

Temple Guiting Parish Council takes ‘A fresh look at quarrying ... ‘



Temple Guiting Parish Council has prepared a document which proposes a new way of looking at planning applications for quarrying in the area. Called ‘A fresh look at quarrying’, it outlines the problems experienced locally due to the large number of quarries operating locally. Gloucestershire Council reviews each application in isolation whereas the community experiences the effects of the total number of quarries and their vehicles.



Councillors met the GCC planners with responsibility for quarrying at Shire Hall and discuss the concerns of local residents especially in light of applications for extensions to quarrying activity at both Breedon (Naunton) and Grange Hill. A forum comprising representatives from local quarries, GCC and residents is one of the options being considered. The aims would be to help improve communication and to preserve or improve the quality of our local environment. The document is available [here](#).

TGPC ‘Looking to the future ... ‘



At the February meeting Temple Guiting Parish Council adopted its ‘Looking to the future’ document, a simple plan to underpin decision-making by the Parish Council, especially with regard to agreeing an annual budget and setting the Precept (the part of the Council Tax which is paid to the Parish Council). The intention is to provide a summary of facts relevant to TGPC's forward planning and budgeting.

A copy of the current draft is available on the [website](#).

The Great British Clean up – 22 March– 23 April



#LitterHeroes across the country will be improving the environment on their doorstep this year. There are three ways you can get involved:

1. Sign up to host a clean-up or log in to My Dashboard if you've signed up before
2. Join a clean-up near you
3. Pledge your support

You can simply register your support by pledging on that page and telling us how many minutes you are going to give to the campaign. You could pick up litter while walking the dog or on the walk to school. For more information click [here](#).

Ever wanted to learn to lay a hedge?



The Cotswold Tree Wardens' first event in 2019 will be a hedge laying day on Saturday 9th March at Hawton Wood, Little Compton. It will be a good chance to consolidate any existing skills, but is also suitable for beginners. Tools are provided and strong gloves are advisable. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 10 a.m. with a 10.30 start. Lunch will be served and toilet facilities will be available. The donation for the day is £5. More information is available [here](#).

Starry, starry night ...



Dark, starry skies are one of the most magical sights of the countryside. To help find our darkest skies the Council for the Protection of Rural England is organising a Star Count between 2nd and 23rd February. All you have to do is to look up at the night sky and report how many stars you can see in Orion. The results will help create a map of the best places to enjoy the stars as well as supporting work to combat light pollution and reclaim our dark skies. For details click [here](#).

Using the Herbert Protocol



For anyone worried that a loved one with dementia could go missing, the Herbert Protocol can provide some comfort. You or they complete a form which will be used by police to find them and return them to safety quickly.

Gloucestershire Constabulary is working with the Alzheimer's Society to promote this scheme, named after war veteran George Herbert who died whilst missing and trying to return to his childhood home. For more information and to fill in a copy of the form visit the [website](#).

An extra £2 per month per property proposed for Gloucestershire Police



Gloucestershire Constabulary's Chief Constable, Rod Hansen, has proposed adding an extra £2 per month to the Council Tax on a typical Band D property to "... help us deliver the service the public deserves". This includes a proposed increase of 74 officers and staff to help ensure the Force remains visible on the streets, ready to respond to emergencies, combat serious and organised crime and protect the most vulnerable in our society. Further details can be found in the [County's Police and Crime Plan](#).

Council elections



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The 4-yearly parish and council elections will take place on May 2nd 2019. Anyone wanting to become or remain a councillor must complete their nomination forms and deliver them **by hand** to the election office at the CDC offices in Trinity Road, Cirencester before 4 p.m. on April 3rd. Anyone who lives or works within the parish, or within a 3 mile radius, may put themselves forward if they have a proposer and a seconder. The election officers will check the form for you if required. Forms are available from the [Clerk](#).