**Clerk’s Report for**

Thursday 8 October to Friday 27 November 2020

(Points numbered according to the minutes of the last meeting.)

**4. Minutes.**

Clerk has posted the previous minutes to the website and the noticeboards.

**7. Planning.**

Clerk arranged planning site visits to:

Kineton Thorns

The Walled Garden

New Barn Farm

**8. Website hosting**

Further information and requests sent to previous website administrator to enable the site to be transferred to GoDaddy.

**10. Parking in Temple Guiting.**

Clerk contacted residents who had expressed concern re parking in the village to arrange a meeting where the following options could be discussed.

\* asking visitors to park in the Village Hall car park (which would need signage)

\* a walking route avoiding the road over the River Windrush to the car park (which would need permission from local land owners, signage and surfacing)

\* yellow lines on the corners near the Pantry (which would need agreement from Gloucestershire County Council Highways for a Traffic Regulation Order and somewhere else for cars to park – see the first option).

\* asking the new residents of Shepherd’s Cottage to trim the vegetation back from the road and repair the wall.

The call did not take place as -

- only 2 people responded

- one of the causes of excessive parking was viewings of Shepherd’s cottage, which has since been sold.

- the walking route would need to cross land owned by Temple Guiting Manor to reach the car park and may meet resistance. It would also cost more than the PC has available as a new bridge would have to be built.

- A TRO costs around £15,000, which is more than the PC has available, plus it would be very difficult to enforce given the limited capacity of the police in the area.

- Nigel Moor’s kind suggestion of painting white ‘H’ lines would not be enforceable, they are advisory signs sorespondents were not enthusiastic.

The options of signage to the village hall car park and asking the new residents to maintain the wall and vegetation remain. The cost of village ‘finger pointer’ signs is in the region of £250 - £300, depending on size, style and wording. Details of the new residents are not yet available.

**16. Finances - Review of banking arrangements (resulting from auditor’s report)**

TGPC is likely to carry over more than £15,000 into next year’s accounts. This includes savings and the incorporation of a second account into the current account. Clerk has reviewed banking and investment arrangements.

The current account with Lloyds is free of charge and, as such, represents the best value available. Regarding deposit accounts:

1. rates of interest for savings accounts are very low regardless of provider. NS&I, previously one of the best and most versatile, has recently reduced interest rates significantly (see below).
2. There may be further rates of reduction across the board in the near future.
3. Fixed Income bonds offer a higher rate but withdrawals are not allowed and the sum must be committed for a given term.
4. If TGPC would like to deposit cash in a savings accounts, at least 6 months typical expenditure i.e. £2,300 should be left in the current account as a contingency fund.
5. PC savings accounts should be with stable providers and must not put capital at risk. Some of the best options are:

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| NS & I Direct Saver | Taxable. Variable.  1.00% gross/AER to 23 November 2020  **0.15% gross/AER** from 24 November 2020 Interest calculated daily, added to account annual on 1 April. | No notice, no penalty  Online and phone access. |
| Post Office Instant Saver or Online Saver | Taxable. Variable. 0.35% reverts to 0.1%after a year. | No notice, no penalty. Online and branch access. |
| Post Office Online Bond | 0.50% - 0.60% (1yr or longer) | No withdrawals for the agreed term. |
| Tesco Fixed Rate Saver | 0.40% - 0.70% (1yr or longer) | No withdrawals for the agreed term. |

**16. Finances** – Reconciliation

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| Temple Guiting Parish Council | | |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Reconciliation | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Period 1 April 2020 to 25 November 2020 | | | |  |  |  |
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| Current account 02503759 | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Balance at 25 November 2020 | | | £11,575.31 |  |  |
| Savings account 07859616 | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Balance at 25 November 2020 | | | £5,265.24 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | £16,840.55 |  |  |
|  | Less outstanding payments | | |  | £87.60 |  |
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|  | **Reconciled balance** | |  |  | **£16,752.95** |  |
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| **Cashbook summary** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opening balance 1 April 2020 | | |  | £10,564.01 |  |  |
| Add receipts to date | |  |  | £8,986.49 |  |  |
| Less payments to date | | |  | £2,797.57 |  |  |
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|  | **Cashbook balance** | |  |  | **£16,752.93** |  |

Signed:

Clerk & RFO …………………………………………………………….

Councillor ………………………………………………………………..

Date: xx December 2020

**Other correspondence** with residents/CDC/GCC/other PCs on the following topics –

- phone box at Ford

- traffic count data including 4 points for quarry traffic plus Upper Slaughter traffic report

- report of damaged stone monument ‘Cromwell’s seat’ at Beckbury Camp

- speeding vehicles on the road through Colmans

- planning regulations

- new Conservative candidate for N.Cots to replace Nigel Moor.

- residents at No 1 The Sherry and Bromford Housing Association re overhanging trees.

