

Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30 pm at
Temple Guiting Village Hall

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

Public: Seven members of the public were in attendance. GCC Councillor Nigel Moor also attended the meeting and addressed the meeting after agenda item 9.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received in advance from Cllr Mather.

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

3. **Points from the floor:**

The Chairman explained the process for public speaking at Parish Council meetings:

- Members of the public may raise any relevant matter for TGPC to consider.
- If the matter is on the current agenda, parishioners should let the Chairman know at this point, and they will be invited to speak for up to three minutes before Councillors consider that agenda item.
- If the matter is not on the agenda, it may be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Three parishioners asked to speak to agenda item 7- Parking; two to item 8 - New Barn Farm.

4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2020 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. Action: Clerk to post to website and noticeboards.

5. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman announced that:

- The VAS equipment had arrived and would be installed in the first instance between Colmans and Temple Guiting School before the end of term. The Chairman thanked Cllr Moor for his contribution to the cost of the equipment and for his financial support for 4 traffic surveys locally, which revealed unexpectedly high levels of HGV traffic on unsuitable roads.
- Highways matters which the clerk is currently progressing include: reinstatement of 30 mph roundels; renewal of road markings in Ford; deficient signage at Colmans; repairing damage to the ground at the post box.
- The renewal of the lease on the village hall and recreation field until September 2022 has been completed.
- The Chairman summarised the way in which the Council considers its response to planning applications. If minor, the clerk asks councillors to comment by email. For other applications, TGPC usually meets as a Planning Committee on-site, followed by discussion in a public place or at the next PC meeting, depending on the significance of the application. Councillors' views are compiled into a statement and submitted to CDC or GCC as appropriate.

6. **Clerks Report:** The chairman noted that three items from the clerk's report would be discussed later in the agenda.

7. **Parking in Temple Guiting.** The meeting decided to hold further discussions with residents affected by parking issues, to include those closest to The Pantry. Action: Clerk to arrange Zoom meeting. Cllr Moor informed the meeting that white 'H' lines could be painted across

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entrances, these were not enforceable. The property owner would pay GCC appx £70 per entrance. The meeting recognised that The Pantry already asks visitors to park considerately.

8. Planning

20/03447/FUL The Walled Garden. Cllrs met outside the property to consider the proposal and objected to the platform at the side of the car port as it would overlook the road and the neighbouring property. The applicant was not present but was later contacted and has since revised the application.

20/00200FUL New Barn Farm. Conversion of 6 barns to 7 residential units.

The Chairman noted that this was the latest in a series of applications for this site. Councillors met on site with the applicant's architect and agent on 11 November.

The Chairman had prepared a note of the issues raised, which he read to the meeting. Two members of the public addressed the meeting, one to ask TGPC to include a request that the practical issues of the construction process must be addressed in any planning consent. Another commented that the retention of all the buildings was out of character with the village and the AONB.

Councillors agreed not to object to the change of use from agricultural to residential but significant changes were needed. The retention of unsightly redundant buildings was out of keeping with the conservation area and Cotswold AONB guidelines. Action: Chairman to draft planning comment for approval by councillors. Clerk to post to CDC website once approved.

9. Website accessibility.

Councillors resolved to adopt the draft website accessibility documents. Action: Clerk to post to website.

Report from Cllr Nigel Moor, Gloucestershire County Council

The Chairman invited Cllr Moor to address the meeting. He explained that the Council's **Climate Change Strategy** had reduced council emissions by 97% and that the council expected to be carbon-neutral by end of 2021. However, efforts to reduce plastic waste were complicated by Covid-19 which had resulted in a 25% increase in household plastic usage. GCC has signed up to the **Gloucestershire Tree Strategy**, which aims for at least 20% of the county to be under woodland by 2030. GCC hopes to receive support from the Woodland Trust to kickstart the programme with at-scale tree planting this season and next. Action: Clerk to post report to TGPC website.

10. Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party.

Cllr Gower reported that a series of mini reports was being prepared by the Working Party members. Each would present the information available and outline missing elements. Traffic monitoring enabled by Cllr Moor had been gratefully received and were being used in the reports. This work has revealed that quarry vehicles are travelling before the permitted times and that the application by Naunton quarry included estimated traffic figures rather than actual figures and was therefore unreliable. In addition, by not requiring a Health Assessment, GCC was ignoring its own regulations as set out in the recently adopted Minerals Local Plan. Cllr Moor offered to check that the application was open for further comment. Action: Cllr Gower to send draft report to Cllr Moor.

11. Green group.

Item deferred due to absence of Cllr Mather.

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12. Phone box in Ford

Cllr Ewart Perks proposed that TGPC adopt the phone box in Ford and that she would manage local residents who would restore it. Councillors resolved to adopt the phone box. Action: Clerk to arrange adoption through CDC and BT.

13. Finances

13.1 Financial position. Councillors accepted and the Chairman signed the reconciliation. Councillors agreed to make the following payment:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary August/September /October/ November. @£155.65 p.m.	£622.60
Epay	St. Mary's Church	Burial ground maintenance additional payment	£100.00
Epay	Temple Guiting School	Maintenance of recreation field	£650.00

13.2 Budget review and precept setting

Councillors reviewed budget v actual and projected end of year spending as shown in the clerk's report. Cllrs agreed to donate £600 towards burial ground maintenance (£500 had already been paid) this year and £650 to Temple Guiting School to help with mowing the recreation field (£500 had been allocated). £600 was allocated in next year's budget. Action: Clerk to arrange payments. The Chairman proposed maintaining the total precept at the same amount as last year i.e. £5,000 for FY 2021/2022, which Councillors resolved to accept. Action: Clerk to circulate final budget to councillors; prepare precept application and send to CDC.

14. Banking review. Councillors reviewed the clerk's report on current and possible banking arrangements. There being no better options available councillors resolved to retain the same banking arrangements.

15. Next meeting. Councillors resolved to retain 3rd February 2021 as the date of the next meeting unless Government guidelines advised against meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38p.m.

Signed
Chairman

4th February 2021