

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.30pm

in Temple Guiting Village Hall

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Val Brown, Jayne Ewart Perks, Michael Krier (Chairman), Kate Mather.

Public: Five members of the public were in attendance. Gloucestershire County Council Councillor Nigel Moor, attended for part of the meeting and addressed the meeting after agenda item 11.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received in advance from Cllrs Gower and Littlewood, and the Clerk (in self-isolation).
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** (Localism Act 2011): None.
3. **Points from the floor:** One parishioner asked to speak to agenda item 11 (b).
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 29th July 2020 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes at a later date. **Action: Clerk to post to website and noticeboards.**
5. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman announced that:
 - There are three cases of Covid-19 in Temple Guiting village.
 - Work on extending the Village Hall car park had been completed and was a significant improvement. The Chairman thanked the school, the PTA, David Hughes and Governor Rob Graves.
 - The Clerk had been asked to contact Christian James regarding the future of New Barn Farm buildings.
 - Cotswold AONB was undertaking a stone stile survey. The Chairman asked attendees to let him know of any stone stiles in the Parish.
6. **Clerks Report:** The Clerk's report had not been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. Councillor agreed that the normal process of circulating the report with the agenda should be resumed. Councillors noted the reconciliation and balance of £16,840.49. The bank/cash book reconciliation was approved for signature at a later date. **Action: Clerk to arrange signing.**
7. **Planning**

The Chairman reported that 9 applications for planning permission in the Parish (including tree work in the Conservation Area) had been received, considered or approved over the past few months.

Application 20/03155/FUL had arrived after the agenda had been circulated and a site visit was required. **Action: Clerk to arrange visit before October 20th.**

The Chairman, as Tree Warden, had reviewed application 20/02542/TCONR, submitted by Corpus Christi's contractor, carefully. The application was based on an extensive survey of trees on the College's remaining land in Temple Guiting village and identified existing and potential problems that would now be remedied. 'No objection' comment has been posted to the CDC planning portal.
8. **Website accessibility.** To decide whether to accept the draft website accessibility documents. Deferred until December meeting. **Action: Clerk to add to next agenda.**

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9. **Climate emergency day.** To decide whether councillors should take part in a one-day workshop on climate crisis activities. No councillors expressed an interest in participating. **Action: Clerk to inform organisers.**

10. Highways

a) Traffic monitoring

Cllr Krier summarised the ongoing (since May 2019) saga of locating and installing VAS posts at four locations in the Parish (opposite The Plough at Ford, between Colmans and TG School, near Treetops in Temple Guiting village and opposite Jasons in Kineton). All of these locations allowed for a device to be rotated to monitor traffic speeds in both directions. The work has now been scheduled for October 27/28 or definitely before the end of the financial year.

Cllrs resolved not to purchase the ANPR device in view of the cost (£7k+) and agreed that the Chairman, Speedwatch co-ordinator (Rob Graves) and Clerk should liaise to implement an earlier decision to purchase a SID (cost (£1.9k +VAT), once the posts were in situ.

The Clerk was pursuing Gloucestershire Highways regarding the missing 30 mph road surface roundels and the defective road markings on Ford Bank.

The Chairman noted that a resident had complained about the absence of a 30 mph speed restriction on the road between Colmans and Ford. She had been advised that a 30 mph (or any other speed limit lower than the national limit) was not feasible and that the Parish Council had secured 'SLOW' road markings and signage to advise motorists of the need to drive slowly on the narrow road.

b) Parking in Temple Guiting

Residents living close to The Pantry had contacted the Council about the problem of inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking near The Pantry by customers, walkers and other visitors. The Pantry already has a notice encouraging walkers to use the Village Hall car park. Yellow lines were thought inappropriate, as might other additional signs. Cllr Moor said that GCC could paint 'white H' signs (white line with 90° end markings) across entrances to discourage parking but that they were not legally binding. **Action: Clerk to liaise with residents and The Pantry to review options and report to the next PC meeting.**

11. Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party

Cllr Ewart Perks summarised the minutes of the recent successful meeting, which was attended by Cllrs Richard Keeling (CDC) and Nigel Moor (GCC).

At this stage Gloucestershire County Councillor Nigel Moor was invited to address the meeting:

- Cllr Moor congratulated Councillors involved in the Quarry Working Party – a welcome initiative, especially with John Mills' involvement in a forthcoming on-line meeting.
- Cllr Moor had met the Headteacher at Temple Guiting School and would seek to involve Cabinet Member Patrick Molyneux in furthering plans for additional accommodation in view of rising numbers.

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- He outlined the Gloucestershire County Council 'Tree Strategy' (in collaboration with Herefordshire and Monmouthshire) aiming to plant 3.5 million trees. Private landowners would be encouraged to participate.
- He had received a summary of the recent traffic count in Ford (also sent to TGPC). Minute by minute details would be available shortly.
- Winter opening hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) would apply at Fosse Cross recycling centre from 25th October. The booking system would be further improved with the introduction of half-hour slots.

Cllr Moor was thanked for his ongoing initiatives and support for the Parish Council.

12. Green group

Cllrs accepted Cllr Mather's proposal to administer a booking system whereby local residents could borrow the Heat Detector during the winter months. Cllr Mather hoped that the school might find a use for the detector in encouraging climate change awareness among pupils. **Action: Cllr Mather to set up system and discuss use by the school with the Headteacher.**

13. **Training** Cllr Ewart Perks had attended (on-line) the first part of her 'Better Councillor' training and had found it useful.

14. **Phone Box in Ford** Councillors agreed to provide some financial support if Cllr Ewart Perks established that residents were willing to refurbish the phone box. Councillors questioned the use of the phone box as a replacement parish council noticeboard because of its location. The meeting agreed that the location of a new notice board would require further investigation.

15. Finances – Resurfacing play area

Quotes to resurface the play area with rubber bark ranged from £57 to £90 + VAT per sq m. Councillors agreed that, as the area required was 270 sq m, this was beyond the means of the Council. If another body decided to implement this improvement the Council would make a grant available.

16. Finances - Banking review

The Clerk had researched banking and investment options as noted in the Auditor's report. There was little prospect of securing a worthwhile rate of interest though committing funds to a 1 year or longer term could earn between 0.40% and 0.70%. Councillors resolved to consider this matter further at the December meeting which would concentrate on finances (expenditure and planned grants for 2020-21, the budget for 2021-22 and the resulting precept requirement). **Action: Clerk to add the review to the December agenda.**

17. Meeting format

Councillors resolved that TGPC meetings should continue in person in the village hall unless circumstances changed significantly.

18. Next meeting:

Councillors resolved to hold the next meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. All meetings are subject to Covid-secure government guidelines.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

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