

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's report for November 2024 meeting

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Agenda item 8 – Highways Work list

Latest update on Highways actions dated 29th October 2024

Colours show additions from Rhodri, Tim and TGPC to Bob Skillern’s initial requests. Purple is the Clerk’s response.

| | | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Barton Bridge The 'additional signage' request response was February 2023.- I am not sure of the detail of this request but assume it refers to a sign giving some protection to the bridge parapet on the offside as you approach the bridge from the Guiting direction. If so then a small Chevron would be the most suitable option. There is one but it's overgrown. I'll need to get someone to cut greenery back. Tim will add this to the community gang list of work. If you could provide a what3words location so I know where to raise a ticket for to action. W3W is widest.registers.prouder. Yes, it is the location you describe and yes, there is a slightly overgrown chevron, but it might also help people to avoid crashing into the bridge if there was a single chevron at the base of the bridge wall or something similar.</p> | Gang to action. No change. |
| 2. | <p>Barton house bollards. Vergemaster bollards for the northwestern approach to Barton bridge – The existing cones were placed some time ago after complaints from the residents of Barton House, that the verge, their gate and driveway were being damaged by HGV traffic, so they were not placed as a road safety concern. However, if the Parish feel Bollards would be a better option, we can certainly arrange for some to be installed. Obviously if the Parish were willing to contribute to the funding that would be greatly appreciated and would expedite the work. yes the PC would prefer bollards to cones. The Vergemaster bollards were recommended - priced around £33 each - and the PC would certainly consider a donation. Would you let me know what the PC should do next to have these installed. Supplied further information - sketch and what3words addresses for bollards.</p> | All information provided. Rhodri/Tim to action. |
| 3. | <p>'Unsuitable for motors' sign on Mill Lane – Rhodri will arrange for installation of this sign as requested. Not on Rhodri's recent update but we will send a reminder. Rhodri/Tim can you please action this. I visited site with Rhodri, driving the length of Mill Lane to Critchford Lane, there were “Not Suitable for Motor Vehicles” at each entrance, albeit some vegetation from the adjacent landowner from the Temple Guiting junction. If you could advise via a what3words location where these signs are missing/required, then we can action further.W3W is hasten.snippet.parkland. it's at the end of Sheep Barn Lane, where it meets Mill Lane. Sheep Barn Lane meets Critchford Lane near Kineton.</p> | Rhodri/Tim to action. No change. |
| 4. | <p>Blocked culverts (west side) from Barton bridge towards Gyting Broc – Tim to investigate and arrange for jetting. Thank you. – I have raised a job for the community gang to rod these first, before jetting.</p> | Gang to action. Done. |
| 5. | <p>Failure of drain and grippes at start of Mill Lane (New Barn Farm) – Grip cleaning is undertaken manually once a year; however, the Community gang are available to undertake hand clearance if any site requires attention and flooding is causing a hazard. Is 08000 514 514 the best way to contact the community gang? No if you speak directly</p> | Gang to action. |

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| | <p>to Rhodri or Tim they can coordinate any work you have with the community gang. Grip cleaning is undertaken manually once a year; however, the Community gang are available to undertake hand clearance if any site requires attention and flooding is causing a hazard. Community gang is Tim and Rhodri as contacts. – If you could send across some locations then I can get these raised for the community gang. W3w is ideas.uncle.hits. This area floods regularly presumably because debris flows down the hill in heavy rain. Assured work has been done, but situation has reverted. Further email and Report it logged. Also added blockage near the village noticeboard.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Blocked drains on TG causeway – I understand these were recently cleaned , but please let me know if it is still a problem. Thank you for suggesting that we should contact you if some activities such as drain clearing need further work. It seems that the blocked drains on TG Causeway - item 12 - were cleared but are blocked again. Please would you arrange for a repeat clearance. Perhaps Highways could also suggest some sort of preventative action to keep the drains clear. Is there something residents can do?</p> | Done. |
| 7. | <p>Replacement road signs (promised repeatedly) 30mph by New Barn Farm and 'Road Narrows for half a mile' at Colman.- Rhodri to arrange for installation of signs as requested. 30 mph done, thank you! 'Road narrows' not on Rhodri's update. Rhodri/Tim can you please action this. – 30mph sign erected, I visited the “Road Narrows” sign and will check if we have one in store and look to get this replaced. Thanks!</p> | Road Narrows still outstanding. 30 mph installed. Tim to action. |
| 8. | <p>Double white lines in Ford - This has been added to our bulk lining programme, so although I don't have an exact date, it will be undertaken during the clement weather of Summer and early Autumn.</p> | Done. |
| 9. | <p>VAS post in Ford GCC Highways installer must be used. Rhodri has agreed the location. GCC Highway does not have approved installers. Their main contractor can provide names of installers. Contacted but Bob Skillern has agreed that GCC will install the post.</p> | Done. |
| 10. | <p>Could Ford have phased signage? – Any change to a speed restriction requires a Traffic Regulation order(TRO) and support of the Police as enforcing Authority. The Cost of a typical speed related TRO is in the region of £10K - £15k so it is not something we would automatically undertake, and it would have to go through our priority assessment process. If you do wish to progress this idea, then an initial meeting should be held to discuss details and funding sources.</p> | Not pursued |
| 11. | <p>Deteriorating/poorly patched road surface from Fiddlers Green towards TG - Rhodri to assess and add to future patch/surfacing programme.</p> | Done.. |
| 12. | <p>State of road (potholes/ deteriorating surface): Three Gates towards Farmcote and Lynes Barn - Rhodri to assess and add to future patch/surfacing programme.</p> | On list. |
| 13. | <p>How to prevent parking on mown verges by pub in Kineton – We certainly do not authorise the installation of rocks on the Highway verge as these are considered a safety hazard. Anything installed should be frangible and not regarded as a traffic hazard. There are some suitable products on the market e.g. Edgeliner™ Bollard - Glasdon UK</p> | Not pursued. |
| | <p>Note: The gang actions works in date order. The gang operates at 3 weekly intervals.</p> | |

