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

**Held at St John’s Church Hall, Templeton on 17th December 2015**

Present: Councillors John Phillips, Peter Morgan, Barbara Priest, Liz Burns, Wendy Beecham, Phillip Williams, Elwyn Morse.

Cllr Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**. No apologies were received.
2. **To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in the items listed below.** None were declared at this point, although declarations were made, for the decisions on the Section 137 donations at item 5 and are duly listed there.
3. **To sign minutes of previous meeting** **– 19th November 2015.** The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2015 were agreed by those present, and then duly signed by the Chairman as required by law.
4. **To report on matters arising from previous minutes**:

Cold Blow Bridleway. There has been no report back from the inspection walk of the whole route on 23rd November. Cllr Beecham will update the Council on further developments.

Football Field sale. There has been considerable interest, but as yet no firm offers, according to a report from JJ Morris. They have recommended that it goes to auction to get best price. This was agreed by those present. They also agreed to obtain a statement from the solicitors that the field was clear of any covenants that would affect the purchaser. Cllr Burns to contact JJ Morris to confirm it should go to auction, and to contact the solicitors to obtain the required statement.

Church Hall ownership – there is no further update on this.

Placement of park benches and tables. This is still unfinished, but will be done as soon as the weather is suitable.

General TCC property repairs. Still outstanding are the bench painting, and the gate repair. They will be done as soon as weather permits.

Road markings and verge maintenance. A site meeting arranged by Cllr Morse was held with Rob Evans from PCC Highways Department. The issues were clear to him, and he confirmed verbally at the time and in an email afterwards the drainage works that would be carried out in the Washfield Cross area and in Tanners Lane. The Clerk was requested to send a thank you letter to him.

Sentence Gardens footpath condition. This still has not been done, and the tarmac is not satisfactory. Clerk was requested to follow up on this again.

Potential effluent leak - Holyland Lane, Cold Blow. There has been no update received by the Council on this. Cllr Williams will get an update for the next meeting.

106 funding for footpath. No new information on this has been received by the Council.

Old minute books. These have been taken to the Archives.

Christmas lights. The electrical issues are now sorted, and the lights are working well. Cllr Priest stated that the old lights did not work and it was agreed that these should be disposed of safely. Cllr Phillips expressed his thanks on behalf of the Council to Cllr Priest and Sandra for the effort with the decorations.

The quarterly repair list was reviewed and updated. The manhole and gulleys in the Council Depot / Barn Court area have been repaired. The drainage issues for Chapel Lane have been sorted. The various signs that were reported have also been replaced. The drainage issues in Rosedown Lane entrance and various repairs in the Washfield Cross to Molleston Cross area are works to be carried out. PCC are fully of them after the recent site meeting with Rob Evans of PCC Highways Dept., arranged by Cllr Morse.

**4.1) New items of business:**

Consultation of proposal to federate Tavernspite and Templeton CP Schools. This was discussed, and the Clerk requested to respond to the consultation online with a summary of the Council’s views.

Appointment of Chair & Members – National Entity for Welsh for Adults Scrutiny Committee. The Council acknowledged their receipt of this.

Community Health Council new members. This information was acknowledged.

Damage to tarmac on road outside Jebb building site. This was reported 6-12-15, and had been reviewed and repaired by the date of the meeting.

TCC draft budget. This was discussed extensively by the Council. A budget was agreed that would frame the Precept request to PCC. The Clerk was requested to send the Precept request to PCC.

1. **To receive items of correspondence:**

Declarations of interest were made regarding the 137 donations as follows:

Cllr Phillips – YFC and Templeton School; Cllr Morgan - Templeton School; Cllr Morse – Templeton School and YFC; Phil – Templeton School. These Councillors remained in the room, but did not participate in the decision making regarding donations to those bodies.

Requests for funding:

 British Red Cross

 Cruse bereavement care

 Teenage Cancer Trust

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

Pembrokeshire CAB

Keep Wales Tidy

The Clerk stated that in the previous year Section 137 donations had been made to Templetots, Templeton School, Templeton YFC and the sewing group. After discussion, and reviewing the various requests and causes presented both on paper and by the Councillors themselves, it was agreed that four donations should be made. These should be to Templeton School, Templeton YFC, Teenage Cancer Trust, and Wales Air Ambulance. The Clerk was instructed to contact these bodies and arrange for the donations, each of £50, to be got to them as soon as possible. The cheques for these donations should be recorded in the appropriate month’s minutes.

MoD training notice.

Green Growth Wales – options for investment support.

Letter from church thanking YFC and Council for contribution.

Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill.

Public appointments – appointment of Chair to Careers Choice Dewis Gyrfa.

Self supporting resilient communities event 3rd December.

Pembrokeshire budget consultation.

Christmas waste and recycling timetable.

PLANED letter.

Launch of Public Health Frameworks consultation.

Local Government refomr petition.

Cllr Morse expressed his appreciation for the timely sending out of correspondence by the Clerk, enabling the Council to be as involved as it could in both local and regional matters.

1. **County Councillor’s report:**

Cllr Morse reported that he had been in contact with various people over the Jebb building site, and had been told that Pembrokeshire Housing were hoping they would be returning to the site soon.

Concern was expressed by all the Councillors at the current situation, with several houses almost ready for occupation, but with no infrastructure so they could not be used. There was also concern expressed about how long the site would remain as it is, an eyesore in the middle of the village. The Clerk was requested to write to Pembrokeshire Housing to ascertain exactly what they plan to do about it in the immediate and longer term. The Clerk is also to write to Jebb formally demanding full payment for their water and electricity use, in accordance with their agreement. In addition a letter will be sent to PCC by the Clerk to state the Council’s concern over whether the agreement with Jebb for land and facilities will be honoured.

1. **To receive financial statement and reconciliation:**

Bank statement, reconciliation presented £6266.38 as at 30th November 2015, minus VAT overclaim £732.00

It was also noted that paper statements were now being received, after Liz contacted the bank and reminded them that they were required.

1. **Planning applications:**

**For consultation:**

15/0875/PA. Extension to existing vehicle repair/testing/MOT facility. GD Harries and Sons, Rowlands View, Templeton.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact PCC to let them know that the Council had no problems with this planning application.

**Planning approved by PCC:**

15/0756/PA - Demolition of existing extension, replace with 2 storey extension, barns to be converted to form part of dwelling. Rosedown, Tanners Lane, Templeton. Conditionally approved.

15/0707/PA – Internal and external alterations and external staircases, window amendments. The Grove Cottages, The Grove Hotel, Molleston.

15/0887/NM - To add additional solar panels to Plot 7. Relating to 13/0700/PA. Land adjacent to Templeton School, Templeton.

**Planning refused by PCC**:

None were received.

1. **Church Hall**

To receive financial statement and reconciliation:

Bank statement, reconciliation presented £3092.95 as at 30th November 2015

1. **Councillors reports:**

Cllr Morgan stated that the streetlight outside the Hall was not working. This will be reported. Cllr Beecham reported that the illegally sited caravan was going to appeal. Cllr Priest asked for assistance from the other Councillors with clearing the bonfire site.

1. **The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 21st January 2016**

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.