

Twyford Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Finance Committee

Minutes Thursday 9th October 2014 7.30 pm

Present	In Attendance	Apologies
Cllr Sonia Watson	Elizabeth Billingham – Clerk	
Cllr Angela Forder Stent		
Cllr Ralph Sciaff		
Cllr Corcoran		
Cllr Henry		
Cllr Wheeler – left meeting at 8.12pm		
Cllr McLeod		
Cllr Cornwall – left meeting at 8.12pm		
Cllr Waine Lawton		
Cllr Mitchell		

11/14	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
	Cllr Corcoran declared an interest in Churchfields TEM Ltd.
12/14	To adjourn for public participation

13/14	<p>Consider and decide on TEM Ltd's request that TPC take a five year lease on the meadow. (This item is a Full Council item)</p> <p>Mr A Coates noted: The land will be handed over to Twyford Parish Council. There will not be a requirement to decide by 21st October.</p> <p>Feel that more details are needed relating to the grants.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler and Cllr Cornwall left the meeting – 8.12pm</p> <p>Grants cannot be received for an area under 5 acres.</p> <p>Land was purchased to keep land in existing state for the village. 65 villagers bought it for £80,000 Charitable objectives but administratively run as a business but to assure a permanent pasture.</p> <p>Grant currently shared with Berry Meadows etc. If the council declines lease then lease might be arranged with another body so stewardship might change.</p> <p>Income from SPS and Stewardship grant.</p> <p>Lease proposal the TIWM will bear any financial risk and all maintenance. Anticipated costs: Fence will cost £7-8000</p> <p>Draft leases – SPS payments Three different lease options. Risk of maintenance with the company.</p> <p>Concern over a precedent it sets over other areas privately owned. TPC would have to discuss in detail all decisions and this would be a unique and independent decision.</p> <p>The intention would be to continue after the 5 year lease.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell left the meeting – 8.23pm</p> <p>Shareholders are being asked to donate shares in Wills to the HIWT.</p> <p>Concern over what might happen after five years and ownership.</p> <p>The intention would be that it would not cause any expenditure to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Stewardship – Company Berry Meadow and Meads –shared by formula</p> <p>SPS – Claim for Water Meads and Berry Meadow – Clerk (Churchfields currently do this separately.)</p> <p>Legal costs for the lease will be paid by the company.</p> <p>Will it affect the councils own claim – advise would be sought. ACTION Mr Coates</p> <p>RESOLVED Support in principle the company on the basis the TPC would not be exposed to the risk of expenditure on the field. The Council would seek clarity.</p>
	To continue with Finance committee meeting.
14/14	To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th June 2014
	RESOLVED to agree
15/14	Matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda)
	On agenda
16/14	To accept the Audit from the BDO and note that there were no comments on the audit for 2013/14
	RESOLVED to accept the Audit and note there were no comments.
17/14	To accept the half yearly accounts review

	<p>The clerk distributed the budget with half year figures.</p> <p>ACTION Clerk to add forecast figures and any amendments agreed.</p> <p>Hazeley Road – There had been some problems with landowner cutting hedge and damaging road markers. ACTION Clerk to note with HCC and write to Wickham’s – Chair to give details. Take photos. Highway furniture damaged.</p> <p>Footpath – Feel landlords could contribute – ACTION Cllr Corcoran to write a letter via Clerk</p> <p>£1200 in budget for footpath but intends to ask landlords to maintain. Letters to Nurses path – Council have made the path good. ACTION: Cllr Henry</p> <p>Searle’s Path – ACTION Cllr Henry. Write a letter to WCC.</p> <p>Water meadows – Stewardship payments will not reoccur</p> <p>Defibrillator – ACTION quotes for FPC</p>
18/14	To discuss and review the draft budget forecast for 2014/15
	See above
19/14	To discuss any further projects to be included in the budget for 2014/15
	See above
20/14	To discuss the Cooperative Savings account and options for this fund.
	RESOLVED to leave within Cooperative.
21/14	Date of next meeting
	21.39