

## TEMPLE EWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Temple Ewell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7.15pm at Temple Ewell Baptist Church Hall**

**219.Present:** Cllrs C Smithen, Mrs S Pilcher, Mrs L End, Miss R Horton, R Harmer.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs A Stacey, Miss B White, Mrs K Price, G Mousley, Clerk, PCSO May, Dist Cllr Rose.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor G Lymer.

#### **220. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors were invited to declare any agenda items in which they had a personal/prejudicial interest. None were declared.

#### **221. Minutes of Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Pilcher seconded by Cllr Mrs L End, the minutes were then agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **222. Matters Arising from Minutes of last meeting:**

**a) Players Corner Remembrance Garden Rock** – The Chairman reported that Mrs Ovenden, a Director of Ovenden Tipper Services Ltd, had very kindly agreed to donate a large slab of rock for use in the proposed Remembrance Garden at Players Corner. Mark Pennock had undertaken to collect the piece of rock and to erect it in due course when the flowers had finished blooming. The Chairman had also approached the stonemason, Mr Scrivener, who had agreed to engrave the stone for the Parish Council. It was agreed that the action taken by the Chairman should be approved and that letters of thanks should be sent to Ms Ovenden, Mr Pennock and Mr Scrivener.

**b) KCC Licence, Dying Trees– London Road** – The Clerk is still awaiting a decision from the KCC as to whether boulders/bollards could be used to replace the dead conifer trees in the verge at London Road.

**c) DDC Mandy Pile – Dog Bins** - Costings for the provision of dog bins were circulated. DDC appeared to require a contribution towards these costs. A discussion will be had at the next meeting as to the provision of bins at Church Hill and Temple Side.

**d) New Play Equipment Provisional Installation Date** – The new play equipment has been installed by Caledonia Play and had been very well received by the young people of the village.

**e) Annual Parish Walk Arrangements** – Cllr Miss Horton reported upon arrangements made with the Village Hall and the WI for catering following the forthcoming village walk but stated that Cllr G Mousley was still seeking leaders for the walks.

**f) Stagecoach bus services** – A letter has finally been received from Charlie Elphicke, MP, indicating that he had indeed received the Parish Council's recent letter objecting to Service 15B through the village, however it was after his meeting with representatives of Stagecoach so he had, therefore, supported the retention of this service.

**g) River Dour water levels** – Affinity Water confirmed that the current low water levels in the River Dour through the village were as a result of low rainfall during the past winter and the current dry Spring/Summer.

**h) King George V Playing Field** – The Clerk has spoken to the Parish Council’s landscape contractors about the request of the school that the clover on the playing field should be cut in order to reduce the number of bees. The contractors were opposed to such action in view of the need to protect the habitat of bees as much as possible.

Adjourn.

**223. Public Contribution Time**

Mrs J Olpin and Mrs N Church representing the Temple Ewell Primary School presented a letter drawing attention to the poor condition of the pathway up to the school along the boundary of the playing field. It was claimed that ownership of the path was unclear and so a joint approach by the school, the church and the Parish Council was proposed.

The Chairman indicated that, in his view, ownership of the path clearly rested with the school but that the Parish Council would consider the request for a financial contribution at its next meeting.

**224. PCSO Mays’ Report**

A letter has been received from PCSO May stating that, with effect from 12 September 2017, she would be relinquishing the post of PCSO and taking up another role with Kent Police. PCSO May was unable to advise if the village would receive cover from elsewhere.

**225. Planning & Decisions:**

*DOV/17/00752 - Erection of a single storey detached building to provide two flats in association with existing care home – Location: Swerford The Avenue Temple Ewell.*

*DOV/17/00777 – Cut back all branches from all trees overhanging London Road, Wellington Road and the alleyway off of Green Lane and the pathways within the grounds by up to 15% - Location – Temple Ewell Nursing Home, Wellington Toad, Temple Ewell.*

***To note decisions made by DDC:***

***None***

**226. Reports of County & District Councillor/Committees –**

County Councillor Lymer reported that the 40 mph speed limit on the section of the A20 between the Roundhill tunnel and Aycliffe had been removed and would now only be imposed at times of traffic congestion with Operation Tap.

It was suggested that information should be included on the Parish Council’s new web site as to how to avoid becoming a victim of internet fraudsters.

**Environment**

The Clerk has submitted a request for the grass verge between the skew bridge and the village to be cut. The request had been acknowledged and reference no. 290163 allocated.

**Allotments**

No Report.

**Footpaths, Highways & Pavements**

It was noted that the path running from Kearsney Station to the church was badly overgrown on both sides in places along its length. The Clerk has reported the matter to Network Rail and

would now issue a reminder and contact the residents where foliage from their property overhung the footpath.

**Playing Field Report**

There have been numerous incidents when the rubbish bins on the Playing Field had been allowed to spill onto the field after the school children have finished their lunch breaks. The Chairman will speak to the Head teacher.

The Clerk also reported on discussions she had held with Idverde concerning incorrect billing in respect of maintenance works on the Playing Field.

**227. Correspondence**

None

**228. Chairman's Announcements**

None

**229. Events Working Group**

The Chairman reported on the success of the Summer Event held on the 22 July and recorded thanks to all those who had worked so hard to make the occasion both successful and enjoyable. Particular thanks were recorded to the Clerk and Councillors Mrs Price and Ms White. The Chairman also reported on the fire pit gifted to Father Paul Christian by the Parish Council on behalf of the village to mark his association over 26 years as village priest.

**230. Clerks Financial Report, Statement of Accounts.**

The statement of receipts and payments for June 2017 were presented to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr L End, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Pilcher and unanimously agreed.

**231. Any Other Business**

It was noted that ER 128 where it ran alongside Dragon Wood was badly overgrown and County Cllr G Lymer undertook to progress its maintenance on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.