

Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held on 18th April 2024

Present: Cllrs Jason Jennings from item 4, Barbara Priest, Kathrin Williams, Liz Burns, Peter Morgan, Mark Simpkins, Elwyn Morse.

Cllr Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1) **To accept apologies for absence.** There were apologies received from Cllr Jane Ashbridge.
- 2) **To disclose personal and prejudicial interests in the items listed below.** There was a personal interest by Cllr Morse in the item on the Internal Auditor 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 meetings on 21st March 2024 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Jennings joined the meeting at this point and chaired the rest of the meeting.

- 5) **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required:**

Bus stop renovation project. The Council had received a draft lease for consideration, and a legal exclusion of tenure document that would also require signing. The Property Officer for PCC had that day stated the Community Asset Transfer scheme would be going to PCC's Cabinet for agreement in the near future. It was agreed to hold off proceeding with the lease for now, and await the CAT scheme opening, for simplicity and to significantly reduce administration costs to the Council.

Land Registry – resigning the lease document. This was done by various Councillors for TCC, and Trustees for TCHT, and witnessed by those present including the Clerk. This would be sent on to Hains and Lewis as soon as possible.

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

Damage to Council items. The damaged seat on the North Green was being repaired by the Caretaker on the day of the meeting. In the Play Park a swing vertical had come loose on one side, and a board in the BMX track was broken. These would be dealt with as soon as possible.

Internal Auditor. The current Internal Auditor had advised of his charge for 2023-24's accounts, and the Clerk/RFO had sought comparative quotes to ensure the Council continued to get best value. These were presented to Council and it was agreed to retain Mr. B. Scourfield for another year.

- 7) **Items of correspondence**

- Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This had been previously noted.
- One Voice Wales training. This was noted.
- PCC road surface dressing programme for 2024. This was noted, including the surfacing of Tanners Lane.

8) **County Councillor’s report.** Cllr Morse stated that he was following up on the complaints about the verge near the Boar’s Head. It was agreed that the Clerk should go back to Planning and raise the problems the large numbers of vehicles parked for work at Cross Villa were causing in the area.

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

Bank statement for main account £20,476.19 as at 11th April 2024

Reserves account £0.60 as at 11th April 2024.

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

Income received: £0.00 to date – the first part of the Precept was expected soon.

Current/anticipated invoices acknowledged/agreed:

Caretaker – salary for April

HMRC – tax for April

Clerk – salary and expenses for April

The above expenditure was unanimously agreed.

10) **Planning.**

23/0916/PA. Single storey side extension, plus replacement outbuilding. Myrtle Hill Farm, Cold Blow. SA67 8RJ. Application accepted 31-01-2024. **Application conditionally approved 25-3-2024**

INV/0093/21. Opening of a new access, siting of two static and one touring caravan and the erection of two timber clad buildings - Oaklands, Templeton SA67 8SL. Enforcement decision – static caravan removed by 3-4-24; Planning Application 23/0750/PA being approved 22/01/24 – Breach ceased. Opening of a new access - Condition NS-3 The erection of timber clad buildings – Approved under (Class C6) short-term holiday let accommodation. **Enforcement case closed.**

23/1096/PA. Appearance, landscaping layout and scale. Templeton Farm SA67 8RA. **Cancelled application 12-4-2024**

23/0911/PA. Existing disused barn to be converted to provide a two bedroomed dwelling. Upper Mounon Farm, Molleston. SA67 8DA. Application received 14-02-2024. **Application conditionally approved 9-4-2024**

Council were confused about the second item listed, because it appears to conflate two enforcement cases for two different households, albeit they were adjacent. The Clerk would query this with Planning and pass the information so far provided to Cllrs Morse and Morgan.

11) **Councillors’ reports and matters for next meeting.**

The Hall’s memorial clock mechanism was still not working correctly – further measures would be taken.

No images for posters had yet been received from FOTS – this would be chased by the Clerk.

Various property issues were raised – some of the external Hall walls needed power washing and there was damp wicking in from outside in the south corner. The Green was currently sodden – possible spiking and rolling was suggested.

There had been some social media comments on Hall hire prices, but it was stated that charges were comparable with other local Halls, and below what many were charging. Some rates had reduced in February, when other Halls were increasing their prices.

12) Next meeting.

The next normal meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 16th May 2024 starting at 7.30pm. This would be the annual meeting, followed immediately by the normal monthly meeting.

Cllr Jennings then thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.