**Minutes of the normal meeting of Templeton Community Council**

**Held on 21st April 2022**

Present: Cllrs Liz Burns (Chair), Barbara Priest, Mark Simpkins, Kathrin Williams, Peter Morgan, Jason Jennings, Elwyn Morse.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**. There were no apologies received.
2. **To disclose personal and prejudicial interests in the items listed below**. There were no interests declared.
3. **To sign the minutes of the previous meeting**. The minutes of the meeting on 17th March 2022 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Morgan joined the meeting at this point.

1. **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required**:

**Play Park.** The Play Park wood treatment would be done when user numbers and weather permitted, as would the wooden poles that needed replacing. The slide welding had been done in last month, generously at no charge to the Council. The annual independent report on the Play Park had been received and circulated. It was agreed to seek potential local contractors for undertaking the relevant work as necessary.

**External CCTV**. The contractor had been offered several dates for completion of the work – no confirmed date had been agreed.

**Boar’s Head Junction.** There were no updates since the previous meeting.

**Knights Court issues.** A seating bench would beplaced at the top end of the north Green in the near future. Potential bolt-on kerbing would also be investigated.

**Hall lease**. The deed of rectification and other documentation had been received and circulated. It was agreed to sign the documents at the end of the meeting.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.** A verbal report was provided on the various activities planned in the village.

**Local history talk on 8th April.** This had been well attended and very much appreciated. The donation raised would be passed on in the next couple of days. A letter of thanks would be sent to Dr. Rob Davies MBE.

**Elections – May 2022.** The Clerk summarised the situation for the meeting: sufficient nominations had been received for the next Council to be quorate. The County Councillor would be elected unopposed.

**Road and other local repairs.** The list was reviewed, and the Clerk asked to contact PCC seeking updates on a number of items.

**Volunteers for community work.** This was considered but it was agreed there were no viable opportunities locally that were within the specified requirements.

1. **New items of business:**

**Speed reduction / warning signs.** The Council was informed that the signs by the school and at the top of the village were defective and needed replacement. Some information had been provided by PCC on potential ways forwarded, but more was needed. It was agreed in principle to replace the one at the top of the village and provide a new one to the south, both on the A478. A third by the school would be an option also to be considered. Potential funding and equipment would be investigated, but the Council was mindful of the planned 20mph speed limit due to be brought in over the next few years – any provision would need to be future-proof.

**Gigahubs project.** Information on this Swansea Bay City Deal had been circulated. It was agreed by all that the Council should put forward the Hall for the bid.

**Insurance.** The current providers had offered three options for the Council. These were discussed, as was the possibility of seeking further quotes for comparison. Upon this occasion it was felt that the provider had always given good service and the quotes were competitive, and so it was agreed to go with the 5 year long-term agreement. The Clerk was also asked to confirm that the goal posts were included amongst the covered items.

1. **Items of correspondence**

* Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
* One Voice Wales free training. This was noted.
* Letter of thanks from FoTS for donation. Emails of thanks from YFC and Templetots for donations.
* Pembrokeshire College – two free courses. This was noted.
* Emailing stating a ‘Happy to Chat’ bench had been granted to the Council.

1. **County Councillor’s report**. Cllr Morse provided a brief verbal report to the meeting.
2. **Financial statement and bank reconciliation – Council main and reserve accounts**.

Bank statement for main account £38,733.98 as at 13th April 2022

Reserves account £2,778.29 as at 13th April 2022.

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

Current/anticipated invoices:

Caretaker (Lottery funded) – salary for April

HMRC – tax for April

Clerk – salary and expenses for April, inc. Lottery funded admin hours.

PCC – Play Park inspection for 2021-22 SLA - £615.00

The expenditure, reconciliation and payment of the invoices were all agreed by those

present.

1. **Planning**

21/1239/PA. Extension and alterations – 25 Picton Close, Templeton. SA67 8SZ. Application submitted 29-03-2022. There were no objections to this application.

21/0566/PA. Alterations and an extension. South View, Templeton. SA67 8RZ. Application conditionally approved 22/3/2022

21/0631/LB. Three storey extension to the rear of the Grove hotel, Narberth, to include staff facilities and additional bedrooms. Conditionally approved 12/04/2022

1. **Councillors’ reports and matters for next meeting**.

Cllr Simpkins stated that there had been a social media enquiry regarding nets for the goalposts. The Council had not provided nets for many years, if ever, and provision could come with additional liability for management, repair etc.

Cllr Jennings reported a pothole at the top of West Lane – this would be reported by the Clerk.

It was reported that some members of the public were walking dogs down past the Hall and onto the Green. Once the footpath work was completed a ‘no dogs allowed’ sign would need to be put up along this route.

Concern was expressed about the amount of weeds growing along pavements and guttering throughout the village. The Clerk would raise this with PCC.

It was stated that the Independent Examiner for TCHT had raised the need to ensure the financial affairs of TCC and TCHT were kept clearly separate. Ways to ensure this would be discussed in the next meeting.

1. **Next meeting**.

The next meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 19th May 2022. This would be the Annual Meeting, followed by the normal monthly meeting.

Cllr Burns then thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.