

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the residents of Barton, Farmcote, Ford, Kineton and Temple Guiting
also Bemborough, Jackdaws Castle, Pinnock and Trafalgar.

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Councillors present: Val Brown, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier, Val Littlewood, Kate Mather.

Public: three members of the public attended.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None as all councillors attended.
- 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 1st February as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. **Action: Clerk to add to website and noticeboards.**

6. Chairman's announcements:

The Chairman made several announcements:

- The church is holding a litter picking event on May 8th, as part of the Big Helpout.
- As previously agreed, the longest serving Councillor would plant a 'Coronation Tree' on the Village Green, to the side of the old village shop.
- The Chairman has fixed the last 'Village Hall Car Park' sign to the wall to the right of the entrance to the church.
- The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended a Zoom meeting with Dawson Truck and Rental on 3rd March to discuss Recreation Field/Village Hall site. The Chairman noted that the PC had accrued funds for possible professional/legal advice should this become necessary.
- The new VAS bracket had been installed on the VAS post at Ford Pitch. Cllr Ewart-Perks reported that it was already helping to slow traffic down. Councillors had approved a second VAS with ANPR preferably solar powered at the February 2022 meeting. There is still no ANPR system available so councillors approved the purchase of a solar VAS to be installed permanently opposite The Plough at Ford . **Action: Clerk to order solar powered VAS.**
- Rob Graves noted that the existing batteries needed to be replaced as they were not holding their charge. **Action: Clerk to order four new batteries.**
- The bridge on the path between Hyde and the village had not been mended yet because the Wardens were awaiting materials.
- The potholes on the road through the village and at Fiddlers' Green needed urgent attention. The Clerk reported that the repairs were marked on the GCC Highways planned works map although no date had been allocated. Clerk had requested a date.
- The increasing noise from more frequent clay pigeon shoots in the area was noted. TGPC recommends that residents disturbed by this noise should approach the Environmental Health Officers for either Cotswold District Council or Tewkesbury as appropriate to determine whether Noise Abatement Orders could be issued. Guidance is available on both CDC's and TBC's websites.

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7. Clerk's Report

Councillors noted that 5 nominations had been received for the 7 councillor positions, so there would not be an election for PC seats.

Clerk had established how to cut off the electricity at Temple Guiting phone box so that an electrician could attend. If the light fitting is not the new LED version, all that would be needed would be to replace the bulb. **Action: Clerk to establish type of fitting and arrange electrician if required i.e. if the light fitting is the LED type or purchase replacement bulb if not an LED fitting.**

8. Quarry Working Party Report

Councillor Gower noted that:

- The joint letter to GCC Minerals Planning had been approved by three GCC councillors, Cotswold National Landscape Board, the North Cotswold CPRE and a total of nine parish councils/meetings. CDC was considering whether to add its name to the list of signatories.
- The measurements project was now fully funded so could complete the works.
- The exceptionally low numbers of vehicles recorded meant that further investigation was needed to establish an accurate picture.
- Cotswold Hill quarry was generating a high number of quarry movements due to the volume of imports.
- The rock face had been disturbed by further quarrying. The possible impact of this on the nesting protected species should be investigated.
- Further responses to a Reg 25 request from GCC received from Oathill quarry's advisers did not address the questions TGPC had posed to GCC.

The Chairman thanked the Quarry Working Party, in particular Cllr Gower, for their work. **Action: Clerk to post QWP report to TGPC website.**

9. **Annual GAPTC subscription.** Councillors resolved to renew membership and approved the annual subscription of £109.70. **Action: Clerk to arrange payment.**

10. **Annual Internal Audit.** Having satisfied themselves that the auditor provided by GAPTC would be independent of the council, Councillors resolved to appoint an auditor provided by GAPTC. **Action: Clerk to request auditor from GAPTC.**

11. Planning

a. **Councillors considered the following applications** and resolved to post comments of 'No objections' to both:

23/00702/FUL Ford Hill Farm. Rebuilding of the external walls and other associated works to improve the long-term sustainability of the development.

23/00971/TCONR Tree works at 3 Windrush Court, Ford. Remove and replant two sycamores and ivy clad trees on bank. The trees are leaning towards the house and have exposed roots and are causing damage to garage. **Action: Clerk to post 'no objections' comments to CDC portal.**

b. Councillors confirmed that the following represented their decisions:

23/00297/FUL Critchford House, Kineton. Replacement of stone mullions with catnic lintels dressed with cast stone and other associated works. 'No objections' comment posted to CDC portal.

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23/00354/FUL College Barn Cottage. Installation of 10 solar panels on an adjoining barn roof. 'No objections' comment posted to portal.

12. Finances

- a) **Financial Position.** Councillor noted the current balances and the amount ringfenced for the QWP Measurement Project.
- b) **Reconciliation.** Councillors approved the reconciliation in the Clerk's Report and the Chairman agreed to sign it.
- c) **Epay/Cheque signing.** The following **payments** were approved:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary February/March @£165.75 p.m.	£331.50
Epay	M Krier	Expenses (Printer cartridge, paper and travel – 55 miles @ 0.45ppm)	£100.64
Epay	M Freeman	Expenses (travel to Cirencester re VAS bracket and nomination forms) 42.4 miles @45ppmile	£19.08
Epay	GAPTC	Annual subscription 2023 24	£109.70
Epay	Community Heartbeat	Replacement pads for Temple Guiting defibrillator	£105.60

Action: Clerk to arrange payments.

Councillors noted deposits received, including bank interest of £5.18p and donations totalling £3,000 for the QWP measurements project.

13. Date of next meeting

Councillors resolved to reschedule the next meeting from 3rd May to 17th May, in light of the elections on 4th May and because two apologies had been received for 3rd May, to enable new councillors to attend.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on 17th May 2023. It will start with the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7.00 (at which the Chairman and other officers will be elected). This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 17th May 2023.

Signed
Chairman

17th May 2023