

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6.30 pm in the village hall.

Councillors present: Kate Mather, Mickey Morrissey, Michael Krier, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Lorna Eays.

Public: 11 members of the public attended.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Cllr Baber-Scovell.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.
- 3. Points from the floor:** Two members of the public asked to address councillors regarding quarries and fireworks. The Chairman agreed that these could be discussed at agenda items 5 and 10.
- 4. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes and signing.** The Council approved the draft minutes and the Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. **Action: Clerk to post to website.**
- 5. Chairman's announcements.** The Chairman announced that Cllrs Wilkins and MacKenzie-Charrington had sent their apologies but had provided reports. These included the recent announcements to create Unitary authorities, removing District Councils such as Cotswold District Council, and merging all local government in the area under Gloucestershire County Council.

CDC Cllr Wilkins reported that twenty four objections had been received regarding land adjacent to Greenbank Cottage, Kineton. CDC is expected to make an unfavourable decision as the conservation officer was also concerned.

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington had been active in pursuing action to repair the clapper bridges in Kineton with GCC Highways. **Action: Kineton Councillors to monitor.**

The Chairman reported that Cllr Baber-Scovell had resigned due to on-going health problems. Cllr Krier wished to place on record the Council's thanks for all her help especially regarding the VAS. The Chairman endorsed Cllr Krier's comments. A replacement councillor from Ford was recommended.

The Chairman invited a member of the public to address the meeting regarding fireworks. Local residents and pets had been upset by recent loud, unannounced, fireworks from a location in the village. Councillors discussed whether writing to the owners or agents asking that they do not allow tenants or guests to release fireworks as part of their contract. **Action: Clerk to investigate actions taken by other parish councils.** Warnings could be communicated in a number of ways, including re-purposing the existing What'sApp Safari Supper group. **Action: Chairman to review**

A representative of Oathill Quarry updated the meeting with details of the latest planning application. See agenda item 10 (b) for TGPC response.

- 6. Clerk's report.** The Clerk noted that Highways had still not installed the bollards for Barton. Highways believed they would have to wait until the new financial year.

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7. Footpath

Cllr Ewart-Perks reported that:

- * the footpath along the road in Ford could not be addressed until spring and that some road repairs would also be needed.
- * the footpath between Hitchins and Hyde was still without signage near Hitchens.
- * GCC Highways was involved in restoring the Kineton clapper bridges and the footway alongside the track.
- * Councillors decided to continue the process of registering paths not on the definitive map. Councillors also decided to try to register the path from Barton Bridge to Tinkers Barn as a green lane. **Action: Cllr Ewart-Perks to forward resident survey forms to the Clerk for uploading to the TGPC website.**

- 8. Shooting** Cllr Ewart-Perks reported that CDC had delivered a letter to Hitchens farm notifying the owners that the Council was pursuing an anti-social order against them due to activities relating to their shoot.

- 9. Training.** Councillors decided not to take further training at present.

10. Planning

a. Comments between meetings.

[24/03111/FUL](#) Removal of stables and erection of dwelling. Councillors agreed that comments submitted reflected their views and strong objections. An application has been made for the CDC Planning Committee to review the case. Awaiting decision.

[24/00066/FUL](#) Conversion of farm buildings to residential, New Barn Farm, Temple Guiting. Cllr Krier attended the planning committee meeting at CDC which discussed this application. Three committee members had attended a site meeting. On behalf of TGPC, Cllr Krier told the committee meeting that the PC supported the application and that the application had been pending for a long time and should have a prompt decision. Planning Committee members agreed on the need for a decision. They rejected the application by a 2-7 vote. The Decision notice quotes the following as the deciding factors – the size, scale, mass and design of units 1 – 3; the urbanising impact of creating garden areas; and the loss of established bat roosts. The developer is expected to appeal.

Comments to be agreed.

[24/03636/LBC](#) and [24/03635/FUL](#) Barton House. Councillors agreed that they had no objection. **Action: Clerk to post to CDC Planning portal.**

[24/0057/CWS75M](#) Oathill Quarry. Application to maintain increased export limits for further 3 years. Cllr Gower's draft response objecting to the application on a number of grounds was approved. **Action: Clerk to post to GCC Planning Portal.**

[24/0067/CWMAJM](#) Grange Hill Quarry. Notification of a Consolidation. Cllr Gower's draft response with no objection to the application, but pointing out the opportunity to improve the condition of the access road, was approved. **Action: Clerk to post to GCC Planning Portal**

11. Budget and precept for 2025/26

- a. Budget** Councillors reviewed the draft budget and made a number of amendments including: new budget for trimming allotment hedges; local donations, maintenance

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of the village hall and reserves. Councillors agreed a final budget of £18,042.50.

- b. **Precept** Councillors agreed a precept of £7712.00 for 2025/6, a 2.8% increase on last year's precept.

12. **Internal audit** Councillors decided to appoint GAPTC as the internal auditor for 2024/25.

Action: Clerk to notify GAPTC.

13. **Review of bank mandates.** Councillors decided to continue to use Lloyds Bank.

14. **Financial position**

- a. Councillors noted the balance in the current and savings accounts.
- b. Councillors approved the reconciliation and the Chairman signed the document.
- c. Councillors approved the following payments:

The following payments to be approved:			
Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary November/December (£195.90 p.m.)	£391.20
Epay	HMRC	PAYE	£11.00
Epay	Steve Woolaston	Install Noticeboard in Ford. Install solar VAS on new post.	£305.00
Epay	GAPTC	Training (x 8 in 2023/24)	£305.00
		Training (x 4 in 2024/25)	£18.00
Epay	M Freeman	BS Fixings - Clamps for solar VAS	£31.05
Epay	Glasdon	Bollards	£389.16

Councillors noted the following transactions between meetings.

Epay P&H services		Fix light in phone booth	£44.25
Bank deposits received:		Direct debits paid:	
VAT refund sent 27.12.24	£698.09	Q3 PATA SO	£31.05
Donation from Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington for new solar VAS.	£1,500		

The Chairman thanked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington for his continued support of the parish council, including the most recent donation towards the solar VAS in Ford, which was much appreciated.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.35.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th March at 6.30 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

5th March 2025

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