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

**Held in the Templeton Church Hall on Thursday 17th November 2016**

Present: Cllrs Peter Morgan (Chair); Wendy Beecham, John Phillips, Barbara Priest, Liz Burns, Phil Williams.

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone concerned for their hard work towards the bonfire and firework display, which went very well. He was pleased to report that a total of £470 was raised from donations to a collection arranged by the school – an excellent sum.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**. Apologies were received from Cllrs Elwyn Morse and Richard Watkins.
2. **To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in the items listed below.** Personal or pecuniary interests were declared by Cllr Phillips in one item of planning given below.
3. **To sign the minutes of the previous meeting**. The minutes of the meeting on 20th Octoberwere signed as required by law.
4. **To report on matters arising from previous minutes and decide further action as required:**

Church Hall ownership. Cllr Priest reported that the Charity Commission issue had been resolved. Cllr Burns reported that the notices about the sale would be going up shortly, and would be up for a month to give time for public objections before any further progress was made.

Park benches and tables: The concrete bases were in position. It was agreed that the placing of benches and tables be left until early Spring. The invoice of the contractor was included in the payments for this month.

General Council property repairs. The gate was purchased, and it was agreed to erect it in early Spring. The invoice for purchase was included in payments for this month.

Penygraig road sign. There has been no progress on this - Cllr Morse is following it up.

Knights Court progress. Agreement has been reached between Pembrokeshire Housing and GD Harries to recommence work. Further information is in the County Councillor’s report below.

PCC general maintenance in the area. PCC have been made aware of the situation, and are monitoring what work is done in the area.

PCC Monitoring Officer – Revised Code of Conduct. The Monitoring Officer had placed the required advertisement, and submitted the invoice for payment this month.

Cold Blow landscaping. The work has started, but is weather dependent. The back hedge area was discussed, and ideas brought forward as to how to improve that. The BT box is among those listed to be removed, although date of this unknown.

Speeding in village. There has been no response to this. Cllr Morse will chase this up.

Bonfire and fireworks display. This had been well attended, as mentioned above. TCA made a donation to TCC towards the event.

Hall fire safety equipment. Pembrokeshire Fire and Safety Ltd have installed the equipment.

Play Park equipment and repairs. The replacement covers had been received and put in place.

4.1 **New items of business.**

Cold Blow Shute Lane oak tree – this had been notified as potentially dangerous to PCC. It was dealt with in the last week.

Phone box removal. A list of BT boxes with little or no use, planned for removal, included one in Cold Blow and one in Templeton. It was agreed that their use did not justify retention, The Clerk was requested to inform PCC of this decision.

Templeton Sewing Group were hosting a charity event in the Hall on Saturday. After discussion it was agreed by all that this event should be rent-free as a one-off.

Christmas trees. The letter regarding the Christmas Tree Festival from Templeton URC was discussed, and it was agreed the Council would participate. Cllr Burns agreed to obtain the tree and decorations and decorate with help from others. Regarding the Council provided tree outside the Hall, it was agreed that Cllr Phillips would arrange for this to be ready for decoration for the first week of December, before the children’s party.

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

November training notice – Templeton Airfield.

Community Energy Wales Autumn newsletter.

National Infrastructure Commission for Wales consultation.

One Voice Wales conference report.

Welsh Assembly – consultation on new Welsh Language strategy.

Wales Remembers 1914-1918 programme.

Planning Network for Community and Town Councils – survey.

Utility Aid email.

Code of Conduct advert.

PCC Bus service consultation.

Letter from St Johns Church & Pembrokeshire Foodbank – Harvest Thanks Giving thank you.

Letter from Templeton URC – Christmas Tree Festival.

PCC ‘Have your say’ budget consultation.

PCC Christmas bin collections poster.

1. **County Councillor’s report**.

Knights Court – update. I am pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between Pembrokeshire housing and GD Harriers to complete the 7 houses. Subject to finer details that are to be finalised, it is planned to complete the 3 on the front first, with a target completion date of end of February for all internal and external works.

Tanners Lane street name signs. Following discussion at last month’s meeting I forwarded a request to the Highways Dept. for name plates for Tanners Lane, one at either end of the lane.

Speed monitoring on Pembroke Hill Road. With many residents reporting excessive speeding on entering the village and following the discussion at last month’s meeting, I’ve requested a speed assessment of the road.

Penygraig Road sign. I’ve made a follow up request to have the sign repaired.

1. **Bank statement and** **reconciliation**.

Bank statement, reconciliation presented £10,631.38 as at 31st October 2016.

It was resolved that the invoices should be paid.

Second account: £62,078.32 as at 30th September 2016.

No payments or invoices received or unpresented cheques

Cllr Phillips left the room at this point and played no part in the following items.

1. **Planning applications:**

**For consultation:**

16/0712/PA. Conversion of former United Reformed Church school room to residential use, Chapel Lane, Templeton.

16/0781/PA. Replacement livestock building. Roeside and Great Molleston Farm, Molleston, Templeton.

The Clerk was requested to write to PCC stating there were no objections to these planning proposals.

**Planning approved by PCC:** None received.

**Planning refused by PCC**: None received.

Cllr Phillips re-entered the room.

**9) Church Hall:**

To receive financial statement and reconciliation:

Bank statement, reconciliation presented £4,073.07 as at 31st October 2016

It was resolved that the direct debit and invoices should be paid.

1. **Councillors’ reports**:

Cllr Phillips raised the issue of the work done in Washfield Cross. He stated that the road had been closed for longer than the notification, with no consultation, and the work carried out was done inefficiently. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk should write to PCC with the Council’s concerns.

He also brought to the Council’s attention the current situation regarding Nitrate Vulnerable Zones which could negatively impact farming in Pembrokeshire. He also queried as to whether the lighting around the Hall was working – this was confirmed, and it was agreed that replacement bulbs would be bought if required.

Cllr Morse wished it mentioned that he has contacted someone about the options for repairing the bench on Hillside Terrace, and is awaiting a reply.

1. **Date and location of next meeting**. It was agreed that the next meeting should be on

Tuesday 13th December, in the Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.