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costs. As a result, Councillors agreed to postpone some activities until the next financial year and to carry out some activities at a lower price where possible. The restoration of the phone boxes and the replacement of the battery powered VAS with a solar version would be postponed and the type of tree guard would be modified.

- b. **Current financial position.** Councillors noted the balances in the current and savings accounts.
- c. **Reconciliation.** Councillors accepted the reconciliation, and the chairman signed the document.
- d. **Cheque signing/Epay agreement.** Councillors agreed to make the following payments:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary August	£156.70
Epay	HMRC	PAYE August	£39.20

And noted the payments made between meetings:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	Community Heartbeat	Replacement defibrillator pads	£113.90
Epay	GAPTC	Inv 1050 & 1021 Cllr Hanks training	£90.00
Epay	Bank	Monthly Service charge	£4.25
DD	CPRE	Annual subscription	£60.00

- 9. **Election of Vice Chairman** Cllr Eayrs proposed, and councillor Ewart-Perks seconded Cllr Morrissey as Vice Chairman. Cllr Morrissey accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance form. **Action: Clerk to inform CDC and update the website.**
- 10. **New Councillor.** Two candidates had expressed an interest in becoming a member of Temple Guiting Parish Council. Five councillors voted for Alex Wilson. One councillor abstained. Alex Wilson signed the Declaration of Acceptance form and received the Register of Interests form to complete within the next 28 days. The Chairman thanked the second candidate for his interest in joining the parish council. **Action: Clerk to inform CDC.**
- 11. **Accidents on the B4077 at Ford.** Cllr Ewart-Perks noted that there was at least one accident every week, although most were not reported to the police. The previous week, an accident had resulted in serious injury, but most incidents are not reported and do not usually result in serious injury which would be recorded by the police. As well as the Ford accident blackspot, there had been several accidents at the Trafalgar crossroads where Buckle Street crosses the B4077. **Action: Cllr Wilson to consider ways to improve the accuracy of accident data, and to review the potential benefits of using Autospeedwatch (see Clerk's report).**

Alex Wilson reported on the latest VAS data, which showed that most drivers obeyed the speed limits, except in Ford. As the school was now open, the VAS would be retained at The Templars to identify whether there is a spike of speeding, school-related, traffic on the road through the village. Cllrs identified a tree which might need to be trimmed to enable drivers to see the sign. **Action: Cllr Wilson to check**

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Minutes of the Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 6.30p.m. in the village hall.

Councillors present: Lorna Eayrs, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Liza Hanks, Michael Krier,
Kate Mather (Chairman) Mickey Morrissey (Vice-Chairman)

Public: Ten members of the public attended.

GCC: Cllr Tom Bradley attended.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None as all councillors attended.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.
3. **Points from the floor:** One member of the public advised the meeting that they would like to speak to item 11 – traffic in Ford.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** Councillors approved the minutes of the previous meeting and signed them. **Action: Clerk to post to the website.**
5. **Chairman's announcements.**

The Chairman updated the meeting on Highways matters – Ford Bridge maintenance works have been postponed to the next financial year.

A new lease of 50 years for the village hall and immediate car parking and field, with a 10-year lease for the remainder of the field, had been offered to TGPC. A representative from GCC Schools planned to visit the site for an assessment of the condition of the village hall (confirmed for 10th September). An interim agreement was being negotiated with Temple Guiting Estate to cover the period between the end of the current lease and the start of the new one.

The Chairman then invited the representative from Guiting and Oathill quarries – Danny Houghton – to introduce himself. He was now responsible for all aspects of operating the quarries.

GCC Councillor Tom Bradley updated the meeting with the latest on the Unitary Authority: Only 2 options were now being considered – one authority for the whole county or two authorities, one for the East and one for the West. Only the single authority would be able to retain current levels of council tax. The timetable was now: Government decision in June 2026; Shadow elections May 2027; Full power devolution in May 2028.

The next full GCC Council meeting was scheduled for w/c 8th Sept and would include agenda items for the Farmers' Inheritance Tax and asylum hotels.

6. **CDC Cllrs Report.** Cllr Wilkins could not attend the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Wilkins' report – available on the TGPC website - reflected that of Cllr Bradley.
7. **Clerk's Report to Councillors.** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerk's Report
8. **Financial Position**
 - a. **Budget v actual to year end 2025/26.** Councillors noted that actual expenditure had exceeded budgeted expenditure by a significant amount, reducing the expected balance of for 25/26 to £543, well below the required 3 months operating

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and report back to the November meeting.

12. **Planning.** Councillors noted that there had been no new applications since the last meeting but that a new application had been received after the publication of the agenda. This would be considered before the deadline for comment.
13. **Tree guard and plaque for Coronation Beech on 'the green'.** Councillors agreed to buy the cheapest of the 'estate' style tree guards included in the Clerk's Report together with a plaque in brass with a protective coating. **Action: Clerk to order these items.**
14. **Phone box restoration.** Councillors had decided at item 8 a. that this should be postponed to the next financial year. The Clerk's report provided guide prices for professional restoration of phone boxes. Councillors agreed that these were too high for the PC's budget and that quotes would be sought from local painter/decorators instead. **Action: Clerk to obtain estimates for next year.**
15. **Training.** Councillors agreed that Cllr Hanks should attend the NALC Planning Update training on 29th October at a cost of £35. 'New Councillor' training should also be booked for Cllr Wilson. **Action: Clerk to book training.**

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 19.10.

Closed meeting: Councillors considered the assessment of the Clerk's performance and agreed to adopt the next higher grade in the new NALC pay scales, to comply with the Clerk's contract of employment. Councillors thanked the Clerk for her contribution to the work of the council. Councillors also agreed to pay the standard working-from-home allowance **Action: Clerk to inform PATA (payroll services).**

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on 12th November 2025.

Signed 

Chairman

12th November 2025