

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 2nd February 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, Kate Mather.

Public: No members of the public attended.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None all councillors attended.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None
3. **Points from the floor:** None.
4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2021 as a 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. The report covered the below among other items:
 - * an extra £100m for roads
 - * £150 million for school buildings.
 - * £14 m extra for Children & Young People's services
 - * £300k for the Community Speed Safety Fund, including establishment of 20mph zones
 - * Each councillor will have £30,000 for local projects in 2022/23
 - * More than half of the farms in the GCC area have signed to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.
 - * Average Band D council tax will increase by £3.50 per month to fund these and other activities.
 - * GCC continues to search for landowners who will contribute land where the 360,000 target of trees can be planted.
 - * Ash trees which have been felled are being replaced on a 2 for 1 native specimen basis.
 - * Care workers across the county are being offered New Year, Spring, and Summer bonuses.

A copy of the full report is available on the TGPC website. **Action: Clerk to post report to website.**

The Chairman established that no further funds were available for the Temple Guiting School's new building and that a contribution from Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington's fund could be requested for the new VAS post/ANPR/solar powered VAS device in the new financial year. The request should include a project definition and be costed. A contribution from the £300,000 Community Speed Safety Fund could also be requested from GCC.

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The Chairman then thanked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington for attending the meeting and presenting his report.

The Chairman noted that the manager of the Temple Guiting Manor Estate had explained that complaints regarding noise from the Manor were unfounded - other rental properties were causing noise problems for the Manor, fireworks are not permitted at the property and no new hot tub has been installed. He asked residents to raise any concerns regarding the Manor with him directly. You can contact Gavin on 01451 850577 during office hours or by email at estate@templeguitingmanor.co.uk

The Chairman also noted that, as free trees for the Platinum Jubilee had all been taken up, he would source a beech and a sweet chestnut for planting.

For a third time, the Chairman had written to GCC Highways to request that the diversion route during works to Buckle Street should NOT go through Barton, Kineton and Temple Guiting, due to the size and nature of the roads. The proposed diversion has now been abandoned.

- 6. Clerk's report.** Councillors noted the contents of the Clerks report, including the reconciliation which would be reviewed at agenda item 10.

7. ANPR, VAS, VAS post and parking signage

Councillors discussed the issue of the location of the extra signpost to the west of Ford. The proposed site at Ford Pitch, which councillors approved.

The solar VAS being considered requires a specific size of post to carry the extra weight and withstand winds. **Action: Clerk to establish whether the size of post already installed by GCC Highways is suitable and, if not suitable, to find out whether larger posts can be ordered. Clerk to find out how data is downloaded from the solar VAS as the current system is not ideal.**

Councillors agreed to purchase an ANPR once the police had approved an affordable solution which they would use to act on speeding violations.

Councillors resolved to defer the decision on the new VAS/ANPR until further information was available.

The Chairman reported that all the parking signage and posts had now been delivered and that a contractor had been found. However, the Clerk reported that Gigaclear had not yet sent details of the location of their equipment at the proposed sites. Councillors agreed that, until this information was received, installation could not take place.

8. Quarries

Cllr Gower reported recent activities of the Quarry Working Party., including:

- * Requesting that GCC carries out an enforcement visit to Oathill quarry to review the operator's retention of materials for reinstatement.
- * Logging formal complaints based on residents' emails about the poor condition of the B4077 between Ford and Stumps Cross with GCC Highways. A jet wash was seen once and a sweeper was seen on more than one occasion on this road.

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* Reviewing the Naunton planning approval process, which revealed several failures including not considering the cumulative impact of HGVs from the cluster on the amenity of residents.

* Liaison with Cllr Richard Keeling regarding building links between environmental services department at Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.

* Arranging a follow up meeting of the Joint PC quarry action group on February 8th.

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

9. Planning

Councillors approved the following comments submitted between meetings:

[22/0017/TCONR](#) - 3 Windrush Court: remove 1.x. willow, 2 x ash, 1.x lime, 1 x oak, several sycamore. Comment posted: 'No objections'.

[21/0107/TCONR](#) - 5 Windrush Court - fell 1 x ash. Comment posted: 'No objections'.

10. Finances

Councillors noted the **current bank balances** (a) and the **reconciliation** (b) in the Clerk's report. The Chairman then signed the reconciliation.

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

Chq/Epap	Payee	Description	Value
Epap	Signs of the Times	Two further posts for parking signs)	£864.00
Epap	M Freeman	Clerk's salary December/January @£155.55 p.m.	£311.10

11. Contingency fund for Contested Elections.

Councillors approved the annual contingency fund of £100 as a reserve against the costs of contested parish/town council elections being passed from CDC to parish and town councils. **Action: Clerk to assign funds in the budget.**

12. Appointment of internal auditor

Having satisfied themselves that the auditor provided by GAPTC would be independent of the council, Councillors resolved to appoint an auditor provided by GAPTC.

13. Clerk's remuneration review.

Councillors noted that (as per the Clerk's report) the Clerk's performance had not been reviewed in February 2021 due to Covid, and that the Clerk had not advised councillors or PATA of the statutory increase in pay implemented in April 2020. New pay rates for 2022 – 23 have not yet been announced.

Councillors agreed that the clerk's performance was satisfactory and that her grade should be increased from SCP8 to SCP9, the new grade and pay rate to be effective from 1 April 2022

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.02 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2022.

Signed
Chairman

6th April 2022

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