

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm in the village hall.

**Councillors present:** Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier, Kate Mather, Sam Baber-Scovell.

**Public:** Six members of the public attended.

1. **Election of Chairman for 2023/24.** Cllr Krier proposed and Cllr Ewart-Perks seconded Cllr Mather for Chairman. Councillors agreed and Cllr Mather signed the Acceptance of Office. **Action: Clerk to notify GAPTC and update website.**
2. **Election of Vice Chairman for 2023/24.** Cllr Mather proposed and Cllr Ewart-Perks seconded Cllr Krier for Vice Chairman. Councillors agreed and Cllr Krier signed the Acceptance of Office. **Action: Clerk to notify GAPTC and update website.**
3. **Apologies for absence:** None as all councillors attended.
4. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None
5. **Points from the floor:** Two members of the public stated that they would like to address the meeting at item 10, regarding clay pigeon shooting.
6. **Chairman's announcements.** The Chairman thanked ex Councillors Val Littlewood, Val Brown and Rex Bovill for their years of service, noting that Val Littlewood had been a member of the parish council for 32 years. Her support and many contributions were particularly appreciated.
7. **Clerk's Report** Councillors noted that items in the clerk's report would be referred to at agenda items 9, 10, and 15 (d).
8. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Cllr Gower proposed two amendments to the minutes. Councillors resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with the proposed amendments as an accurate record of the previous meeting and the Chairman agreed to sign them. **Action: Clerk to add to website.**
9. **Training.** Councillors approved GAPTC training for new councillor Sam Baber-Scovell (New Councillor Toolkit) and newly appointed Chairman (Chairmanship skills). **Action: Clerk to arrange courses.**
10. **Clay Pigeon Shooting** Two members of the public addressed the meeting. There has been a rapid increase in the number of clay pigeon shoots in the Farmcote valley, an area of natural tranquillity in the Cotswold AONB. Three organisers of clay pigeon shoots operate in close proximity. Recently, there had been 4 shoots in 5 days. Residents obtained a Noise Abatement Order several years ago, with a limit of 65dB which applies to Hailes shoot. Two other shoots are not covered. Residents believe Environmental legislation in an area of tranquillity allows for a maximum of 55 dB. Residents would also benefit from a reduction in the frequency of shoots through a managed programme across all three shoots.

The area straddles Tewkesbury Borough Council and Cotswold District Council.  
Residents have contacted Environmental Health Officers at both TBC and CDC, and

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CDC carried out independent noise measurements on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Councillors resolved to write to both Councils expressing their support for the residents requests for reductions in both the noise and frequency of local shoots.

**Action: Clerk to draft letter to CDC and TBC requesting that the two councils work together to address residents' concerns.**

11. **Solar VAS.** Councillors resolved to buy the chosen solar VAS, which would not need to be removed either for battery exchange/charging or to download readings, at the quoted price of £2,700. **Action: Clerk to order.** Councillors noted that, as Rob Graves – who had regularly dismantled and moved the battery powered VAS – was leaving the village, a new recruit would be needed to carry this out.
12. **Quarry Working Party.** Councillors noted that:
  - A response to the latest submission regarding Oathill Quarry had been submitted to GCC.
  - The report from Hydrock, the environmental measurement consultants, had been forwarded to the EHOs at CDC for consideration.
  - A further invoice had been received and one more was expected but not for some months.
  - Following a response to the QWP's request that GCC Minerals Planning treats the quarries in the North Cotswolds as a formal cluster, the QWP has requested a meeting with the relevant GCC councillors.
13. **Planning.** No planning applications had been received since the last meeting. Councillors noted that a number of applications were awaiting decisions.
14. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23**
  - a) **Annual accounts: Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**
  - b) **Annual accounts: Section 2 Accounting Statement 2022/**
  - c) **Annual accounts: Certificate of Exemption from external audit AGAR 2022/23 Form 2.**  
Councillors resolved to approve the above documents.
  - d) **Annual Accounts: Notice of commencement of Public Rights.** Councillors noted dates (5<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023).
15. **Finances**
  - a) **Financial Position.** Councillor noted the current balances. The Vice Chairman noted that the reserves had been built up in anticipation of potential legal fees.
  - b) **Reconciliation.** Councillors approved the reconciliation in the Clerk's Report and the Chairman agreed to sign it.
  - d) **CIL expenditure.** Councillors agreed to assign current CIL funds of (£3, 276.47) to the new solar VAS (£2,700), installing the new VAS post and repairing the noticeboard step (£255) and the new VAS bracket (£46.84), a total of £3,001.84. the remaining £274.37 can be assigned to future infrastructure projects. **Action: Clerk to report CIL expenditure to CDC as approved.**

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- e) **Annual payments.** Councillors approved the annual payments to Temple Guiting Recreation Society Temple Guiting School, St Mary's Church. **Action: Clerk to set up payments.**

16. **Governance.** Councillors reviewed the following documents and decided to approve them.

- a) Standing Orders (unchanged)
- b) Asset Register (updated with signposts and new VAS equipment)
- c) Financial Regulations (unchanged)
- d) Risk Management policy (unchanged)

**Action: Clerk to upload updated document to the website.**

17. Cheque signing/Epay agreement and validation. The following were approved:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	Temple Guiting Recreation Soc	Rental of village hall for PC meetings	£70.00
Epay	Temple Guiting Recreation Soc	Grant for hall maintenance	£1000.00
Epay	Temple Guiting School	Grant for recreation field maintenance	£650.00
Epay	St Mary's Church	Grant for maintenance of burial ground	£650.00
Epay	ElanCity-UK	Solar powered VAS	£2700.00
Epay	Hydrock	Reporting phase of Envi. Monitoring project	£3342.00
Epay	M Freeman	Expenses - GoDaddy domain renewal	£28.78
Epay	M Freeman	Expenses – printer paper	£4.75
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary April	£180.90

**Action: Clerk to arrange payments.**

Councillors noted deposits of first precept payment from CDC of £3, 831.00 and a CIL payment of £286.71.

12. **Approval of meeting dates for 2023/24.**

Councillors resolved to meet at regular 2 monthly intervals, on the first Wednesday of every other month. The following dates were approved:

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. **Action: Clerk to upload to website.**

Signed   
Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> July 2023