Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 7.30pm in Temple Guiting Village Hall

Councillors present: Michael Krier (Chairman), Val Littlewood (Vice-Chairman), Val Brown and Kate Mather.

Public: Seven members of the public were in attendance.

- **1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Beaver, Bovill, Gower and the Clerk.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011): None.
- **3. Points from the floor:** Several members of the public indicated that they wished to speak to Item 9 (Quarries).
- **4. Approval of the previous meeting's minutes:** Council approved the minutes of the meeting of December 2018 as a true record of the meeting.
- 5. Chairman's announcements:
 - The new post box at Colman is now operational.
 - There will be alterations to CDC garden waste collection in winter.
 - There is a vacancy for a representative from this area to sit on the Cotswold Conservation Board.
 - District and Parish Council elections will be held on 2nd May 2019.
 - The budget consultation relates to the County and not the District Council.
- 6. Clerks Report: The Clerk's report had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. It was noted that there are no Conservation Areas in Barton or Kineton. Councillors agreed to consider whether an application for a 'Growing our Communities Grant' might be appropriate and how to progress a possible Parish Questionnaire. Action: Clerk to include these in the agenda of the next meeting.
- **7. Planning document 'Looking to the Future'**: Councillors approved the document. Action: Clerk to post to website.
- 8. Planning

18/04711/TCONR and 19/00129/TCONR. No objections had been made to these applications.

19/00164/AGFO The timing and nature of application meant that the Council was unable to respond; there was some uncertainty over the agricultural nature of the application.

18/04873/FUL and 18/04874/LBC Councillors agreed to register 'no objection' to these applications, unless the Clerk has established that neighbours were concerned about the alterations to Stable Cottage, Ford. Action: Clerk to post 'No objection' to planning website.

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9. Quarries

- The Chairman summarised the Council's paper 'A Fresh Approach to Quarrying', especially TGPC's concern that there was an urgent need for a holistic approach to the consideration of multiple quarry applications in the Parish, and the threat these posed to the amenity of this Parish and its neighbours in the Cotswold AONB. Action: Clerk to post this paper on the TGPC website.
- The paper had provided a basis for discussion with officers at a meeting held on 23rd January at Shire Hall involving Councillors Gower, Littlewood and Krier, County Councillor and Cabinet Member Nigel Moor, and four planning officers including Nick Bainton (Enforcement Officer). Officers dealt in detail with the current applications at Breedon and Grange Hill Quarries and responded comprehensively to Parish Councillors' concerns regarding the potentially adverse effects of increased quarrying in the Parish. It was clear that Nick Bainton was actively monitoring quarries in the Parish. Councillors were reminded that the Minerals Levy was no longer available to communities. Councillor Moor agreed to approach the Cotswold Conservation Board to progress TGPC's suggestion for an area liaison group (as outlined in 'A Fresh Approach to Quarrying').
- Members of the public, in particular those affected by the current Breedon and Grange Hill applications, informed Councillors of veterinary concerns regarding the welfare of horses grazing close to local quarries.
- TGPC had not responded formally to the Grange Hill application as this quarry
 was located in a neighbouring Parish and the Council there was supportive of the
 application. However, one Councillor had lodged a detailed statement of
 'Objection' in a private capacity.
- Councillors were able to reassure members of the public that TGPC was proactive in monitoring and seeking improvements, wherever possible, to quarrying operations in the area.

10. Highways

- Councillors considered Bob Skillern's (Gloucestershire Highways) suggestion that a 7.5 tonne weight restriction might be placed on the route between the Fox Hill B&B and Ford Pitch to replace existing 'advisory' signage, at a cost of £5,000 each to Temple Guiting and Guiting Power Parish Councils (match funded by GCC Highways).
- Councillor Littlewood questioned the affordability to the two parishes with small precepts and reminded those present that this would result in increased signage over an extensive area in the two and adjoining parishes. Access was required by HGVs to local farms and businesses.
- Councillor Krier stated that there had been no complaints to TGPC. Many of the HGVs perceived to be 'ignoring the advisory signs' were thought to be collecting

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building stone and aggregate which was being extracted in connection with the installation of new farm buildings at Manor Farm in Guiting Power.

- Although the matter might be reviewed at a forthcoming meeting with Bob Skillern, Councillors resolved not to support this proposal.
- The 'Post Office and Shop' sign in Temple Guiting is out-of-date. Councillors
 resolved that Bob Skillern should be approached regarding a replacement sign,
 and that the owner of the 'Temple Guiting Pantry' should be consulted on
 suitable wording and invited to contribute to the cost.

11. Finances

- The Financial statements were reviewed.
- Councillors resolved that in future only balances would be shown on the Agenda and that the other financial details would be attached to the Clerk's Report.
- Councillors resolved that the three payments (Village Hall and Field rent, Defibrillator Pads and Clerk's salary) should be made.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

The next meeting of Temple Guiting Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 17th April** i.e. **NOT** on the first Wednesday of the month.

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