

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Councillors present: Rex Bovill, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood, Kate Mather.

Public: Three members of the public were in attendance.

Also present was Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Gloucestershire County Council.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr Ewart-Perks in advance.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None
- 3. Points from the floor:** Two members of the public and Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington expressed an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Quarry update. One expressed an interest in item Agenda Item 8 – VAS equipment.
- 4. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meetings of 30th September and 8th November as true records of the meetings. The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. **Action: Clerk to add to website and noticeboards.**
- 5. Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman asked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to present his report to the meeting.

Among the points in this report was the Council's aim to find land on which to plant 360,000 trees over the next 3 years to reduce global warming. Landowners who were happy for trees to be planted on their land and maintained at no charge were invited to contact Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington. The Councillor also mentioned a range of funds available to parish councils and other community organisations, including the Levelling Up Fund (which could be used for community events) and the Build Back Better fund (which required a business plan). Applications for this fund should be made via the GCC website. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington also reminded residents to reduce the impact of flooding by clearing out drains and gullies outside their homes. **Action: Clerk to post a full copy of the report to the TGPC website.**

The Chairman noted that complaints about noise from Temple Guiting Manor and about shoot parking near the school continue. The chairman had reminded the gamekeeper about the need to keep the yellow lines clear of parked cars and councillor Mather had reminded those parking there that their parking was illegal. Noise was being heard from a hot tub which has been built at the Manor close to the wall. In addition, a playground was being built at the Manor. **Action: Chairman to discuss with representative of Temple Guiting Manor.**

The Chairman then thanked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington as representative of GCC for the repairs to Barton Bridge, which had been damaged about 2 years ago.

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6. **Clerk's report.** The budget section and reconciliation included in the report would be covered later in the meeting.
7. **Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** The Chairman asked councillors whether they were in favour of an event or other activity (aside from the planting of the two oak saplings already agreed), to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Councillors agreed that they were not in favour of any celebration.
8. **ANPR, VAS and parking signage.** The Chairman had circulated graphs produced by the VAS equipment before the meeting, which showed that most offences occurred in Ford. Data showed that the maximum speed recorded in Kineton was 45 mph but 90 mph in Ford. Rob Graves, representative of the Speedwatch team, expressed a view that more equipment was needed. He recommended both a second VAS to be mounted permanently in Ford, powered by solar energy, and an ANPR device which would provide data on which the police could act regarding regular offenders. This would automate the Speedwatch operations.

Cllr Mark McKenzie-Charrington volunteered that he believed that his Highways Fund could support some of the cost of these purchases. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting and to include prices and any contributions available.** GCC Highways had refused to allow a post on Ford Bank due to the dangers of passing traffic. The clerk confirmed that a request to Johnsons Quarries for funding for the new post as previously discussed had not been supported. **Action: Establish who can approve the siting of the ANPR and arrange site visit before the next meeting.**

9. Quarries

Cllr Gower provided an update on the recent activities of the Quarry Working Party. These included:

- * a meeting with other affected PCs on November 1st, and
- * a meeting with the Cotswold Conservation Board.

The Working Party also reviewed the following applications and supported preparation of comments for:

- * Oathill - increase in production
- * Oathill - change to reinstatement plans
- * Naunton Quarry –reviewed approval
- * Naunton Quarry - proposed reinstatement plans currently under review and for discussion.

After the meeting with other PCs affected by quarrying in the cluster, the working party reviewed how best to create a forum for fundraising and which was separate from individual PCs. The next Cross-PC meeting will consider a proposal to set up a North Cotswolds Quarry Action group. The major issue across the cluster is the impact of the 400 vehicles going through Ford which will be increased by those from Guiting re-opening and Oathill's increased quarrying..

Action: Clerk to post a copy of Cllr Gower's report to the TGPC website.

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Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington stated that he had been in contact with the senior planner for minerals at GCC. The application to double Oathill's output from 50,000 tpa to 100,000 tpa was causing a number of concerns. The decision on Guiting quarry would not take place before March 2022. There was a belief that some aspects such as dust were outside the remit of the planning authority, however the impact of HGVs was something that could potentially be addressed by a Highways authority which took an active role in assessing the position. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington reminded councillors that it would take time to build up the complete picture, but that this would give the Cross-PC team time to fundraise. Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington explained that he would have to stand down from the Planning Committee, of which he was chairman, when decisions regarding quarries were reviewed as he represents the area which includes the North Cotswold Cluster.

10. Planning.

a. GAPTC requirements. The clerk explained that GAPTC had advised that all planning decisions must be made at a meeting of the Planning Committee (in this case, all councillors).

Because of the number of planning applications and the fact that TGPC only meets every 2 months, applications may be received between meetings. Deadlines could also fall between meetings. If the deadline for comment is before the next meeting, TGPC will only meet for a decision if a site meeting is needed.

The Chairman outlined the current process:

1. Clerk notifies councillors of a new planning application
2. Councillors decide if a site visit is needed.
3. If needed, the clerk organises a site meeting, and the decision is made at or after the site meeting. The clerk then submits comments to the GCC/CDC planning portal.
3. If no site meeting is needed, and the application deadline falls between meetings, the clerk circulates a comment form for completion by councillors. The clerk then prepares a statement reflecting all councillors views and presents this to the chairman and vice chairman for approval. Once approved the clerk posts the agreed comment to the CDC/GCC planning portal.

Councillors resolved to continue with this process but to confirm agreement with the comments posted by the clerk to the CDC/GCC website at the following meeting.

b. Updates on applications on which TGPC had previously commented:

Councillors expressed concern that planning decisions were extended and that it was difficult to justify some decisions. The issue of development within the curtilage of a listed building had arisen recently.

11. Finances. Councillors noted the **current bank balances** (a) and the **reconciliation** (b) in the Clerk's report. The Chairman noted that unexpected income had been deposited in the account including CIL payments. He then signed the reconciliation.

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

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Chq/Epap	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	Signs of the Times	Fingerposts and gallows sign for parking (once post received)	£1509.18
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary November @£155.55 p.m.	£155.55
Epay	X2connect.com	Replacement light fitting for Kineton phone box	£58.80

- d. **Budget.** Councillors reviewed the projected figures for expenditure and income for 2021/22 compared with the budget and resolved to make the following changes for inclusion in the 2022/2023 budget:

Donation to Temple Guiting School – increased from £650 to £750.

Donations to local causes including Cotswold Friends and the Food bank of £500, plus a £500 allocation to the quarry fund, bringing the total to £1,000.

Legal fees - increased from £0 to £500

This brings total budgeted expenditure for 2022/23 to £9,692

- e. **Precept.** Councillors resolved to maintain the same precept per elector as last year and that expenditure above income would be funded by reserves.

Action: Clerk to inform CDC of precept requirement.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

Signed
Chairman

2nd February 2022