

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.30pm

Councillors present: Michael Krier, Kate Mather, Stephen Gower, Val Brown, Rex Bovill.

Public: None.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received in advance from Councillors Littlewood and Beaver.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011)** None.
3. **Points from the floor:** One member of the public attended to speak to item 8 (b) re: budget for maintenance of the Recreation Field and Play Area.
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2018 as a true record of the meeting. These were duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **Chairman's announcements:** The chairman announced that over £1700 had been raised for the 'There but not there' campaign which more than covered the cost of the two 'Tommy's' which toured the parish, ending at the memorial service at Guiting Power on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. The 'Tommy's' are being kept by the Upper Windrush Local History Society for use on other occasions. The Chairman expressed his appreciation of Gerald O'Mahoney's contribution to the organisation of and fundraising for the campaign.

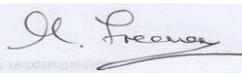
The Chairman noted that the issue of the signage saying 'Narrow Road for 1 mile' at Ford Pitch was still outstanding. **Action: Clerk to recontact Highways.** The Chairman read out a letter received from Bob Skillern, Area Highways Manager (East), which noted that one parishioner continued to contact him regarding heavy goods vehicles at Barton Bridge. A weight restriction on roads leading to the bridge could be put in place but would have to be half funded by Highways and half funded by TGPC and Guiting Power PC. Each would be required to contribute £5,000 **Action: Clerk to add this to the agenda for February's meeting.**

6. **Clerk's Report to Councillors (arising from previous minutes):** The Clerk's report was noted. **Action: Clerk to ask school to fill in space where the post box used to be and to ask them to check the safety of the pillar caps.**
7. **Review of forward planning document:** The meeting voted to adopt the plan as it currently stands and to develop Appendix 1, which reviews areas for future action by the Council. A number of actions resulted.

TGPC primary school: **Action: Robert Graves (Vice Chair of Governors at TG School, and member of the Recreation Society) to establish a permanent channel of communication between the school and TGPC.** This would give the Parish Council a better idea of whether the school and related amenities needed support.

Highways: **Action: Clerk to ensure all trained speedwatch representatives operate in Temple Guiting, Ford and Kineton.**

Footpaths and bridleways: **Action: Clerk to include a reminder in the newsletter to parishioners to report any issues with footpaths and bridleways (e.g. unauthorised use by motorised vehicles, rotten stiles, overgrowth of vegetation etc.)**

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Other amenities: **Action: Clerk to contact Corpus Christi college agents regarding their map of the land/properties retained by the college.** The aim is to map land ownership in the villages in the Parish and to assess possible future maintenance requirements.

Crime: **Action: Clerk to investigate other organisations which could replace Neighbourhood Watch.**

Changing environment: **Action: Clerk to investigate conditions for TPOs (e.g. for beeches in the centre of Temple Guiting, and to determine conditions for establishing conservation areas at Barton and Kinton, for example.**

Mineral working: **Action: TGPC to build on relationship with Cllr Moor to form a 'local review panel' to focus on quarrying in the area.**

Additional topic for the Future Planning document: TGPC agreed that a section on the history of the relationship between Corpus Christi college and Temple Guiting should be added. **Action: Cllr Krier to insert section to cover this in the next draft.**

The Parish Council voted in favour of the principle of carrying out a survey to determine parishioners concerns and issues to help form the basis of future plans. The questionnaire should also include questions regarding any need for community spaces as discussed at the November meeting. **Action: Clerk to check other parish questionnaires for relevance. Question topics to be drawn from other parishes and from the Future Planning document.**

8. **Finances:** a) Balances were noted. b) Budget v actual was noted. c) Clerk's wages were approved.

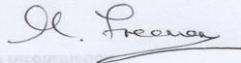
9. **Budget and precept setting for 2019/2020**

The Council agreed to include maintenance of the Recreation Field as a budget item under Parish Maintenance and to remove Allotment Maintenance. On behalf of the School Governors. Robert Graves reported that the current grounds/recreation field maintenance contract was being put out to tender as the cost exceeded £3,000. He also informed TGPC that the play area needed a new membrane and bark and that repairs to the play tower were needed. Total costs were expected to be £3,000 and £1,000 respectively. However, this could be reduced if local volunteers with the right skills could be found to do the work and/or if grants, sponsorship or donations could be found. The outside of the Village Hall will be painted in spring, but no exceptional expenses were expected by the Recreation Society.

Because of additional unplanned expenditure in 2018/19 (allotment trees and phone boxes) Councillors voted to adopt the budget below. This entails a 20% increase in the precept element of the Council Tax, an increase of £3.60 p.a. from £18 to £21.60 for a Band D property. Councillors agreed that funds ring-fenced for green projects can be reviewed at any time and that, if not used by December 2019, will be integrated into the main balance.

As there was no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00.

The next meeting will be held on **6th February 2019**. Cllr Bovill apologised in advance as he would not be able to attend that meeting.

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Item	Budget 18/19	Budget 19/20
Council expenses	£500.00	£200.00
Parish Maintenance	£300.00	£600.00
TG Rec Soc Grant*	£500.00	£1,000.00
TG Rec Soc rent	£70.00	£70.00
St Mary's Church donation**	£300.00	£300.00
GAPTC Subs	£105.80	£110.00
Clerk's salary (inc Tax)	£2,200.00	£2,200.00
Audit (inc Xs)	£180.00	£100.00
Insurance	£190.00	£250.00
Praedium Property	£100.00	£100.00
Training	£100.00	£100.00
Road Safety	£250.00	£0.00
Local Donations	£250.00	£150.00
Legal Fees	£500.00	£0.00
Total expenditure	£5,545.80	£5,180.00
Precept ***	£4,167.00	£5,000.00
Other income (interest, allotments, VAT)	£150.00	£150.00
Total income	£4,317.00	£5,150.00
****Reserved funds for Community Green Projects	£3,307.00	£3,307.00
Balance Forward	£7,125.65	£9,048.36
End Balance	£9,203.85	£12,325.36
End balance exc Green funds	£5,896.85	£9,018.36

* £500 to be paid 2019/20 with remainder depending on other donors.

** Payment for maintenance of public non-secular grounds (LGA 1972 ss144 and 145)

*** 20% increase on previous year

**** Green funds to remain ring-fenced until December 2019. Can be reviewed at any time.

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