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

**Held on 17th March 2022**

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

1. **To accept apologies for absence**. There were apologies received from Cllr Elwyn Morse.
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 February and 24th February 2022 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as correct, and were duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **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 pole that needed replacing. The Council were informed the slide welding should be done in the next week or so.

Cllr Morgan joined the meeting at this point.

**External CCTV**. The information from the site meeting was briefly discussed. The Clerk would chase up when the work was likely to be completed. It was agreed that Cllrs Jennings and Morgan would have access to the system, as well as the Clerk.

**Boar’s Head Junction.** Cllr Morse had provided a written report on a site meeting held there with PCC officers, a local resident and Cllr Morgan. The PCC officers had appreciated the concerns, and would seek funding for various measures to improve the situation.

**Knights Court issues.** A site meeting had been held with PCC Officers, and an email response from them previously circulated. The Clerk was asked to raise a legal query with the Council’s solicitors, and also confirm the route of the streetlight cabling in the area with PCC. The parking bay would be considered in the next meeting. Measures considered to resolve the turning bay area included reinstating it as a grassed area, and placement of a seating bench there.

**Hall lease**. No new information had been received. The Clerk would follow up with the solicitors.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.** A verbal report on the community meeting was provided to the Council and discussed. It was agreed that the Jubilee tree could be planted in the middle of the north Green, with the pump nearby, using the large metal circle as the base, when the weather was suitable. Bunting outside the Hall would be acceptable, inside so long as it did not result in marks on or damage to the walls. The Hall would be made available free of charge to the Jubilee Committee for the event on 4th June 2022 as part of the Council’s contribution.

**TCC alcohol licence.** A list of different Hall user categories in relation to the Council’s alcohol licence had been previously circulated. This was discussed and it was agreed to use those categories for any requests to use it from now on.

**Local history talk on 8th April.** The Clerk reported that 39 people had requested to attend so far. Posters had been produced to promote it locally.

1. **New items of business:**

**Elections May 2022.**  The Clerk circulated an updated summary information sheet on this, and the hard copy nomination packs received from PCC, and the process was discussed. The Clerk would forward links to the candidate packs to all.

**Review of road and other repairs**. This was postponed until the April meeting.

**Donations.** This was discussed and it was agreed to make three local donations of £70.00 each to Templetots, Templeton School PTA, and Templeton YFC.

**Caretaker role.** The Clerk stated that there had been two resident queries on the Caretaker role, including taking on the management of the community fruit garden. This was discussed and it was agreed that the fruit garden had come from grant funding as a benefit for the community. It was also agreed that the Clerk was the primary point of contact for any requests residents may wish to make to the Council.

**To receive the annual IRPW report.** This had been previously circulated, and the Clerk briefly explained the two mandatory allowances. The Council did not adopt any of the discretionary allowances.

**To receive the external audit report for 2020-21.** This had been previously circulated. Council were pleased to note that the report was unqualified and without any issues raised. It was agreed to re-appoint the same internal auditor for the current and coming financial year.

**To consider reconfirming GoSafe car park use.** It was agreed that GoSafe could use the Play Park car park for parking up for any speed monitoring they wished to carry out in the village. The Clerk would pass this on to GoSafe.

**To consider joining One Voice Wales.** Information from One Voice Wales had been previously circulated. After discussion it was agreed not to take up membership for the coming year.

**Hall issues: heater; dishwasher; kitchen ceiling damp patch.** These were discussed in detail. The heater had been defective and out of warranty, and was replaced. The invoice was listed for payment. The dishwasher required additional plumbing before it could be used, which it was agreed to do. The damp patch had been as a result of tank leakage after the immersion heater was off for many months – it had been rectified.

**Volunteers for community work.** This was moved to the April meeting for consideration.

1. **Items of correspondence**

* Notice of firing – Templeton Airfield. This was noted.
* One Voice Wales free training. This was noted.

1. **County Councillor’s report**. Cllr Morse was not present at the meeting, but had provided a written report that was read out.
2. **Financial statement and bank reconciliation – Council main and reserve accounts**.

Bank statement for main account £42,228.46 as at 10th March 2022

Reserves account £2,738.29 as at 10th March 2022.

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

Current/anticipated invoices:

Havenkey – heater replacement - £366.68

Nobutts – 3 outdoor seats (largely grant funded) £1968.00

Caretaker (Lottery funded) – salary for March

HMRC – tax for March

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

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

present.

1. **Planning**

21/0588/PA. Alterations and extension. Arosfa, 21 Picton Close, Templeton. SA67 8SZ. Conditionally approved 2-3-22

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

Cllr Simpkins stated that the Jubilee Garden road sign was down. This would be reported to PCC for re-instatement.

Cllr Priest queried whether the wreaths could be removed and repurposed – this was agreed. She also confirmed the details of the TCA 30th anniversary event in the Hall on 22nd April. She stated that the Outdoor Connections seating was available for assembly – it was agreed to have these in place before the Jubilee event.

Cllr Burns spoke about the bifold door issues, which had required the company to come out and refit the upper plastic strips.

Cllr Morgan raised a query on the long awaited footpath past the Hall – the Clerk would continue chasing this, and also confirm that this Council had not requested a traffic island be included.

The Clerk stated that decisions on the ‘Happy to chat’ seats were awaiting responses to queries from some applicants.

1. **Next meeting**.

The next normal meeting was agreed to take place on Thursday 21st April 2022.

Cllr Burns then thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.