

Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held on 19th September 2024

Present: Cllrs Barbara Priest, Kathrin Williams, Liz Burns, Jason Jennings, Peter Morgan, Elwyn Morse, Jane Ashbridge

- 1) **To accept apologies for absence.** There were apologies received from Cllrs Mark Simpkins.
- 2) **To disclose personal and prejudicial interests in the items listed below.** No personal or interests were declared.
- 3) **Questions from members of the public** regarding items on the agenda not otherwise being covered. There were no questions received in this category.
- 4) **To sign the minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the meeting on 18th July and the two meetings in August had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required:**

Parking/traffic at Boar's Head - An update was from Cllr Morse. He had yet to hear back about the site meeting with the relevant PCC Officer. The situation was discussed and it was agreed to send letters to Cross Villa and the Boar's Head stating complaints about parking connected with their properties had been received.

Hall decoration. The contractor had been appointed, and work would start in October. Hirers booked for October had been informed. It was also stated that although brand new parts had been sourced for the Hall clock, it was still not functioning properly. It was agreed to source and provide a replacement for the Old Hall.

Play Park renovation. One full proposal had been received, and another was expected. After discussion it was agreed to apply for Lottery funding to replace some of the equipment, with stage two in a few years' time. The Council would continue to build funding for the Play Park into the annual budget each year. The Clerk would start a funding application.

School related matters. The artwork for 'no dog fouling' and 20mph signs had been received. They were discussed and it was agreed to fund production of one 20mph sign and three of each of the 'no dog fouling' signs. One of each would be given to the school to place as they wish, the rest located as appropriate by the Council. The Clerk would request versions of the signs with a white background. The school would be contacted about the mosaics.

Bonfire and firework event. The fireworks were on order. Two portable barbeques would be borrowed. Spending on temporary safety fencing, refreshments, barbeque supplies etc. was all agreed. The risk assessment would be updated. Final arrangements would be agreed in the October meeting.

- 6) **New items of business:**

Remembrance event. The five wreaths from the Council would be ordered this month. Arrangements for who would lay them were agreed.

Formally agree to become the sole Trustee for Templeton Community Hall Trust. This had been previously agreed in principle, and was now formally agreed. The terms for the relevant committee were also agreed, as was the drafted Memorandum of Understanding that laid out the differing roles and responsibilities of the two bodies. It was stated that meetings and the work of TCHT would be undertaken under Charity Commission law and guidance. The various documents had all been previously circulated to Councillors. The Clerk was thanked for her work carrying out the relevant research and drafting of the documents.

Future events. It was hoped to have another visit by Santa this December – details to be sorted as soon as possible.

Parking area. There were still episodes of commercial vehicles parking overnight in the car park. The Council were concerned about the Post Office van space being blocked, especially. The situation would be monitored.

Council Delegation policy. This had been drafted and circulated. It was agreed to adopt this, with the Council feeling it would speed up their response to consultations and queries.

7) **Items of correspondence**

- Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
- One Voice Wales training. This was noted.
- PCC Code of Conduct training. This was noted.
- Lease update information – the solicitor stated that it was due to be determined by the Land Registry by 8-8-2025. This was noted.
- South East Pembrokeshire Community Health Network information. This had been received.
- PCC budget consultation on the deficit. This was highlighted.
- Hywel Dda UHB consultation on primary care and community health and well being. This was noted..

8) **County Councillor's report.** Cllr Morse spoke briefly on his ongoing work regarding the footpaths and traffic management at the Boar's Head junction, including receiving and passing on local resident complaints to PCC.

9) **Financial statement and bank reconciliation – Council main and reserve accounts.**

Bank statement for main account £25,407.14 as at 13th September 2024.
Reserves account £9,000.60 as at 13th September 2024. Note - £9000.00 transferred to this account as per agreement in July – this is the Play Park renovation reserve money.

Income banked, payments made and income received as per attached bank reconciliation.

Income received: The second tranche of the precept received £7852.00
 Annual Hall lease payment received - £1.00

Agency re-imburement for Hall staff expenses received - £140.37

Current/anticipated invoices:

HMRC – tax for September
Clerk – salary and expenses for September
FAS – fire alarm and security system annual check - £246.00
Jimmy's Fireworks - £1323.00
Promow – grass cutting - £777.50

The above expenditure was unanimously agreed.

10) Planning.

24/0479/PA. Porch to front of bungalow (in retrospect). 9 Greenfields Close, Templeton. SA67 8TL. Application received 15-8-2024. **Application conditionally approved** 18-9-2024

24/0185/PA Replacement garden shed/ carport; upgrade to access with forecourt walls and ecological enhancements (partly retrospective). Iona, Cold Blow. SA67 8RL. Application received 31-5-2024. **Application conditionally approved** 25-7-2024.

24/0254/DC. Discharge of Conditions 3 (surface water), 5 (biodiversity) and 6 (landscaping) of planning permission 23/0750/PA Proposed holiday accommodation unit (in retrospect). Oaklands, Templeton. SA67 8SL. Application received 8-6-2024. **Application conditionally approved** 31-7-2024

24/0153/PA. Construction of three new dwellings. Templeton Farm, Templeton. SA67 8RZ. Application received 24-05-2024. **Application conditionally approved** 3-9-2024.

Councillors' reports and matters for next meeting.

Serious concerns were raised about safety at and around the junction at the top of the village once Templetots were using the chapel as proposed. There had been at least one head on very near miss this year between vehicles, and the road side parking severely limited visibility for drivers and pedestrians as well as dangerously narrowing the roads concerned. The combination of parents and young children walking and cars parked at the roadside, especially when mixed with winter weather, it was felt was an accident waiting to happen. It was also again pointed out that the proposed walking path for parents and children to and from the school was largely privately owned, and so not maintained to highways levels of safety – there were unlit areas which included potholes.

It was stated that a motorbike had been seen driving around on the Green recently. If residents saw this, they should report directly to the police, with numberplate evidence if possible.

A local contractor had asked to quote for the fire and building alarm servicing contract – the Clerk would contact them on the matter. They also offered to install wifi in the Hall – the Clerk would seek comparative quotes and bring the information to the next possible meeting.

11) Next meeting.

The next normal meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 17th October 2024 starting at 7.30pm.

Cllr Williams then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.