

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30 pm in the village hall

Councillors present: Val Brown, Jayne Ewart Perks, Stephen Gower, Michael Krier (Chairman), Kate Mather.

Public: Six members of the public were in attendance.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllrs Rex Bovill and Val Littlewood in advance.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** Cllr Michael Krier and Cllr Kate Mather both declared an interest in Item 11, planning application 21/01556/FUL New barn and access at Landgate House.
- 3. Points from the floor:** Two members of the public expressed an intention to speak to item 11, planning application 21/02431/FUL alternations to 2 Hyde Cottages.
- 4. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2021 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 read the highlights of a report from GCC Cllr Mark McKenzie-Charrington:
 - Covid rates are increasing but are still one of the lowest in the country.
 - Appointments at Fosse Cross recycling facility are readily available.
 - The first fusion centre in the UK will be built in Berkeley.
 - A rural mobility trial will take place, with the North Cotswolds having a dial up public bus service for 2 year period. The aim is to reduce dependence on cars and lower the county's carbon footprint.
 - Work to improve M5 J10 has been approved along with other major road improvements west of Cheltenham.
 - Gloucester hospital has been rated 'good' but with room for improvement in the A&E department.
 - GCC is investing in 500 double on-street electric car chargers. The first 25 will be installed in Gloucester and Cheltenham this financial year.

The Chairman also reminded councillors to respond more promptly to the clerk's requests for comments on planning applications between meetings.

- 6. Clerks Report.** The Chairman noted that following TGPC's comment that a traditional new building would be best for the school, the school had accepted the proposed modular building as the need was urgent and it would be available for use in the Autumn term.

The Chairman asked the clerk to call Bidwell's again for information regarding sales of Corpus Christie property in the village. **Action:** Clerk to call Bidwells again.

- 7. Parking in Temple Guiting.** The Chairman noted that quotes from further suppliers of signage had taken considerable time, holding up the selection process.

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Four sites for signs had been identified – on the ‘village green’, at the school, in place of the current ‘gallows’ sign and at the corner of ‘The Manor’ (replacing the Diamond Way post but retaining the finger post sign on a new post). The Chairman had discussed the issue with The Pantry, and they had agreed to share some of the cost with TGPC. **Action: Chairman, vice chairman and clerk to meet and finalise choice. Clerk to order chosen signs.**

8. **Highways, Speeding and VAS.** On behalf of TGPC, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to Rob Graves for recharging the batteries and moving the VAS to Temple Guiting village. Data from the VAS shows that Ford experiences the most speeding, and that the problem is worst in the evening. The Chairman intended to pass the data from the VAS to the police for further action. Councillors agreed to reposition the VAS in Ford after the current battery charge runs out. **Action: Chairman and Rob Graves to forward data to the police to request follow up, and to move the VAS to Ford next.**
9. **Election of Public Rights of Way Officer.** Vice Chairman Val Littlewood had volunteered to take on this role particularly with reference to ensuring the three identified paths were added to the ‘Definitive Map’. Councillors resolved unanimously to accept her appointment.
10. **Dog waste bin in Kineton.** The Clerk reviewed the information in the Clerk’s Report and identified the most cost-effective option for a dog waste bin for Kineton. Councillors agreed with the proposed location on the ‘public path’ sign opposite the Halfway House. The Chairman asked the Clerk to check with Cotswold District Council re: the possibility of their supplying a bin and how to arrange emptying. **Action: Clerk to contact CDC re bins and collection arrangements.**
11. **Planning.** Councillors considered the following planning applications:
[21/01556/FUL](#) **Construction of an agricultural building with new highway access Landgate House, Colman, Temple Guiting.** Cllrs Krier and Mather were conflicted and did not take part in the discussion or voting on this item. The clerk outlined the main points raised at the site meeting: visibility and road access. The new barn would be located in a dip and partly dug down into the hillside. Together with proposed planting around the barn, visual impact would be negligible. GCC Highways had not objected to the new entrance. Councillors resolved not to object to the proposal. **Action: Clerk to post ‘no objections’ to CDC portal.**
[21/02431/FUL](#) **Extension and alterations and material changes to existing roof and walls, 2 Hyde Farm Cottages, Colman, Temple Guiting.** The clerk outlined the main points raised at the site meeting: roofing and building materials; distance between no 1 and the proposed extension of no 2 Hyde Cottages; potential visual intrusion into the privacy of the residents of no 1 Hyde Cottages via the new windows. The owner of No 1 Hyde Cottages, while supportive in principle of the proposal to extend the cottage, explained her concerns regarding the application including: loss of privacy, loss of sunlight, noise, light pollution, possible failure of the shared septic tank system, and close proximity of new windows (within 16m). The applicants explained that a new septic tank would be installed to comply with building regulations and queried the issue of distance between the two buildings.

Councillors considered the points raised by members of the public and the clerk’s notes from the site meeting and resolved to object to the application until both the materials to be used for the roof and for the extension, together with the distance between No 1 Hyde Cottages

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and the proposed extension to No 2 Hyde Cottages could be clarified. **Action: Clerk to post 'objection' to the CDC planning portal, noting items which needed clarification.**

- 12. Ash tree management.** Cllr Krier, as Tree Warden, noted that many local ash trees were suffering from ash die-back disease and that dead branches in public places could be dangerous. The Chairman asked councillors and members of the public to report potentially dangerous trees to the Chairman or the Clerk, who would let the owners know that remedial work was necessary.
- 13. Quarry Stakeholder Meeting Working Party.** Cllr Gower updated the meeting with the activities of the Working Party since the last meeting. This included an online meeting with senior representatives from GCC Minerals Planning Authority and Highways. This resulted in:
- GCC agreeing to investigate historic traffic data for the B4077;
 - GCC agreeing to consolidate historic production figures for the area, and
 - TGPC QSMWP preparing a review of Cumulative Impact legislation for follow up discussion with GCC.

The Working Party will meet shortly and a briefing meeting with GCC Cllr McKenzie-Charrington will also be arranged.

- 14. Finances.** Councillors noted the current bank balances and the reconciliation in the Clerk's report. The Chairman signed the reconciliation.

New rates for PATA were approved – rising from £23.25 per quarter to £23.85. **Action: Clerk to update standing order.**

The following payments were approved:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epap	PATA	Underpayment of new rates in Q1	0.60
Epap	M Freeman	Clerk's salary June @£155.55 p.m.	£155.55

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on 1st September 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.11 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

1st September 2021