

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 6th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Val Brown, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood

Public: One member of the public attended.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Kate Mather offered apologies in advance.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None
3. **Points from the floor:** Speedwatch coordinator, Rob Graves, asked to speak at item 7.
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2022 as a true record of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. **Action: Clerk to add to website and noticeboards.**
5. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman covered a wide range of topics:
 - a) Councillors Krier and Littlewood met Praedium Properties (Guiting Grange estate) and the developer appointed for the New Barn Farm site. Plans have not yet been drawn up but the development is expected to be small and of high quality. VL raised the issue of affordable housing.
 - b) The chair outlined the steps of ash die-back disease, and that the tree only becomes dangerous when branches die off. This is, however, huge habitat value in leaving trunks standing as far as possible.
 - c) Temple Guiting Manor lake has now been completely restored and is an improvement to the area.
 - d) Trucks from Cotswold Hills quarry continue to deposit large amounts of quarry much on the B4077.
 - e) Traffic volume and speed measurement tubes have been seen on the B4077 but there was no information re: who was responsible.
 - f) Works to a property in the centre of the village had damaged the verge of the Village Green. **Action: Clerk to write to the developer asking them to repair the verges and the slabs by the noticeboard before they leave.**
 - g) The Chairman noted that GCC Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington's newsletter referred to a 'Build back better' fund for post Covid improvements. **Action: Clerk to write to the councillor to find out whether the car park signage on the Winchcombe way in Temple Guiting qualifies for a grant.**
 - h) GCC has refused to install a 4th VAS post on the basis that it had not approved this and that the proposed location was dangerous. **Action: Clerk to circulate GCC's previous letter of agreement.**
 - i) GCC Highways had announced a 4th closure of Buckle Street and, once more, proposed to divert HGVs through Barton, Kineton and Temple Guiting. **Action:**

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Clerk to write to GCC Highways noting the repeated failures to divert to an appropriate route when Buckle Street is closed.

6. **Clerk's report.** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerks report, including the reconciliation which would be reviewed at agenda item 15 and the correspondence with Gloucestershire Police regarding speed monitoring in Ford.

7. Highways

- a) Rob Graves had relocated the VAS in Ford. Excessive speeds have been recorded in Ford. There was also a large peak of HGVs within a short period of time one morning. Otherwise, the usual speed pattern was repeated. **Action: Clerk to circulate the data to councillors.**
- b) VAS batteries are fading as they are 2 years old. Councillors approved the purchase of 4 new batteries. **Action: Rob Graves to purchase and TGPC to refund as expenses.**
- c) Hedges on the western side of the lane between Hyde Holt and the B4077 had become overgrown. **Action: Clerk to write to the owners asking them to trim the hedges.**
- d) Parking signage has been delivered minus a number of parts. A quote to erect the posts had been received. The first one will be on The Green. Councillors resolved to approve the quote. **Action: Clerk to write to suppliers to request missing items.**
- e) Verges in the village and locally are being severely eroded. **Action: Clerk to arrange meeting with Highways to view the problem areas and establish whether Highways can restore them.**
- f) PROWs. Although the 2026 deadline has now been withdrawn, councillors agreed to continue the process of registering the routes previously identified on the 'Definitive Map' held by GCC. **Action: Cllr Littlewood to continue liaison with GCC.**

8. Defibrillators

Cllr Littlewood notified councillors that the defibrillator in Temple Guiting needed new batteries. Councillors resolved to purchase the new batteries. **Action: Clerk to transfer funds as per the invoice.**

9. Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Cllr Littlewood informed the meeting that a church 'hymnathon' would be held on Saturday 11th June, alongside a flower festival. Proceeds would go to organ bellows repairs. TGPC had been asked if it could create a small flower arrangement for the flower show. **Action: Cllr Ewart-Perks will provide an arrangement for the festival.** Cllr Littlewood also informed the meeting that a jubilee lunch was being organised for 12 noon on June 5th, to which all parishioners would be invited. **Action: Clerk to include the invite in the parish newsletter.**

10. Litter picking

Cllr Krier announced the annual 'Keep Britain Tidy' litter picking event. Councillors noted that litter had increased but that regular litter picking was probably more effective than a one-off event. **Action: Clerk to include thanks to parishioners who litter pick regularly and to encourage more participation.**

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11. Retention and archival of TGPC documents. The Chairman is storing a great many old TGPC planning documents and wishes to dispose of those not required. The Clerk provided information on retention requirements as specified by GCC.

12. GAPTC membership

Councillors resolved to continue membership of GAPTC. **Action: Clerk to make payment as per invoice.**

13. Quarry Working Party

Cllr Gower reported on the activities of the Quarry Working Party:

The QWP had asked GCC for an enforcement order to be considered for Cotswold Hills quarry due to the excessive amounts of dirt its vehicles were depositing on the B4077. The enforcement officer had visited the previous week but the outcome was unknown.

A joint PC meeting had taken place on 8th February 2022. 8 other PCs had attended along with GCC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington and GCC Cllr David Gray (cabinet member responsible for the Minerals Planning Authority).

On 30th March the working party had accompanied Environment Officers from CDC and Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) on a site visit to some of the local quarries on the B4077. GCC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington and CDC Cllr Richard Keeling also attended, along with representatives from Stanway PC and Toddington PC. The officers were concerned that the impact of the quarries had not been assessed. TGPC will write to CDC and TBC asking that they request a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment.

Action: Clerk to post notes from the meeting to the TGPC website.

14. Planning

a) Applications for consideration:

- 22/01046/TCONR Extensive maintenance to trees at Temple Guiting Primary School. Councillors were unanimous in having 'no objections' to this application. **Action: Clerk to post comment to CDC planning portal.**
- 22/01016/FUL The Old Smithy, Temple Guiting. Proposed 2 storey extension and lean-to to the rear of the property. Councillors were unanimous in having 'no objections' to this application. **Action Clerk to post comment to CDC planning portal.**
- 22/01192/AGFO Barton Farm. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural general purpose building. As this development falls under Permitted Development Rights, Councillors decided not to comment, although they were concerned about possible adverse visual impact.
- Councillors noted that application 21/02431/FUL (Extension and alterations at 2 Hyde Farm Cottages) was still undecided although it had been submitted over 8 months ago. **Action: Clerk to write to Kevin Field, Head of Planning at CDC regarding progress of the decision.**

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b) Councillors to confirm approval of the following comments submitted between meetings:

[22/00523/TCONR](#) Cut back 22 cypress trees on Landmark Trust Land bordering Well Head Lane to 9ft high. 'No Objections' posted. Since decided.

[22/00662/FUL](#) and [22/00663/LBC](#) Replace windows at the Old Rectory. Support comments posted. 'Temple Guiting Parish Council has no objections to this application, noting the need to conserve heat.' Awaiting decision.

[22/00340/FUL](#) Insert 1 further roof light Ford House, Kineton. 'No objections' posted. Awaiting decision.

Councillors approved the comments posted.

15. Finances Councillors noted the **current bank balances** (a) and the **reconciliation** (b) in the Clerk's report. Councillors approved the reconciliation, which the Chairman signed.

c. The following **payments** were approved:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary Feb/March @£159.75 p.m. plus arrears due to pay increase	£411.90
Epay	R. Graves	Expenses - Replacement batteries for VAS	t.b.c.
Epay	Community Heartbeat.	Replacement batteries for defibrillator	£318.00
Epay	Steve Wollaston	Installation of car park finger post signs	£250.00
Epay	GAPTC	Annual membership[£105.27

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors and the Clerk for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meetings will the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4th May 2022.

Signed
Chairman

4th May 2022