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Agenda item 8 (c) – South splash at Kineton

From Cotswold Volunteer Wardens:

4) Regarding the eroded highway below Kineton, Highways are not prepared to do anything - see below. I have been advised that the simplest thing to do is add some staked cement bags along the edge of the water and back fill. Technically the surface is not the river so the Environment Agency would not need to be involved. If the Parish Council wished to fund some bags and some stone to put behind then I am sure the Wardens could provide the labour. Did you wish to discuss with the Parish Council and come back to me?

This is the type of cement bag - SoluForm Prefilled Concrete Bagwork offers a Biodegradable and water-soluble lined bag work, ideal for a range of hand placed concrete bagwork applications including creating retaining walls, riverbank protection, underpinning, headwalls and void filling.

From Highways:

Good morning Mr Talbot,

Apologies for the late response, I have had other urgent priorities which have come to the fore. We only supply sandbags if there is a significant risk of property flooding. In this instance, please speak with the land drainage team at the District Council for further information.

Kind regards,

Tim Harris

Area Highways Representative

Highways Gloucestershire County Council

FYI re: SoluForm Prefilled Concrete Bagwork:

1 pallet = 50 bags or 0.69m³ or 2.5 M²

Below water bags cost £473 + VAT per pallet

Above water bags cost £345 + VAT per pallet

Additional cost: Securing pins 20 per 50 bags/pallet at £1.35 + VAT per pin (£27 per pallet)

Rough estimate £4,000:

5 metres x 3 layers = 6 pallets of below water bags = £2,838.

Plus pins £162, Plus aggregate behind the concrete wall appx £3-400.

Note that the path may have to meet specific guidelines for accessibility and safety which is likely to increase costs due to a higher specification. See [The Ramblers](#) for information 'local authorities are required to make reasonable adaptations ..'. there is also funding for improving paths for less abled users. [path-accessibility-fund-faqs.pdf](#)

The PC budget does not include an amount for this work. It would be eligible for CIL funding but please note:

| CIL finances | IN | OUT |
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| Carried over from 2023 -24 | 238.34 | |
| CIL received to date 2024 – 25 | 2181.80 | |
| Total CIL funds | 2420.14 | |
| CIL expenditure - Noticeboard (ex VAT) | | 688.92 |
| CIL expenditure – Solar VAS(ex VAT) | | 2150.00 |
| Total CIL expenditure to date | | 2838.92 |
| Remaining CIL funds | | -418.78 |

Grants

The Rural Funding listing (<https://www.rsonline.org.uk/rural-funding-digest-october-2024>) includes many sources of grants, but none would seem to be interested in a project to reinstate a footpath. The National Lottery covers a very wide range of activities so it might be worth investigating. <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/>

Caring for the Cotswolds - funding currently closed but reopens in January 2025 [Caring for the Cotswolds - Cotswolds National Landscape](#)

Donations

Could local users of the splash be asked for donations? Could the kind contribution from Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington towards the VAS be repurposed?

Agenda item 9 (f) Shooting

Planning and Environmental Health Regulations can apply to shooting:

- Planning permission for change of use is needed if the change is for more than 28 days.
- Environmental Health is concerned about noise over a certain level.

