signs on the Ford/Barton road to be installed. Cllr Moor asked for a list of requests. **Action: Clerk to provide list.**

## 9. Finances

**9.1 Financial position.** Councillors noted balances, considered the reconciliation in the Clerk's Report and approved payments listed below:

Chq no.	Payee	Description	Value
Epayment	M Freeman	Clerk's salary November/December@ £104.60 pm	£209.20
Epayment	M Freeman	Expenses: * paper £3.35 * ink £11.62 * Thermal measuring device £306	£320.97

Note: Cllr Mather agreed to take responsibility for the thermal imaging device.

**9.2 Budget setting for 2020/21.** Councillors reviewed a draft budget in light of the current year's spend and any new activities planned for next year. This included grants to the school to maintain the recreation field and to the village hall for the play area. Cllr Nigel Moor informed Council that he had donated £2,500 to the school for its playground. Councillors noted that the remaining funds previously ring fenced for green projects would be released into general funds.

**10. Precept setting for 2020/21.** Councillors resolved to maintain the same Band D precept requirement as last year. **Action: Clerk to submit request to CDC.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

Date of the next meeting: 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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