**Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors present:** Michael Krier**,** Val Littlewood, Rex Bovill, Val Brown, Kate Mather, Philip Beaver. The Clerk joined the meeting at 8:05.

**1.** **Apologies:** Received in advance from Cllr Gower.

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.

**3. Points from the floor:** None.

**4. Approval of the previous meeting’s minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meetings held on 7th February and 15th March as a true record of these meetings and they were signed by the Chairman. Action: Clerk to post to website.

**5. Clerk’s report.** The Clerk’s report was noted.

Cllrs Krier and Brown reported on their meeting with Bidwells (new agents of Corpus Christi College, Oxford). Bidwells confirmed that Corpus Christi plans to dispose of all the property still in its ownership in Temple Guiting. This includes a plot of beech trees in the centre of the village (possibly to the Parish Council) which are costly to maintain. Bidwells are checking exact details of land in Temple Guiting which was not included in the Temple Guiting Estate sale to Mr Dawson. Action: Clerk to circulate amended note of the meeting and contact Bidwells regarding queries raised by Councillors.

**6. Planning**

17/0099/CWMAJW Oat Hill Quarry. Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Nigel Moor has also posted objections supporting ours on the planning portal. Correspondence received from Senior Planning Officer Nick Bainton indicates opportunities for further liaison (improved wheel washing, more transparent monitoring, cumulative Environmental Impact Assessments). Action: Clerk to maintain regular contact with Gloucestershire County Council Planning Officers.

**7. Finances**

Cllrs noted current balances and approved clerk’s salary for Feb/March.

Council approved the budget for 2018/19. The Chairman indicated that ‘Road Safety’ was a new item of expenditure., Action: Clerk to issue cheque and to post budget to the website.

Clerk also to check with CDC why householders had been advised of a 4.7% increase in the Parish Council’s element of the Council Tax (the precept), whereas the Parish Council had only increased the precept by 2%, in line with inflation.

Clerk to amend budget spreadsheet to show funds ‘Carried forward’ to the new financial year in two sections (1) the amount ring-fenced for ‘Green Energy Projects’ (received as a VAT refund on a previous green energy project). (2) General Council Funds.

**8. Highways**

The Chairman referred to the notes of the recent meeting with Gloucestershire Highways representatives Rhodri Grey and Bob Skillern, which had been circulated to councillors. Council decided to invite Nigel Moor to the Annual Meeting to report on plans for highways (his fund especially) and quarrying in the area. The clerk informed the Council that an extra £500,000 had been allocated to Gloucestershire’s ‘Operation Road Rescue’ to mend pot holes caused by recent severe weather. Action: Clerk to repeat her invitation to County Cllr Moor to attend the May 2nd Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **Speedwatch update**

The Chairman informed the meeting that additional resources were being provided under the Community Speedwatch programme. It is understood that police officers may undertake enforcement activities in partnership with the local Community Speedwatch Group. Action: Clerk to liaise with local Community Speedwatch group to request support from the Enforcement unit.

1. **Snow clearance**

Council agreed to thank the Snow Wardens for the long hours they had worked clearing the roads during the recent severe weather. Action: Chair to offer recognition to J & J Arkell.

Clerk informed the meeting of two items she proposed for the next meeting: ‘There, not there’ WW1 commemoration plans; and Health & Safety improvements at the allotments. Action: Clerk to circulate WW1 commemoration information and Health & Safety inspection report among councillors.

As there was no further business, the Chairman closed the public meeting at 8.10 p.m.

**Dates of next Council meetings:**

The **Annual Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 2nd May 2018** in Temple Guiting Village Hall at **7.00 p.m.** to be followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** at **7.30 p.m.**