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/environment/noise-pests-pollution-and-air-quality/noise-and-other-nuisances/> Residents can rent equipment to measure noise although CDC would want to use their own measurements.

[Link to advice on opposing shooting](#)

9 (g) Neighbourhood Development Planning.

GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) has informed parish councils that "Cotswolds housing numbers have vastly increased due to the need to build 1.5 million homes. This is going to leave the District council in a difficult position as these homes have to be delivered somewhere.

The Cotswolds is a very attractive area for speculative development due to very high values areas, this will leave parishes and neighbourhoods at the mercy of Open Market Housing, which

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could be in the wrong location and not necessarily the type needed to meet local housing needs for people of the Parish. “

GRCC carries out surveys in conjunction with Cotswold District Council to determine housing needs. CDC recognises these surveys for the purposes of Neighbourhood Development Planning projects. Please see the GRCC survey introduction below:

Help Shape the Future of Housing: Take Our Survey coming soon to the Parish of Temple Guiting

Housing plays a vital role in our lives, shaping not just where we live, but how we live. Your home is more than just a roof over your head—it’s where memories are made, communities thrive, and futures are built. That’s why we’re launching a comprehensive housing survey supported by the Local Authority, and we need your voice to help improve the future of housing in our community.

The goal of this survey is simple: to understand the real housing needs, preferences, and challenges facing people like you. By participating, you are contributing to valuable insights that will guide future housing policies, neighbourhood development projects, and housing services within the parish.

Why Your Opinion Matters

Housing is not a one-size-fits-all issue. What works for one person might not work for another, and only by gathering diverse feedback can we develop solutions that work for everyone. Whether you are a young professional, a growing family, a retiree, or someone seeking affordable housing, your experiences and opinions matter.

Here’s how your participation will make a difference:

- *Influence Housing Policies: Local governments and policymakers often rely on data to make decisions about housing developments, and funding for affordable housing. By completing the survey, you’re helping decision-makers create policies that reflect the actual needs of the community.*
- *Improve Housing Options: Are you looking for more sustainable housing options? Is affordable housing a priority for you? This survey will help identify gaps between what people need and what is currently available, leading to better housing options tailored to your preferences.*
- *Strengthen Communities: Strong, thriving communities are built on solid housing foundations. By sharing your thoughts, you’ll contribute to efforts that aim to reduce homelessness, improve the quality of life, and create neighbourhoods where everyone can feel safe and secure.*

What the Survey Covers and how it will be delivered

The survey is designed to be quick and easy, taking less than 10 minutes to complete. It will be put through your letterbox delivery by Royal Mail. The survey covers key aspects of housing, such as:

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- *Affordability: Is your rent or mortgage reasonable, or do housing costs consume too much of your income?*
- *Accessibility: How easy is it to find housing that suits your specific needs, whether that means proximity to work, schools, or public transportation?*
- *Sustainability: Are you interested in energy-efficient homes or sustainable building practices?*
- *Community: How do you feel about your neighbourhood and community led housing?*

Who Should Participate?

Everyone! Whether you're a homeowner or renter, live in a village or an isolated rural setting, are part of a household or living alone, your experience is valuable. We want to hear from people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds to ensure we capture a broad range of perspectives.

Watch out for the survey coming soon.

Your time is valuable, but so is your opinion. By taking just a few minutes to complete the housing survey, you can help create a more inclusive, affordable, and sustainable housing future for everyone. This is your chance to make a tangible impact on the future of housing in our community.

Together, we can build stronger, more vibrant neighbourhoods that reflect the diverse needs of all residents.

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Draft Village needs survey – including some questions from GRCC

VILLAGE NEEDS SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to find out what the residents of the parish want from where they live. It is intended to help to protect the parish and to provide direction for the future. In particular, your views on housing and the village hall and recreation field are needed. Your response will be anonymous and the more responses the better the representation of local views. By participating, you are contributing to valuable insights into the needs of the parish residents.

1. About the village hall:

Do you visit the village hall?

- never
- once or twice a year
- every quarter
- every month
- every week
- more frequently

What do you do at the village hall?

- take a class
- attend village social events
- attend a meeting
- Other (please list)

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Do you think it is important for Temple Guiting to have a village hall?

- very
- slightly
- not important at all

Comments:

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How do you think the hall contributes to the village community?

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What do you think would help it to make a greater contribution to village life?
.....

What other activities would you like to see at the village hall?

- fitness classes such as pilates, yoga, HIIT
- art classes
- entertainment (please expand).....
- a bar
- a café
- a wifi hub
- a visiting library
- Other

The hall needs major improvement work and the Parish Council is currently searching for grants, loans and other forms of contribution.

