

**MINUTES OF TEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024 AT
7.30PM IN THE STUART MEMORIAL HALL, TEMPSFORD**

Mr. David Sutton	Chair
Mr. Adrian Besant	Vice Chair
Mr. Steve Cooney	Councillor
Mrs. Tina Goddard	Councillor
Mr. Chris Bettles	Councillor
Mr. Sam Knott	Councillor
Mrs. Tammy Giddings	Councillor
Teresa Gilman	Clerk
Tracey Wye	Central Beds. Councillor
Members of the Public	One resident

<p>Chairman's welcome The Chairman expressed thanks to retiring Parish Clerk Linda Collins and welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Teresa Gilman.</p>	Action
<p>23. Apologies for Absence None received</p>	
<p>24. Declarations of Interest Councillor Sutton declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 32 disclosing that he is in the early stages of buying the Wheatsheaf Pub</p>	
<p>25. Minutes It was resolved that the Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14th May 2024 were an accurate account and duly signed by the Chairman</p>	
<p>26. Public Session Councillor Cooney let the Council know that Juliet Pennington would no longer be maintaining the planters on Station Road and Church End and passed the Clerk details for someone who might take this role. It was agreed that there would be an allowance for plants but it would not be a paid role.</p> <p>A letter of thanks would be sent to Juliet Pennington.</p> <p>Councillor Bettles said that he had received complaints about the standard of grass cutting. The members discussed the standard of the grass cutting and it was agreed that the Council had not fully explained which areas of grass should be cut.</p> <p>Councillor Wye suggested the Community Payback Scheme for grass cutting</p>	<p>Clerk to contact Elaine Hammersly</p> <p>Clerk to draft</p> <p>Council to review the work spec. and update contract to cover all areas that need cutting and to visit site with Contractor</p> <p>Clerk to research</p>

<p>Councillor Besant had asked Scott Terry from Highways to visit Tempsford in order to ascertain what areas were under Highways responsibility.</p> <p>Members discussed replacing the hedge at the Cemetery</p>	<p>Clerk to research CBC tree grant, BRCC and speak to Tree Officer to see if there are any other grants available</p>
<p>27. Anglian Water</p> <p>The Chairman gave an update to Members about the multiagency meeting he had attended with Anglian Water. There would be another meeting at the end of July 2024 which Councillor Sutton had been asked to chair where the results of the survey and report would be shown. Anglian Water would be working with the Environment Agency and other stakeholders for a plan for this winter and long term solution. Central Beds. were going to check the storm drains on Station Road to ascertain where they were draining to and any issues with blockages.</p> <p>Anglian Water would be held to account to have a winter plan for any flooding that could occur in co-ordination with the other stakeholders.</p>	
<p>28. Report from Central Beds Council</p> <p>Councillor Wye gave an update about Ward Grants and the Bedford Borough Council Little Barford Garden Village meeting on Thursday 11th July 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that the Bedford Borough Local Plan has yet to be adopted.</p> <p><i>Clerk's note – Councillor Wye left the meeting at 8.15pm</i></p>	
<p>29. Finance</p> <p>Payments were approved by Members.</p> <p>The Clerk's payment date was discussed. It used to be paid at least a month in arrears. The Members agreed that the Clerk would be paid on the last day of the month.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that he was looking into acquiring an accounting application to update financial record keeping.</p> <p>The Members discussed moving money into the savings account which was agreed.</p>	<p>Councillor Sutton</p> <p>Clerk, Councillors Sutton and Besant</p>
<p>30. Tempsford Football Club update</p> <p>Joe from Tempsford Football Club was present.</p>	

<p>Councillor Goddard gave an update on the Service Level Agreement with Tempsford Football Club and the Council were waiting for the pitch power report from the football club.</p> <p>Joe from the football club explained what the football club had done stating that the immediate priority was renting a portaloos in order to be compliant with the FA rules. Members discussed portaloos and it was agreed to award a £500 grant to Tempsford Football Club on the condition that it was used to finance portaloos.</p> <p><i>Clerk's note Joe left at 8.45pm</i></p>	<p>Clerk to draft grant</p>
<p>31. Crime Statistics</p> <p>Having received crime statistics – May 24 = 4 incidents</p> <p>There was a discussion about promoting agencies that can provide support for certain victims of crimes listed in the statistics.</p>	<p>Councillors Goddard, Besant</p>
<p>32. Planning Application</p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on the following planning applications: Lamb Court Farm – awaiting decision</p> <p>CB/24/01818/FULL – No objections</p> <p>The Chairman gave an update about his plans to buy the Wheatsheaf pub on Church End with a business partner. The Members wished him luck.</p>	
<p>33. Speed Indicator Device</p> <p>Councillor Knott presented a report about the speed indicator device on Station Road (appendix 2).</p> <p>The speed indicator device needed a new battery and the report to be downloaded.</p>	<p>Councillor Knot</p>
<p>34. Highways and pavements</p> <p>Councillor Besant had asked Scott Terry from Highways to visit Tempsford in order to ascertain what areas were under Highways responsibility. Various lights weren't working in Tempsford and there was a problem with pot holes.</p> <p>The overbridge would be resurfaced overnight from 23-30rd September 2024.</p>	<p>Councillor Besant</p>

<p>Station Road would be closed for road resurfacing from 2nd September – 6th September from 6pm – 6am.</p> <p>Councillor Goddard discussed trees that needed to have the crown reduced in size and where the responsibility lay.</p>	
<p>35. East West Rail</p> <p>The Chairman gave an update that the launch of the full consultation has been postponed due to the General Election that had taken place in July 2024.</p> <p>The consultation will need to be studied and a working party set up to do this.</p>	<p>Councillor Sutton to attend as local representative.</p>
<p>36. Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The grant applied for was successful. BRCC would be commissioned to carry out a full housing survey.</p>	<p>Councillor Sutton/Clerk</p>
<p>37. Tempsford Charities</p> <p>A Trustee has resigned so the Parish Council had been asked to look at a replacement. It was agreed that Councillor Goddard would accept this role.</p>	<p>Councillor Sutton to find out role</p>
<p>38. Communications</p> <p>A phone line for the new Clerk was discussed as she did not live in Tempsford. It was agreed that Councillor Knott would set up a local number for the Clerk to use an app on her phone to answer it.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would use her address as the contact address for the Council and update the website.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would receive the paperwork, laptop and printer by the end of July.</p>	<p>Councillor Knott</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Councillors Sutton and Cooney.</p>
<p>39. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was 24th September 2024</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

I certify that these Minutes to be a true record of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024.

Signed
Chairman

Date