

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.30pm

in Temple Guiting Village Hall

Councillors present: Val Littlewood (in the Chair), Stephen Gower, Kate Mather, Val Brown, Rex Bovill.

Public: Three members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received in advance from Cllr Michael Krier.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.
3. **Points from the floor:** A member of the public expressed an interest in points 9.1 (lack of progress on the VAS and Ford village signs) and 11.1 (update on the Quarry Stakeholder meeting).
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2020 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 former Cllr Philip Beaver had passed away the previous week. Councillors' thoughts are with the family.
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. **Co-option of new councillor.** Cllr Littlewood proposed and Cllr Mather seconded Jayne Ewart Perks to the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance and Register of Acceptance forms were completed.
8. **Planning:**
 - 19/0086/CWMAJM Oathill quarry.** Application to double total volumes extracted from 50,000 to 100,000 tonnes and reduce the amount of Cotswold Stone building products to 20% of the total. A draft response is being prepared for comment. **DEADLINE Action: Clerk to incorporate comments and post to GCC portal, update Cllrs Keeling and Moor, upload to website.**
 - 18/0065/CWMAJM Naunton quarry.** Southern extension and change to working arrangements and restoration. A draft response is being prepared for comment. **DEADLINE Action: Clerk to incorporate comments and post to GCC portal, update Cllrs Keeling and Moor, upload to website.**
- GCC Transport Plan:** Particularly LTP PD3 (Freight) and 4 (Highways). Cllrs noted that the current plan does not include the North Cotswolds. Following discussions with GCC Highways and Cllr Moor, TGPC will propose a 'managed area' to improve conditions in the North Cotswold. Deadline 4 March 2020. **Action: Clerk to forward shorter version of the Local Transport Plan to councillors. Councillors to send comments to the Clerk for incorporation in the response to GCC.**
9. **Highways**
 - 9.1 **Update.** Cllr Littlewood reported that Cllr Krier could not purchase the VAS until the posts had been installed by GCC Highways. The Clerk reported that email responses from GCC showed that this task and that of installing the 'Ford' village signs had been delegated to an officer who was on holiday. **Action: Clerk to chase again, copy Bob**

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Skillern. Due to the delay Cllrs decided hiring a VAS was not feasible and that, as soon as the date for installation of the poles was available, the VAS would be purchased.

9.2 Road sweeping and traffic survey. Due to continuing wet conditions, Cllrs decided to postpone any decisions on sweeping to the next meeting. The traffic survey has also been postponed until traffic is at normal levels following the holidays.

10. Green projects

10.1 Heat detector. Action: Cllrs Gower and Mather agreed to trial the equipment on two properties in the village before offering it for wider use.

10.2 Tree planting. Cllrs decided to plant whips in the 6 locations identified by Guiting Grange on the recreation field and at the allotment edges including the old quarry area, and Ford Green if still available. A member of the public (David Sandy) offered to donate tree guards and deliver them to Cllr Ewart Perks. Action: Cllr Krier to organise planting with assistance from other councillors as required.

11. Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party

11.1 Outline of the Quarry Stakeholder Meeting held on January 29th. Cllr Gower provided an overview: Over 40 representatives from quarry operators, quarry advisers, GCC Highways, GCC Minerals Planning, and 7 local parish councils. The meeting was facilitated by Cotswold Conservation Board member, John Mills. The meeting provided a forum for all parties to find out more about each other and to suggest activities which they thought might improve the current situation. CCB is preparing a report together with proposed next steps.

11.2 TGPC Quarry Position Statement. Cllrs resolved to adopt the draft Quarry Position Statement which will develop the 'Fresh Approach to Quarrying' document with more detailed objectives. Action: Clerk to post to website and circulate.

11.3 Next steps for the TGPC Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party

Cllrs resolved to amend the Terms of Reference for the Working Party so that it could continue to work with the Quarry Stakeholder Group on next steps. Cllrs agreed that the activities of the Working Party would be reviewed every 3 months. Action: Clerk to update Terms of Reference.

12. Finances

12.1 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 January @ £104.60 pm	£104.60
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12.2 Appointment of internal auditor for 2019/20. Councillors resolved to appoint an internal auditor from GAPTC at a cost of £165. Action: Clerk to inform GAPTC

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 8.20 p.m.

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13. Clerk's remuneration review

Councillors reviewed the clerk's performance favourably and resolved to raise the clerk's hourly rate to the appropriate NALC scale (New SCP 8) and to increase the clerk's standard hours from 12 to 15 per month with optional further paid hours by agreement with the Chairman. **Action: Clerk to amend contract and inform PATA.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Date of the next meeting: 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st April 2020

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