

Minutes of Annual Temple Guiting Parish Meeting

Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

in Temple Guiting Village Hall

1. Introductions

The Chairman thanked parishioners and Cllr Nigel Moor for attending. Apologies were received from the Clerk and Rob Graves.

2. Approval of minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on 4th May 2016

The minutes were approved.

3. Report from Cllr Nigel Moor

In summary, Nigel outlined the dominant local issues - broadband, highways, flood alleviation and social care. By 2021 all households in Gloucestershire will have fast broadband; persistent road safety offenders should be reported to the Road Safety Hub with a photo of the offender; several traffic regulation orders have been implemented such as the 20 mph limit in Stow; the lengthsman scheme has been extended; and the adult care budget has been protected.

Regarding the Minerals Local Plan, only the extension at Huntsmans Quarry has been approved and more contributions are being sought from the quarry operators. There will be no additional quarrying near Ford.

A capital works programme is planned for 2017 however, an extra £150 million is needed to address all poor quality roads.

A full report attached and is available on the Temple Guiting Parish Council website.

4. Report from the Chairman of Temple Guiting Parish Council

Councillor Michael Krier(MK) reported on the Council's work over the past year. A copy of the full report is attached and is available on the Temple Guiting Parish Council website at:

www.templeguitingparishcouncil.co.uk.

MK outlined the personnel changes during the year: Councillor Mandy Tye was appointed in May 2016 and resigned in March 2017 due to pressure of work. Clerk Ruth Waller resigned in July and was replaced in September 2016 by Maxi Freeman.

MK thanked Councillors for their participation and support during the year, as well as the snow wardens, our retiring tree warden and especially the new Clerk.

Much of the work of the Council has been routine, that is, dealing with planning applications and the Highways Agency. Specifically:

- Managing the provision of the three (3) year lease for the Village Hall and Recreation Field
- Continuing liaison with the Gloucestershire Highways department regarding roads and verges

- Community Speedwatch has been carried out but needs more volunteers to be trained in using the equipment
- Ultrafast broadband has been installed widely throughout the parish and is almost complete
- The Council has continued to contribute to the maintenance of the recreation field and the churchyard.

The Chairman noted that parishioners raised the issues of dirty roads at Oathill Quarry, that road markings on the roads at Three Gates Quarry need attention and that Council emails should always be BCC to avoid distributing personal email details.

5. Temple Guiting Recreational Society AGM

Councillor Val Littlewood reported on the past year's activities. A copy is attached and is available on the website. In summary, costs increased last year although the Council provided a grant of £500 and there was a small reserve to cover the extra costs. The Village Hall also had a deep clean and was redecorated. The Hall continues to be essential for the school, which made a donation of £1500 towards the upkeep.

6. Report from the Poor Lotts Committee

Councillor Val Brown reported that 7 (seven) pensioners and two (2) students were awarded £100 grants at Christmas.

7. Report from St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Ali Clifton Barnard reported on the activities of St Mary's Church over the past year. The meeting noted that the annual Rogation Walk this year will take place on 21 May and that a summer party will be held at Temple Guiting House later in the year. A full report is attached and can be found on the website.

8. Update on green energy project

Robert Llewellyn reported on progress regarding green energy in the village:

- 20KW solar power panels to be installed at Hitchings Farm.
- The feed in tariff will be 4p per kWh. Unused power will be sold to Ecotricity.
- The community will benefit by between £1,200 and £8,000 p.a.
- The total cost is expected to be in the region of £20,000 and will be raised through a Community Share Offer.
- The television programme charting the progress of the project is scheduled for broadcast as early as 17 May on BBC4. The title is currently 'The Great Village Green Crusade'.

Concerns were voiced that many parishioners are not receiving information as suggested, this includes several Councillors.

9. Public comments and questions

There were no comments or questions from the public.

10. Closing comments from the Chairman

Following a brief comment from the Chairman, the meeting was closed.