

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 6th July 2022 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Val Brown, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Val Littlewood (Vice Chairman)

Public: Two members of the public attended, together with Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, GCC councillor, Cotswolds: Stow Division.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Krier and Mather offered apologies in advance. Vice Chairman Cllr Littlewood chaired the meeting.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None
3. **Points from the floor:** Speedwatch coordinator, Rob Graves, asked to speak at item 7b.
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 6th April 2022 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 noted that there had been concerns regarding a 'Cut Flowers' sign on Mill Lane. The sign was 3 miles from the stall and encouraged drivers to use a road marked as 'unsuitable for motors'. The sign has since been removed.

The Chairman invited Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to speak. The Councillor had provided a report in advance of the meeting, which covered Gloucestershire County Council's recent achievements, including:

- * Extra funding for schools, including the Special Needs and Disabilities programme and Community Learning & Adult Education. The Summer Holiday Activity and Food programme has been extended.
- * Further initiatives in Children's services.
- * Several resurfacing works confirmed scheduled locally including sections of the A429, A424, B4077 and others. Dates to be confirmed, but before Christmas.
- * 66,000 trees have been planted over the last two seasons. A further 100,000 will be planted in the next two seasons.

The Councillor then presented data from the 2021 Census of the County, including:

- * The total population of Gloucestershire has increased by 8% versus 6.3% in the rest of the UK. The increase in the Cotswold area was higher at 9.6%.
- * All age groups had increased in size, but the 70 – 74 year old band had increased by 44.5%, 65+ by 25.6% while the working aged population had only increased by 3.4%.
- * Population density in the Cotswolds is one of the lowest in the country at 78 per sq km (compared with 243 across Gloucestershire and 395 nationally).

Action: Clerk to post both reports to the TGPC website.

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Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington provided further details of the rural mobility scheme. The service would collect residents from a pick-up point and take them to the nearest transport/shopping hub. Criteria for using the service would include living in an isolated area and having no private transport of their own

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington also updated the meeting regarding funding available for parish projects including the Build Back Better fund and the Highways Fund to contribute to the costs of the Village Hall Car Park signage. **Action: Clerk to apply for Build Back Better as soon as possible (since done), and the Highways fund if required.**

6. **Clerk's report.** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerks report, including the reconciliation which would be reviewed at agenda item 15. The Clerk highlighted two items from the report – a breakdown of the cost of the car parking signage, including possible funding sources, and support for the Quarry Working Party's comments on the Reg 25 response to GCC by Oathill Quarry's representatives.

7. Highways

Cllrs Krier and Littlewood attended a meeting with Rhodri Gray, GCC Highways and discussed a list of issues in the parish, including the outstanding VAS post in Ford. Rob Graves commented that the post would have to be longer than those currently envisaged because of the extra weight and wind effects of installing a VAS with solar panels. **Action: 1. Clerk to contact Rhodri Gray to establish GCC's recommended height of the post and depth of the foundations. 2. Cllr Littlewood to forward a copy of the list of issues to Cllr MacKenzie Charrington**

8. Quarry Working Party and Oathill application 21/0050/CWS37M

Cllr Gower reported that the council's response to the Reg.25 request from GCC Minerals Planning to Oathill Quarry's representatives had been approved by the Working Party and that drafts were with the Chairman and Vice Chairman for final approval. TGPC's analysis highlighted that the new data showed that there was already a 14% increase in HGV traffic, this without the proposed further increase, which would bring the increase to 23%. In addition, this figure did not represent seasonal variations in traffic. When this pattern is included, the proposed increase is likely to increase HGV traffic levels to 30% more than in September 2019. 10% increase is considered significant by the relevant authorities.

Cllr Gower added that Cotswold District Council would be contributing its comments shortly, as would the Cotswold National Landscape Board. The Environmental Health Officers from Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council had met to discuss the issues. **Action: Clerk to post QWP report to the website.**

9. Planning

a) Applications for consideration:

22/01955/FUL Erection of single storey extension. Yew Tree Cottage, Temple Guiting. Planning Site Meeting arranged for 8th July 5 p.m. Note: since done. **Action: Clerk to post 'No objections' comment to the CDC portal together with recommendation that bitumen or another composite material might be better than that proposed.**

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b) Councillors to confirm approval of the following comments submitted between meetings:

22/01598/FUL Erection of single-storey side extension Chalk Hill Barn GL54 1HB 'No Objections' posted. Since approved.

22/01642/LBC Internal works to the Old Farmhouse, Temple Guiting. *No objections posted* . Since approved.

Councillors confirmed both comments.

10. Finances Councillors noted the **current bank balances** (a) and the **reconciliation** (b) in the Clerk's report. Councillors approved the reconciliation, which the Chairman signed.

c. The following **payments** were approved:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary May/June @£165.75 p.m.	£331.50
Epay	Signs of the Times	Invoice 33956 Final payment for car park signs	£1250.40
Epay	Guiting Garden Services	Install 3 posts for Village Hall Car Park signs	£250

Councillors noted deposits received, including annual allotment rentals, and direct debits paid to PATA (Quarterly payroll services @£23.85) and Praedium Properties (Half-yearly recreation field rental@£50).

d. **Annual accounts: Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22.** Councillors reviewed and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22.

e. **Annual accounts: Section 2 Accounting Statement 2021/22.** Councillors reviewed and approved the Accounting Statement 2021/22.

f. **Annual accounts: Certificate of Exemption from external audit AGAR 2021/22 Form 2.** Councillors reviewed and approved the Certificate of Exemption.

g. **Annual Accounts: Notice of commencement of Public Rights.** Councillors noted the dates for public examination of the above documents.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the public, Councillor MacKenzie-Charrington, Councillors and the Clerk for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Signed
Chairman



23rd September 2022

