# Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

#### Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm

**Councillors present:** Michael Krier, Val Littlewood, Val Brown, Kate Mather, Stephen Gower, Val Brown, Philip Beaver. Rex Bovill.

Public: None.

**1. Apologies:** No apologies received as 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:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as a true record of the meeting. These were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Chairman's announcements: The chairman announced this new standing item on the agenda. An update of the 'There but not There' WW1 fundraising campaign was provided by Cllr Gower. The target for fundraising has been raised to £2000, with over £1600 already donated. The meeting noted that Gerald O'Mahoney has been one of the main driving forces in this successful project.
- 6. Clerk's Report to Councillors (arising from previous minutes): The Clerk's report was noted. Councillors were informed that Naunton and Cotswold Hill quarries both have road sweepers. Action: Clerk to trace contacts at the AONB to discuss the impact of quarrying within the Cotswolds AONB.
- 7. Assets: Phone boxes. Cllr Gower reported that the phone box in Kineton is completely restored with the exception of a small amount of work required to the floor. Cllr Littlewood reported that it had taken 7 days' work to prepare the Temple Guiting phone box for painting and apply the first coat of paint. Further volunteers were required to apply the second coat. Cllrs Mather, Beaver and Krier volunteered. Action: Cllrs to organise the working party and include Robert Graves as he had previously volunteered to help.
- **8. Planning:** The following applications were considered:

**18/04093/AGFO** — New agricultural building at Manor Farm. Councillors noted that the proposed barn was over 6m high and adjacent to a public footpath. The building appeared to be very large for the purpose stated in the application (machinery for a market garden for the village shop). Councillors also noted that application stated that the building would be part of Manor Farm. However, this should read 'The Manor'. Action: Clerk to arrange site visit for councillors when site agent can attend.

**18/0065/CWMALM** - Extension of Naunton quarry to the south of the current active workings but within the boundary of the designated quarry area. Older workings to be reinstated as agricultural land. Cllr Gower noted a number of concerns including: wheelwashing facilities, monitoring of number of vehicle movements and start times. Action: Cllr Gower to prepare a review.

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- **18/02790/FUL** Colman. Councillors noted that the building works were spreading a great deal of dirt on the road.
- 9. **Budget planning and strategy:** The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council adopt a strategy for the future of the whole parish, which would help to set priorities for the budget for the longer term and which would increase engagement among parishioners. Councillors agreed to the proposal. Action: Cllr Krier to prepare a proposal and circulate for comment from councillor by 17 November.
- 10. **St Mary's Church West End project**: Cllr Mather provided a summary of the recent meeting of the project team. The meeting had been attended by representatives from the school, the village hall committee and the church. The meeting was told that a grant would be available to fund improvements to community facilities. The conclusion of those present was that the views of the community should be sought regarding requirements for community spaces in the parish. These spaces consist of the village hall, the room above the cafe and potentially the West End of the church. Councillors agreed that any questions about the requirement for community spaces could be included in a survey to establish parishioners' concerns, which would be used in setting future strategy. Action: Councillors to review questions from the community spaces project. Cllr Mather to forward details of a similar project at Petworth to the Clerk.
- 11. **Dog fouling:** Cllr Littlewood reported that there have been a complaint about dog fouling near Hitchens and another about the footpath at Colman. Councillors agreed that current signage and bins were adequate but the newsletter should include a note regarding the problem. Action: Clerk to include item on dog fouling in the newsletter.
- 12. **Village recreation field mowing:** The village school has not requested a contribution from the parish council since 16/17, when the PC contributed £418 (half the total cost at the time). The total cost is now over £3000 for mowing and white lining. The school is reviewing the cost and councillors agreed to make a contribution of £500. Action: Clerk to organise payment and to include 'Recreation field maintenance grant' as an item in the next budget. Councillors also voiced concerns over the parking of cars on the field in winter. Action: Clerk to advise school to rope off the field in the winter months to prevent damage from vehicles.
- 13. **Training:** The Clerk outlined the evening training session being run by Guiting Power Parish Council and which is also being opened up to neighbouring councillors. Action: Clerk to circulate outline to councillors and councillors to inform Clerk if they would like to attend.

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#### 14. Finances

(a), (b), (c) Current balances, bank reconciliation and budget v actual figures were all noted. Action: Clerk to amend budget v actual to incorporate allotment maintenance fees within parish maintenance.

(d) Cheque signing and validation. The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

Cheq no.	Payee	Description	Value
400	M Freeman	Clerk's salary Sept/Oct 2018	209.20
401	S Gower	Phone box repair expenses	139.30
402	X2Connect	New light for Kineton phone box	50.40
403	M Freeman	Printer ink and paper	36.00

As there was no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45.

The next meeting will be held on **5**<sup>th</sup> **December** and will focus on strategy and budget planning.

