

# Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in Temple Guiting Village Hall

**Councillors present:** Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood (Vice-Chairman), Stephen Gower, Val Brown, Kate Mather, Rex Bovill.

**Public:** Five members of the public were in attendance.

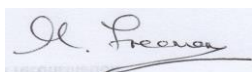
1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Beaver in advance.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.
3. **Points from the floor:** Robin Mosedale was keen to establish the number and timing of vehicle movements on the B4077 in front of his property in Ford and expressed the view that Cotswold Hill quarry was not adhering to its current planning conditions. He added that therefore the application to remove all limitations on numbers of quarry vehicle movements and amount of material deposited at the quarry was a secondary issue.
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2019 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
5. **Chairman's announcements:** None
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. **Village space and Parish questionnaire.** Report from Cllr Mather to be provided at the May meeting. Decision re: questionnaire and PC involvement in the 'village space' to take place at May meeting. **Action: Clerk to add to May's agenda.**
8. **Planning**

The Chairman summarise the 6 (six) planning application listed in the agenda adding that the PC had responded with 'No objections' to all applications, but with a condition on application 19/00813/FUL Repair and Restoration of garages; Erection of new gardener's bothy at The Manor, Temple Guiting. The condition was that Cotswold District Council (CDC) specifies that the roof of the bothy be made of Cotswold slate rather than metal, so that it is identical to all other buildings on the estate. CDC has approved all the applications, with the exception of 18/04873/FUL and 19/00813/FUL which are awaiting a decision.
9. **Quarries**

Cllr Gower updated TGPC's submission to the appeal against the application of Cotswold Hill Quarry to have all limitations to the number of vehicle movements and the amount of materials deposited at the site removed (17/0099/CWMALW). He hoped that the following submissions would be considered by the Appeal Inspector:

  - Objections from TGPC and local residents
  - Objections by The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
  - Objections by The Cotswold Conservation Board (CCB)
  - Objections submitted by County Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) supporting TGPC's submission to the appeal.
  - The comparison with Oathill Quarry's increased number of vehicles being spurious.

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- The long history of non-compliance of the quarry with the conditions associated with their planning permission. E.g. 2014, 70,000 tonnes of materials dumped illegally at the site.

Cllr Gower explained that a number of other points could be added to the appeal submission ~~shortly~~. These concern the amount of material which they would need to import in order to 'reinstate' the site, and which they would therefore be allowed to import; the lack of suitable reinstatement standards; and the lack of information about current quarry vehicle movements:

- The amount of material (in addition to material already imported to the site) for 'reinstatement' is unclear.
- Current reinstatement conditions are very low grade, with no consideration given to recreating a typical, rolling Cotswold landscape consistent with the surrounding area.
- There is very little information about the number of quarry vehicle movements in the area in total or for this site. The current total, a permissible total, and the number permissible at each quarry are needed. This is especially important as Guiting Quarry at Stumps Cross (in Stanway Parish) is reopening and will add even more HGV vehicle movements to the area.

Cllr Krier explained that there was a great need for evidence rather than hearsay regarding quarry vehicle movements. Cllr Gower suggested that the next steps might include a meeting between CPRE, CCB, Cllr Nigel Moor and TGPC. Councillors noted that all local PCs affected should be involved if possible as quarries in one parish affect parishioners in other parishes. A shared effort may be needed to collect the required data.

**Action: Clerk to load objection letter to the TGPC website.**

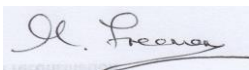
Cllr Littlewood pointed out some of the wording in the objection from CCB which said that the CCB wanted to maintain and improve the tranquillity of the area.

## 10. Highways

10.1 To consider further the proposal for a possible 7.5T weight restriction on the road between Ford Pitch and Foxhill Inn.

Cllr Krier summarised the issue: The previous proposal, that both TGPC and GPPC contribute £5,000 each to the cost of creating a weight limited Traffic Restriction Order (TRO), had been rejected by both councils. The same proposal was now being offered, but at no cost to either council. However, The Highways officer had stated that he would not implement the order unless both TGPC and GPPC supported the proposal. Councillors voiced concerns regarding the possible proliferation of signs and the effectiveness of the TRO in solving the problem of heavy vehicles using inappropriate local roads. **Action: Clerk to draft response to Highways** saying that TGPC sympathises with residents close to Barton Bridge but needs to have the full details of the plan before making a decision. **Despite several requests, this information has not been provided to date. Action: Clerk to request details (signage and locations, whether signs are legally enforceable or merely advisory) again and to invite the Highways Officer to attend the next TGPC meeting or another meeting at a mutually convenient date and time.**

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10.2 Other highways matters: Report on additional remediation work required in the parish. Cllr Krier had driven all the roads in the parish checking requirements and spoken at length with Rhodri Davis at Gloucestershire Highways:

- Many verges, especially between Ford Pitch and Colman and Barton Bridge and Moor Cottage, were damaged.
- The 30 mph road signs on the B4077 on entry to Ford from Stow are faded and need replacing.
- The passing place by Lynes Barn is severely eroded and dangerous - this needs to be filled urgently
- There are other potholes opposite the Sherry and at the entrance to Mill Lane that need to be filled.
- The minor road from Three Gates to Lynes Barn needs to be included in GCC Highways' urgent resurfacing programme.
- Central lines on Stanway Hill need to be repainted.

Cllr Krier also pointed out that the Clerk had been informed that the 'Narrow road for 1 mile' signs were 'in the depot' and reminded the Highways Officer that these were still not in place.

Following from the previous meeting, Councillors agreed that the 'Post Office and Shop' sign in Temple Guiting is out-of-date and should be removed by Highways.

**Action: Clerk to inform Gloucestershire Highways.**

## 11. Finances

- The current balance was reviewed, with the Chairman noting that part of the balance was ring fenced for a green energy project but could be released should no projects be presented or approved.
- Councillors agreed to pay the Clerk's wages.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting of Temple Guiting Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 15th May** and will consist of the Annual Parish Meeting, starting at 7 p.m. and the Annual Parish Council Meeting, starting at 7.30 p.m.

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