

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the
village hall**

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Jayne Ewart Perks, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood.

Public: One member of the public was in attendance.

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllrs Brown and Mather in advance.
- 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:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2021 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes.
Action: Clerk to add to website and noticeboards.
- 5. **Chairman’s announcements:** The Chairman announced that all Parish and Town councils were being offered 2 oak trees to plant in commemoration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Councillors decided to apply for the trees and to decide on a location nearer the time. **Action: Clerk to request trees.**

The Chairman also announced that Gloucestershire Food Revolution (GFR) would like responses to a survey to help support farmers and the environment by making locally produced good quality food more easily available. Councillors agreed that the form should be circulated.
Action: Clerk to circulate survey form.

Several complaints about noise from Temple Guiting Manor and about shoot parking near the school had been received. Councillors decided to address these at the next meeting when more information would be available and the chairman had reminded the gamekeeper about the need to keep the yellow lines clear of parked cars. **Action: Clerk to include in the agenda for the next meeting.**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with the representative of Corpus Christi between meetings and discussed their strategy for the land in Temple Guiting. The college plans to continue to dispose of the remnants of its estate.

- 6. **Clerk’s report.** The contents of the report were covered by the Chairman.
- 7. **Parking in Temple Guiting.** The Clerk informed the meeting that an invoice had been received for the sign to be fitted to the school house wall and the colours had been confirmed for the fingerposts. All signs should be delivered in the next two weeks.
- 8. **Highways, speeding and VAS data.** The Chairman circulated graphs produced by the VAS equipment which showed a pattern of speeding, primarily coming into Ford from the west and leaving Temple Guiting on the road to Kineton. The VAS battery life is only 2 weeks in Ford so councillors approved the plan to investigate a further solar powered VAS, complete with an ANPR which had been approved by the police. The clerk has contacted Little Rissington PC to ask for details of the equipment which they are investigating.

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The Chairman and councillors thanked Rob Graves for replacing the batteries and moving the VAS every 2 to 3 weeks.

Councillors recalled that Paul Keyte of Johnsons Quarries had previously promised to contribute to the cost of the VAS equipment. **Action: Clerk to write to Mr Keyte requesting the promised support.**

9. **Ford phone box.** Councillors resolved to fund the restoration of the Ford phone box and to complete the painting of the Temple Guiting phone box. A budget of £500 was agreed. Cllr Gower requested information detailing budget against actual spend. **Action: Clerk to provide budget v actual comparison figures for the November meeting, where the precept would also be discussed.**
10. **Quarrying.** Councillors noted the report from Cllr Gower, which included production figures obtained from GCC which showed a rapid increase 10 years ago. No historic traffic counts were provided despite requests and GCC has not responded to any of the reports produced by the Quarry Working Party. Residents are primarily concerned about traffic noise, quarry noise, dust and pollution although different locations have different priorities. Independent, professional measurements are needed to determine the exact scale of these issues and are likely to cost £2 - 3,000 which could be crowdfunded across the PCs and residents affected.

Councillors agreed that the Quarry Working Group could:

- a) Arrange meetings with affected parishes (primarily Stanway, Toddington, Upper Slaughter) and local residents as a follow up to the Toddington meeting organised by CCB. (Note: CCB is no longer able to engage in the issue as it does not have capacity to deal with matters other than the A417 'missing link'.) Funding will be discussed.
- b) Arrange another meeting with GCC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington to update him on the information discovered by the Quarry Working Party.

If the readings show that there is cause for concern, they will be presented to GCC. If there is no response legal action will have to be considered. **Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting for the Quarry Working Party with Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington and provide dates for the scheduled meetings of the relevant PCs.**

11. **Planning.** Councillors noted that a revised application for [Oathill quarry](#) had been received after the agenda had been circulated. TGPC Quarry Working Party will review the application and suggest a response for approval by TGPC at a Planning Committee meeting. **Action: Clerk to arrange a Planning Committee meeting before the deadline of 1st November**
12. **Rural Housing.** Councillors considered the document produced by the Rural Housing Association and noted the need for affordable places to live. Although public funding is far more extensive and flexible than previously, no suitable land could be identified within the Parish. Councillors decided not to pursue it at this time.
13. **'20 is plenty' campaign.** Councillors resolved not to support this campaign as it was difficult to enforce and, except at points identified by the VAS, most traffic in the parish did not exceed the 30 mph limit.
14. **Finances.** Councillors noted the current bank balances (a) and the reconciliation (b) in the Clerk's report. The Chairman signed the reconciliation.

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- (c) Insurance. Councillors resolved to accept the 3-year contract with Community First.
- (d) The following payments were approved:

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Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	St Mary's Church	Rental of West End for Quarry Working Party meeting.	£10.00
Epay	Community First Trading	Annual insurance premium – first year of 3-year contract	£232.33
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary July, August @£155.55 p.m.	£311.10

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

Signed
Chairman

3rd November 2021