

## Minutes from Templeton Parish Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:30pm

### Attended:

Chair	-Councillor Mrs Laurel O'Brien
Vice Chair	-Councillor Mr David Leeming
Councillor	-Councillor Mrs Sara Stone
Acting Parish Clerk	-Dr Joseph O'Brien

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Julie Dent

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Mrs Sara Stone declared a personal interest in matters relating to Templeton Village Hall.

Councillor Mrs David Leeming declared an interest in matters relating to Templeton Village Hall and Templeton Social Club.

Councillor Mrs Laurel O'Brien declared an interest in matters relating to St Margaret's Church, Templeton.

**3. The Public:**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to be approved:**

Approved.

**5. Planning:**

No new planning applications.

**6. Reports and Outcomes:**

**6.1 County and District Council.**

**6.2 Parish Council**

**6.3 Village Hall**

Recent successful events at the Village Hall are:

Art Club and Yoga are continuing successfully.

Village Hall Bonfire Night, Templeton's got Talent.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 is the Children's Christmas Party.

**6.4 Parochial Church Council**

The Harvest Festival was a great success with the Art Club having a display of their recent work. Renovations of church walls are continuing. Bell ringing has been ongoing.

Church Service with Reverend Claire Curtis and the Exe Valley Choir took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. St Margaret's Carol Service is due to be held on Christmas Eve.

## **7. Matters arising from minutes:**

### **7.1 Repair of telephone box.**

Reg Coffin has been contacted to go ahead with the repairs.

### **7.2 Grit Bin at Crossparks/Snow Warden**

The Parish Council have voted to fund a new grit bin for Crossparks

Proposed : Mrs Sara Stone

Seconded : Mr David Leeming

It has been agreed that the role of Snow Warden will be divided amongst the parishioners in the various areas of the village.

### **7.3 Tiverton Foxhounds and Staghounds**

Contact will be established with both groups to encourage the followers to be more considerate of the community living in Templeton.

## **8. Finance**

There are continuing problems with the Barclays Parish Account.

Statements are still being sent to S Squire's address

Cheques are unable to be issued due to confusion at Barclays Bank regarding the signatories to the account. This is currently being in the process of being resolved.

## **9. Correspondence/Items to Discuss**

9.1 An email from Mr B Pearson was received regarding biodiversity ideas for Templeton Parish. This email was expressing a view on creating greater biodiversity in public spaces and the possible introduction of beavers to the River Dart. The discussion focused on the benefits of greater biodiversity in Templeton and how this could be introduced without causing damage to properties. It was felt that it would be helpful to invite experts in this field to give a talk to the members of Templeton Parish.

9.2 At the next Parish Council meeting a letter will be presented by the Chair to be sent to Templeton Parishioners explaining the role of Templeton Parish Council and its responsibilities. This will also be presented on the Parish Website. Councillor Leeming requested that any letter should be run past Mid Devon District Council legal department.

9.3 The Chair proposed the idea for an extraordinary general meeting of all Templeton Parish residents regarding what they would like their Parish Council to try and achieve for their community. This would take place after the letter regarding the role of the Parish Council has been sent.

9.4 The Chair suggested there should be a meeting between The Templeton Village Hall Committee, The Parochial Church Committee and the Templeton Social Club Committee to follow up on local community needs after the Extraordinary General meeting of the local community.

9.5 Templeton Road Signs

A discussion was held highlighting the lack of visible road signs on arrival in Templeton, in contrast to other villages in the vicinity. Councillor David Leeming

expressed the view that Templeton is not categorised as a 'village' or 'hamlet' but is 'open countryside' therefore was not eligible due to the diffuse nature of the village. Councillor Sara Stone expressed that she did not wish for there to be any more street furniture than was necessary as it would ruin the private/rural nature of Templeton.

Snow Warden

As Above item 7.2

**10. Items raised by Councillors:**

10.1 Temporary appointment of Councillor Dr Joseph O'Brien as acting Parish Clerk until a replacement was found was approved

Proposed : Councillor Mrs Sara Stone

Seconded : Councillor Mr David Leeming

**11. Email from Mr and Mrs L Morgan.**

An email was received expressing concern regarding the hazardous bend between The Rectory and Dartford house. A car had recently come partially off the road on the bend with a sheer drop below it. They had to help rescue the car and driver. Thankfully, all was well, although the lady driving was very shaken up. The lane down to the ford gets very muddy and slippery with fallen leaves. It was felt by the Chair that some form of crash barrier should be explored by the Highways Agency as other roads with similar drops have boundaries in place in Templeton.

The clerk has agreed to contact the Highways Agency regarding this matter.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in Templeton Village Hall