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Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Val Brown, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier, Val Littlewood, Kate Mather.

Public: No members of the public attended.

- 1. Apologies for absence: Apologies received in advance from Cllr Ewart Perks.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011): Cllr Mather declared an interest in item 8, Planning.
- 3. Points from the floor: None.
- 4. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes: Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 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 he and the Vice Chairman had attended a meeting with the Guiting Grange Estate Manager and representatives of the potential developer of the New Barn Farm site to discuss progress. A plan for a small number of houses in a carefully considered setting is being considered and a planning application is expected in early 2023. 'Heritage' buildings will be retained.

GCC Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington had also provided a report in advance of the meeting covering some of Gloucestershire County Council's recent achievements. GCC has introduced an 'on request' rural minibus service which takes residents to Winchcombe, Stow on the Wold and Andoversford, where shops are available as well as onward travel by public transport. Further details are available at: https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/. Action: Clerk to post the report to the TGPC website.

CDC Councillor Cllr Keeling had provided a report which included news that the Fosse Cross Recycling centre is now open for same-day bookings. He is also pursuing planning enforcement issues.

The TGPC VAS system has been recording traffic speeds at four locations in the Parish. The majority of drivers travel at less than 40 mph in 30 mph zones although some higher speeds were recorded in Ford again.

The Clerk has emailed GCC Highways again regarding the provision of an additional VAS post in Ford. Action: Clerk to continue to try to get a response from GCC Highways.

6. Clerk's report

Councillors noted the contents of the Clerk's report, including the reconciliation which would be reviewed at agenda item 9(b), and the budget planning spreadsheet.

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7. Quarry Working Party

- a) Cllr Gower reported that the recent heavy and persistent rain had meant that the dust monitoring process was compromised and would have to be repeated in the spring when, hopefully, weather will be better. This will mean a small extra charge.
- b) The North Cotswold Quarry Action Group is fundraising for the remaining £800 needed to complete the project to collect data relating to noise and dust on the B4077 through Ford. The VAT recovered through TGPC from Hydrock, the measurement providers, will be used to help fund the project.
- c) Cllr Gower explained that the next step, if the independent measurements prove that current impacts are higher than permitted, may be to refer GCC Minerals Planning to the Secretary of State for a redirection. The QWP will also consider potential meetings with GCC Minerals, provided the terms and scope are clear. Cllr Gower also reported that although five FOI requests had been made to GCC and to HM Govt requesting production volumes across the quarry cluster, this information had not been given to TGPC.
- d) Councillors noted that there had been no further action from GCC on the Three Gates application except that further information had been requested from the applicant. This may mean that the application is approved by default if the time limit is exceeded. Action: The QWP will request an extension of the time limit to avoid this situation.
- e) GCC traffic flow information. The QWP had queried some of the traffic flow data provided by GCC Highways but no response had been received. No data for individual dates had been provided and the data was incompatible with other available data. Action: QWP to repeat requests to GCC for explanation of data.

The Chairman thanked the Quarry Working Party, and Councillor Stephen Gower in particular, for their hard work on this project.

8. Planning

a) Applications for consideration

22/03768/FUL Blind Lane Cottage Kineton. Application to build accommodation in the garden. This application will be considered at a forthcoming site visit.

22/03228/FUL Landgate House. Application to permit ground-mounted solar panels. Councillors were familiar with the site and noted that the panels would be set low on the slope and would not be visible to local residents. Councillors agreed that they had no objections to the application. Action: Clerk to post 'No objections' to CDC planning portal. 22/03671/FUL and 22/03670/LBC Tallett Cottage, Ford, Temple Guiting. Replace white timber windows and dark oak door to front elevation and replace with French grey timber casement windows and timber oak door (retrospective). Councillors resolved not to object to this application. Action: Clerk to post 'No objections' to CDC planning portal.

9. Finances

- a) Financial Position. Councillor noted the current balances.
- 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:

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Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Ерау	M Freeman	Clerk's salary	£331.50
		September/October @	
		@£165.75 p.m. Plus	
		November at new rate of	£180.75
		£180.75 p.m.	
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary backpay from	£105.00
		April – October @ 1.01 p hr	
Epay	PATA	Excess charge for salary	£10
		recalculation 2021 (arrears)	
-		and 2022	

Councillors noted deposits received, including bank interest of 0.44p; donations from the N. Cotswolds Quarry Action Group, Toddington PC and Stanway PC towards the quarry impact measurements; a grant of £1,000 from the GCC Build Back Better fund towards the car park signage, and the second part of the CDC precept.

10. Budget setting for 2023/24

Councillors reviewed the budget planning form, noting that actual expenditure to the end of the year was very close to the budgeted amount, and that the Council holds sufficient reserves to meet a slight overspend. The proposed figures for the next financial year were adopted with an increase from £500 to £1000 for potential legal fees.

11. Precept setting 2023/24

Councillors agreed to request the same level of precept across the Parish for the financial year 2023/24 as for 2022/23.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on 1st February 2023, instead of the previously agreed date of January 4th as there is likely to be very little business to carry out on that date. The meeting which had been scheduled for March has been rescheduled to the first Wednesday in April (April 5th), with the statutory May meeting retained.

NOTE: Elections for all Parish Councillor (and District Councillor) seats will take place on 4^{th} May 2023. Further information will become available early next year. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk for more details.

Temple Guiting Parish Council - Approved Budget

	Approved
Council expenses	350
Infrastructure (car park signs)	0
Parish Maintenance	500
Allotment Mgt & Fees	500
TG Rec Soc Grant -VH mtce	1000
TG School donation	650
St Mary's Burial grds dtn	650
TG Rec Soc rent	70
GAPTC Subs	110
Clerk's salary (inc Tax)	2700
Audit (inc Xs)	175
Insurance	280
Praedium Property	100
Training	500
Road Safety	0
Other Local Donations	1000
Legal Fees	1000
Total expenditure	9585

B/forward from prev year	16282.49
Precept Other income (interest,	5108
allotments)	102
CIL/VAT estimate	427
Outstanding invoice	948
Grants and donations (held for	
QWP)	2750
Total income & reserves	25617.49

Note: Ringfenced amounts for elections £100, QWP £2500