**Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.00 p.m. in the village hall.**

**Councillors present:** Sam Baber-Scovell, Lorna Eayrs, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Michael Krier, Kate Mather (Chairman), Mickey Morrissey.

**Public:** 1 member of the public attended.

**CDC Councillor** Len Wilkinsattended.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Received in advance from Cllr Gower.
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 and signing**. The Council approved the draft minutes of the January Parish Council meeting and the Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. Action: Clerk to post to noticeboards and website.
5. **Approval of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting and signing**. The Council approved the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29th February and the Chairman agreed to sign them. Action: Clerk to post to noticeboards and website.

**The Chairman reordered the agenda so that the GRCC speaker (agenda item 11) could address councillors earlier in the evening.**

1. **Community Led Planning** Tim Gwilliam outlined the benefits and issues to be managed when deciding on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). They can focus on one aspect of the parish, for example housing needs, instead of the whole range of topics that could be covered by an NDP. Examples of a housing needs survey questionnaire and report were circulated. Other key points included:

- any decision to go ahead must have strong community backing if it is to succeed. A PC would need to find out from residents whether they supported the approach. Having a major driver such as the sustainability of a school helped mobilise support.

- Rural Exception sites for affordable housing can be created where planning wouldn’t normally be granted. Residents must have a personal link to the location.

- Community Land Trusts are another option (a form of legally-recognised community led housing).

- GRCC can carry out a Housing Needs Survey, though the result may be that there is no housing need in the parish.

- GRCC can enable funding

- Some areas are finding that affordable homes are needed for downsizers, as well as

 first homers.

- Market housing can now sometimes subsidise affordable housing.

Cllr Mather noted that previous social housing had been hard to let because of the lack of infrastructure in the parish, particularly transport, and the lack of any shops.

1. **Chairman’s announcements.** Reports had been received from GCC Cllr MacKenzie- Charrington and CDC Councillor Les Wilkins. The Chairman asked Cllr Les Wilkins to report to the meeting:
* CDC has received £115,000 in government funding.
* CDC was generating revenue by renting out part of its offices.
* Residents would be paying 6.7% more for services including green bins, refuse sacks, car parking and more.
* Council Tax Band D would increase by £5 per year.
* CDC is working on a partnership with Thames Water to improve water quality although no dates have been agreed yet.
* The new CDC forward plan ‘Green to the Core’ is available for comment [here](https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/): [Local Plan update and supporting information - Cotswold District Council](https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/)
* Voting for the next Police Commissioner will take place on May 2nd. Residents should check that they had voter ID.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilkins for attending and for outlining [his report](https://templeguitingparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Report-from-CDC-Cllr-Wilkins-Vale-Ward-March-24.docx).

The Chairman then reported on a meeting attended by Cllr Mather and Krier with the Highways Area Manager for the parish. Cllr Krier had listed the actions requested of the Highways Officer but no action had been taken since the meeting. The list is available [here.](https://templeguitingparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Report-on-meeting-with-Rhodri-26-Jan-24-.pdf) Action: Clerk to recontact officer for an update on progress.

The Chairman referred to the report from GCC Councillor MacKenzie-Charrington ([available here](https://templeguitingparishcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Report-to-Temple-Guiting-PC-meeting-6th-March-2024-2.pdf)). The next GCC Planning Meeting will be held on March 21st and twill include the latest Oathill Quarry application. Cllrs Ewart-Perks and Gower would attend, as would Councillors from Toddington and Upper Slaughter. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington would delegate his responsibility as Chairman of the Planning Committee so that he could support the Quarry Working Party (QWP). The Chairman thanked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington for his continued support both for the QWP and at the recent site meeting at New Barn Farm.

1. **Clerk’s report to councillors**. Councillors noted the contents of the report.
2. **Assets – village hall and recreation field.** Cllr Mather reported that, while the Village Hall and Recreation field were managed separately from the PC, the PC as leaseholder would be updated with any activity that affected the assets. Recent activity included an infestation of moles which the school was dealing with and which would be ongoing. There had been several plumbing issues in the village hall. Councillors thanked the Chairman for managing the maintenance of the hall, in her capacity as Chair of the management committee.
3. **Planning**
4. Applications to comment on:

[24/00348/FUL](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S88JSXFIHBL00) Ford Hill Farm. Demolition of five barns and replacement with 1 barn. Councillors agreed to post ‘No objections’ to the CDC planning portal. Action: Clerk to post.

[24/00622/TCONR](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S9LXKVFIHUP00)  2 Windrush Court, Ford. Maintenance to five trees. Councillors agreed to post ‘No objections’ to the CDC planning portal. Action: Clerk to post.

[24/00621/TCONR](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S9LXKEFIHUM00) Temple Guiting Primary School.  Maintenance to three trees. Councillors agreed to post ‘No objections’ to the CDC planning portal. Action: Clerk to post.

[23/00066/FUL](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=S6Y997FIGSY00&activeTab=summary) New Barn Farm, Temple Guiting.Conversion of a traditional barn to residential use and the erection of five new-build residential dwellings, the provision of landscaping, demolition of six existing agricultural barns and associated works. Councillors agreed on a response of ‘No objections’, but with extensive comments which had been drafted following the Planning Committee Meeting on 29th February. Action: Clerk to post.

1. Comments posted between meetings.

[24/00333/TCONR](https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage) Pollarding of 3 limes at 4 The Templars, Temple Guiting. CDC agreed with TGPC’s comments recommending less work. Councillors confirmed the ‘No objections’ comment.

1. **Local Plan – CDC**. Cllr Baber-Scovell reported froma public meeting she attended with Cllr Krier on 22nd February regarding the review of the CDC Local Plan to 2031 and the plan to 2041. Driven by the need to provide extra housing, 65 policies are under review. The proposed locations for the further housing are near Cirencester and in a new ‘Garden village’ of 5,000 homes near Moreton in Marsh. Temple Guiting could potentially be affected by the growth around Moreton in Marsh due to increased road traffic and demand for services such as schools and health. To see the plan and submit comments please visit [this site](https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/): [Local Plan update and supporting information - Cotswold District Council](https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-update-and-supporting-information/)

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance and report.

1. **Ford Noticeboard.** Councillors from Ford recommended a new, larger, free-standing noticeboard to replace the board which collapsed recently. Cllrs agreed to fund the noticeboard. Action: Clerk to obtain comparable quotes for wooden, metal and recycled noticeboards appx 800 x 1000mm. Cllr Ewart-Perks already had one quote.
2. **Appointment of auditor.** Councillors had satisfied themselves that the GAPTC auditor would be independent of the council and would be suitably qualified. Councillors agreed to appoint an auditor provided by GAPTC. Action: Clerk to contact GAPTC.
3. **Financial position**
4. Financial Position. Councillor noted the current balances.
5. Reconciliation. Councillors approved the reconciliation in the Clerk’s Report and the Chairman agreed to sign it.
6. Cheque signing/Epayment agreement and validation. Councillors agreed unanimously to make the payments below:

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| The following payments were approved: |
| **Chq/Epay** | **Payee** | **Description** | **Value** |
| Epay | M Freeman | Clerk’s salary January/February @£180.90 p.m. | £361.80 |

# Action: Clerk to arrange payment.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.10.

Signed ………………………………………………………………. 1st May 2024

Chairman