**Temple Guiting Parish Council**

Clerk’s Report for

**Thursday 6th September 2018 to Thursday 1st November 2018**

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

**4. Minutes.** Clerk has posted the previous minutes to the website and the noticeboards.

**6. Planning**

Clerk has posted ‘no objection’ comments to the CDC planning portal for 18/02042/FUL Change of use of land to an overflow car park at Cotswold Farm Park; and 18/02306/TCONR Prune Cherrry tree at Sheepfold, Ford Farm Cottages. Following site meeting, Clerk posted ‘no objection’ to application for ag building at Landgate House, also for all 3 tree works applications.

**7. A. Quarrying – Retrospective application to treble output from Oathill Quarry (18/0010/CWMAJW)**

Cllr Nigel Moor informed Clerk that the meeting with Planning Offiers responsible for quarrying applicaitons would not now take place as:

*“If the application is refused then it will be necessary for GCC to consider issuing a Breach of Condition Notice. I think until we know the outcome it would be premature to request a meeting with officers but I am satisfied that the breach of conditions is being treated very seriously by them (the officers).”*

Clerk contacted the following to provide information regarding the planning application:

Upper Slaughter PC – no action

Toddington PC

Winchcombe TC

Guiting Power PC- objected

Naunton PC

Cutsdean PC

CPRE

Temple Guiting School Headmistress – who passed it on to the Governors and parents.

Nigel Moor contacted the AONB who lodged an objection.

Regarding wheel washing, clerk has checked the conditions which apply to Naunton quarry and has contacted Nick Bainton at GCC re: monitoring and possible improvements. Please see below for details.

**7. B. Highways**

Clerk contacted TG school to inform them of the closure of the Fosse Way at Stow. Details also included in teh newsletter. Clerk contacted Highways to request the 1 mile plate for the ‘road narrows’ sign agreed with Rhodri Grey. Clerk was informed that it had been ordered. Re: the repeat sign, Harry Roberts informed clerk that it would be superfluous as large vehicles which had entered the road would not be able to reverse out of the road. Clerk has also reminded Highways about repainting the very faded ‘SLOW’ sign on the approach to Barton bridge from Guiting Power. Clerk also asked for vegetation on the bridge to be trimmed. This has been done.

**Misc (inc. carried over from previous meetings)**

* Speedwatch. First session took place on 1 November in Kineton. A few were doing 35 mph but traffic soon noticed the team and many were recorded as travelling at around 20 m.p.h.
* Royal Mail has now decided to locate the new post box outside 1 Colmans, having previously emailed to say that it would be located at the Village Hall.
* Clerk has pursued possibility of s106 quarry payments fund with Glos Planning Enforcement and with CDC. Latest email sayss106 only applies when the quarry is required to pay for works to mitigate the effects of the development. If it is thought that the roads will withstand the development, no s106 funds are applied.
* Clerk has emailed TG School re: ‘grass maintenance’ payment requirements for 2018/19 and 2017/18. The last payment, for £418, was in July 2016. Costs for 2017/18 were £2960.64 p.a., for 2018/19 33070.20 p.a.
* Clerk ordered the new light for the Kineton phone box refurbishment, now fitted.
* Clerk helped the Farm Park to acquire it’s own postcode as it was sharing with Kineton. Bemborough Farm now also has its own postcode.
* Mud on the roads outside local quarries: According to **Nick Bainton**, Senior Planning Officer, Strategic Infrastructure, Planning Development Management, Gloucestershire County Council, re wheel washing at quarries on 29 October 2018:

“The problem is that the conditions are trying to tackle a round problem with a square peg…  
  
When conditions are dry, dust is tracked onto the road. When its wet, washing the vehicles causes the slick effect on the highway. Technically the operators are complying with the condition, but in practical terms, in the real world, the words of the condition sometimes fail to make a workable translation and cause mud to be spread on the road (by their compliance with the condition). I will continue to monitor.”

“It is possible to request a road sweeper, although most operators will employ a road sweeper at times when excessive staining is occurring. The issue is that these also seem to smear the road further. There is no practical answer which is 100% infallible. At least we have an element of control, to a degree better than farm vehicles which seem to apply mud to the roads for fun..  
  
One option trialled by a quarry in the South Downs was a dry wheel cleaner, which used a trackway to tease out the mud from the tyre treads. How it would be effective in wet weather, I don’t know.”