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TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 6.30 pm in the village hall.

Councillors present: Mickey Morrissey (part), Michael Krier, Jayne Ewart-Perks, Stephen Gower, Lorna Eayrs. **Note:** The Chairman could not attend and the Vice-Chairman was delayed. Councillors requested that Cllr Krier Chair the meeting until Cllr Morrissey arrived, and Cllr Krier agreed.

Public: 19 members of the public attended.

GCC Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington and CDC Cllr Wilkins attended.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Cllrs Baber-Scovell and Mather.

The Chairman announced that Rex Bovill, a resident of the village, who had acted as a councillor for over 12 years, had recently died.

2. **Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda (Localism Act 2011):** None.

3. **Points from the floor:** Three members of the public asked to address councillors regarding footpaths, shooting and mud at the bottom of Mill Lane. The Chairman noted that the issues would be discussed as part of agenda items 8 and 9.

4. **Approval of the previous meeting's minutes and signing.** The Council approved the draft minutes and the Chairman agreed to sign the minutes. **Action: Clerk to post to website.**

5. **Chairman's announcements.** The Chairman announced that the new post for the solar VAS equipment had been installed. The battery powered VAS would be moved to the post outside the school. He thanked Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington for his kind donation of £1500 towards the new solar VAS.

The Chairman asked GCC Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to speak. Local road closures including major roadworks in Moreton would resume between Jan – March 2025; wall rebuilding at Farmcote would continue until the end of January. He also announced that Winchcombe School would be converted to other uses. The food and activity program for children is being retained.

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington also reminded riparian owners to keep the ditches on their land clear. He confirmed that GCC Highways is responsible for grippes, but not ditches.

The Minerals & Waste scheme is being reviewed, in line with the requirement to review every 7 years. There are seven quarries close to Temple Guiting. The PC has been working with the Councillor in a long battle to conserve the environment in and around these quarries. The review is in the consultation stage and the Team Leader (Robin Drake) has said that local communities will be consulted. No deadline or method of consultation has been announced but the plan must be subject to a statutory review by no later than March 2025. The Evidence base for the assessment is available from the [Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan Evidence webpage](#). Full details are available on this [GCC webpage](#). **Action: The Clerk to include link in minutes and on the website.**

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Since the elections, GCC has spent £120 million on the County's roads, with smaller roads now being resurfaced. The Councillor reminded residents to report any Highways issues on the 'Report it/Fix my street' page with photographs if possible.

CDC Councillor Wilkins reported that he had been working with Enforcement to monitor work at Wheelwrights in Kineton, which had been demolished without permission. The replacement building must comply with the original planning permission, including size.

6. **Clerk's report.** The Clerk noted that the list of Highways items outstanding had fallen from 13 earlier in the year to 5, with the bollards at Barton now at the top of the list.

7. Training

Councillor Eayrs reported that the recent Biodiversity training she attended had focused on ways in which Councils could increase biodiversity. The main categories are housing, transport and renewables. Council land can be managed for biodiversity; planning responses can highlight biodiversity issues. However, biodiversity criteria do not apply to extensions and actions can only be agreed after planning has been permitted. PCs could also contribute through allotment management, community composting, food banks and investing only in ethical and sustainable funds.

Councillor Morrissey arrived after the start of the meeting and reported on recent training on Community Consultation, which focused on consultation for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The residents' survey is the first step in the process.

8. Highways

a. **Splash in Kineton – missing footpath.** The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens officer, Robert Talbot, explained that he was in touch with GCC Highways regarding the missing footpath at the ford at the southern end of Kineton. Highways had said that they would not carry out any repairs but both the warden and residents were aware of previous repairs by Highways. **Action: Cllr McKenzie-Charrington to contact Bob Skillern at GCC Highways to determine who is responsible.**

b. Footpaths

- At Ford. Cllr Ewart-Perks had contacted the CDC Footpaths officer who had offered to visit to see the condition of the path.
- Between Hitchins and Hyde, across land owned by Temple Guiting Manor. Cllr Krier reported that this path had been diverted, which was not permitted, but was not adequately signed from the Hitchins direction. **Action: Cllr Ewart-Perks to contact the estate manager to establish whether the diversion is permanent or temporary and to request additional signage.**

9. Planning

- a. **24/03164/TCONR** Councillors agreed that the comment between meetings reflected the majority view.
b. **24/02612/FUL** Demolition of Wheelwrights has been reported to the Enforcement team and the relevant planning officer.

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- c. **Shooting.** While the Parish Council is not anti-shooting, residents are concerned about a number of issues: the proximity of birds and guns to their homes; the frequency of shoots – 3 or 4 times per week; and the noise created. A member of the public stated that the Code of Good Conduct was being broken in many ways and frequently. The meeting noted that there are very few restrictions on shooting and meetings with the owners have not resulted in any improvements. **Action: Further meeting may be arranged.**
- d. **Neighbourhood Development Plan.** The Chairman asked for more volunteers to help draw up the plan to contact him, the Chairman or the Clerk at templeguitingparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk. Councillors noted the draft survey in the Clerk's Report.

11. Financial position

- a. Councillors noted the balance in the current and savings accounts.
- b. Councillors approved the reconciliation and the Chairman signed the document.
- c. Councillors approved the following payments:

Chq/Epay	Payee	Description	Value
Epay	M Freeman	Clerk's salary Sept/Oct (£195.90 /mth)	£391.80
Epay	HMRC	Employer's tax (£5.60 / mth)	£11.20

There being no further business the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

K M Mather

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