Would you be prepared to make a donation to make improvements possible? Y/N

Would you be prepared to help make those improvements? Y/N

2. About the Recreation Field:

Do you visit the recreation field?

- never
- once or twice a year
- every quarter
- every month
- every week
- more frequently

What do you do at the recreation field?

- drop off/collect my child from school
- watch my child playing on the field
- walk my dog

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- park and go for a walk myself/with my dog(s)
 - park to attend church
 - park to take part in a shoot
 - Other
-

What else would you like to see the field used for?

- park run
 - festivals
 - dog training
 - Other
-

Would you be prepared to help out at events/classes/café/bar? Y/N

How often could you help out?

- 2 – 3 hours per week
- one day a week
- several days a week?
- Other

3. About housing:

The parish includes a number of villages and some outlying properties. Please let us know which village/area you live in:

| | |
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| Barton | |
| Bemborough | |
| Farmcote | |
| Ford | |
| Jackdaw's Castle | |
| Kineton | |
| Pinnock | |
| Trafalgar | |
| Temple Guiting | |

If you pay rent or a mortgage, would you say that the cost of your rent or mortgage is:

- good value
- reasonable

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- excessive
- other

How easy is it to find housing that suits your specific needs i.e. close to work, schools, or public transport?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Slightly difficult
- Very difficult
- These issues don't apply to me
- Other

Are you interested in energy-efficient homes or sustainable building practices?

- Yes
- No

Do you feel part of your local community?

- Yes
- No

Do you think the village hall could be used to increase the sense of local community?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe...(comment)

Would you agree or disagree with the following statements about housing in the parish:

| | Agree | Disagree |
|--|-------|----------|
| There are enough houses. I do not want to see more houses built in the parish. | | |
| The Parish could make space for a few (up to 10) new houses. | | |
| The Parish should grow by 20 – 50 houses. | | |
| The Parish should grow by as many houses as possible. | | |

If you agree that new houses should be built in the parish, please say where would you prefer them to be located:

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about housing in the parish:

| | Agree | Disagree |
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| I would like some affordable houses to be built in the parish | | |
| If you agree with the above, how many houses do you think would be right? | | |
| 5 – 10 | | |
| 11 - 20 | | |
| More than 20 | | |

If you pay rent or a mortgage, would you say that the cost of your rent or mortgage is:

- good value
- reasonable
- excessive
- other

How easy is it to find housing that suits your specific needs i.e. close to work, schools, or public transport?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Slightly difficult
- Very difficult
- These issues don't apply to me
- Other

Are you interested in energy-efficient homes or sustainable building practices?

- Yes
- No

Would you like to see small business units in the parish?

- Yes
- No

Do you feel part of your local community?

- Yes
- No

Do you think the village hall could be used to improve the sense of local community?

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- Yes
- No
- Maybe...(comment)

4. About quarrying in the North Cotswolds

Are you aware of the local quarries and their activities? Y/N
Are you aware of the quarry traffic servicing the 7 local quarries? Y/N
Would you be in favour of more quarries in the area? Y/N
Comments

5. About shooting

Are you aware of the number of shoots (both game and clay) in the area? Y/N
Do you think there are:
Too many shoots
Not enough shoots
Have you ever been affected by shooting in the parish? Y/N
If yes, please provide comment.....

THANK YOU!

All answers will be compiled into a report which will be widely available. The Parish Council will discuss the results with residents at a public meeting.

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Agenda item 10 (b) – Reconciliation

Temple Guiting Parish Council

Bank Reconciliation

Period 1 April 2024 to 31 October 2024

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| Current account 02503759 | | |
| Balance at 31 October 2024 | 9881.88 | |
| Deposit account 07859616 | | |
| Balance at 31 October 2024 | 5369.19 | |
| Less outstanding payments | | 61.75 |
| Reconciled balance | 15189.32 | |
| Cashbook summary | | |
| Opening balance 1 April 2024 | 11338.35 | |
| Add receipts to date | 12312.30 | |
| Less payments to date | | 8461.33 |
| Cashbook balance | 15189.32 | |

Signed:

Chairman

Clerk & RFO

6th November 2024

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Matters arising from the previous meeting

- * Replied to resident enquiries re verges, south splash.
- * Further discussions with Royal Mail re re-siting the post box in Ford.
- * visited site of new noticeboard with contractor
- * Provided Cllr Wilkins with submission requesting that the CDC Planning Committee review [24/00066/FUL](#) New Barn Farm.
- * contacted CDC Planning Enforcement and CDC Cllr Len Wilkins regarding demolition of Wheelwrights in Kinton. Provided photographs and followed up.
- * Further discussions with GCC Highways regarding the provision of a new VAS pole in Ford and responsibility for the bollards at Barton.