

Twyford Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Full Parish Council Minutes

Thursday 28th November 2013 7.30 pm

<u>Attending</u>	<u>In attendance</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Cllr Lawton	Cllr Izzard	Cllr Lane
Cllr Watson	Clerk – Elizabeth Billingham	Cllr Forder Stent
Cllr Henry	Cllr Mason	Cllr Scaiff
Cllr Mitchell		
Cllr Witt		
Cllr Corcoran		
Cllr Cornwall		
Cllr Woodward		

Item	
75/13	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
	Cllr Lane and Cllr Forder Stent sent their apologies. Cllr Corcoran – Registered an interest in Item 80/13 – Re: 1 The Drove.
76/13	To adjourn for public participation
	There were no members of the public present.
76.1/13	To receive questions from the members of the public.
	None
76.2/13	To receive the County Councillor’s report.
	The County councillors were not present.
76.3/13	To receive the District Councillor’s report.
	<p>Cllr Henry noted that there was still an on-going debate about the proposed River Park redevelopment.</p> <p>Cllr Mason highlighted the following: The ISGs produced some ideas such as lack of email contact and that staff needed training on communication with all residents of WCC district. Blue Lamp Trust – This was on going and it was noted that they give out grants. Police and Crime Panel had met in Basingstoke. It was felt that there wasn’t an opportunity to scrutinise the panel. Electoral Review – WCC would reduce from 57 to 40 councillors. This would happen at the election in 2016. Colden Common and Twyford would be reduced to two councillors. A Burial Fund for those without family and finances has been agreed. Taxis in Winchester will be allowed to advertise.</p> <p>Cllr Izard added the following: Cabinet had approved the Local Framework Local Plan Part 2. The draft will be produced after the elections. Consultation was taking place in Colden Common over the selected development sites. There was some discussion over whether Twyford Parish Council should comment on the selected sites. It was agreed that the council should comment. One Neighbourhood Plan was in place in Denmead. Other Neighbourhood Plans were starting. CIL – South Downs are one year behind in the process. Cycle path – Two residents have proposed a cycle plan. It was hoped that there would be representatives from the Parish and County Councillors. The Housing Committee met and that a rent increase of 5.6% had been agreed for Council tenants. Increases were set by central Government. There would be Estate improvements in Stanmore. It had been reported that a tree at Shawford House was in a dangerous state after the storm. Cllr Izard would send contact details to the Clerk.</p>
77/13	Councillors questions

	<p>River Park development. Cllr Henry noted that the length of the pool was under discussion. It would depend on users. A competitive pool would need to be built in partnership with another organisation.</p> <p>Twyford Youth Club. TCP had run the club for six months and had held a meeting with parents and asked others to take it forward. A new committee would be formed. Meetings were being held to discuss the future. Regularly fifteen children were attending during the winter months. Colden Common Youth Club have helped with ideas for a way forward. The committee would look at options for funding and reopen in January. Cllr Mitchell felt that model of Colden Common Youth Club was a good one.</p> <p>It was noted that Colden Common funding had come through grants from local organisations. Cllr Izzard noted that the Colden Common Parish Council had started the Youth club and then they attracted further funding from the Lottery, the local Co-Op, local businesses and other grants. The group would be raising funds by carol singing.</p> <p>It was hoped that the committee would raise enough money to employ a Youth Worker and in addition there would be two or three volunteers or possibly other paid employees. It was hoped that the club could maintain at least one paid member of staff.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the back ground of the project. It was suggested that a member of the Parish Council should be on the committee, as they do in Colden Common.</p> <p>It was felt that the Parish Council would support the idea and invited the Youth Club to apply for a grant in the future. It was hoped that a member of the Parish Hall committee would also be a member of the Youth Club committee.</p> <p>The council recognised that the work of the TCP had brought positive results. The council wished to know from the TCP what they were planning to do in the future.</p> <p>There had been a discussion about having a joint membership with Colden Common so children could have the opportunity to attend both or either nights.</p>
78/13	To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2013
	RESOLVED to approve as a true record. Cllr Henry proposed and Cllr McLeod seconded.
79/13	Matters arising from these minutes (not on the agenda)
	<p>Item 58/13 - To consider planting poppies for 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of World War I. Cllr Lawton had spoken to Chris Pope and members of the church who were happy with the idea and would discuss the idea with Helen Smith to agree amount and position.</p> <p>RESOLVED TO AGREE to approve the funding of the seeds.</p> <p>Item 69.2/13 – Budget - The Chair wanted clarity on whether the council would be contributing to the footpath costs. It was confirmed that there would not be a charge.</p> <p>There was a question about the Berry Meadows and Meads maintenance and the repair costs of the water meadow system that had been damaged. Cllr Corcoran reported that there was substantial damage to the water meadow system. It was hoped that the repair would be covered by grants and Council funding. It was noted that there was £1150 in the Meads budget for Maintenance.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Corcoran to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Item 72/13 – Potential cycle path improvements - ACTION: Cllr Scaiff and Cllr Mitchell to meet and discuss the issues and potential. They would also talk with Colden Common group. AGREED to carry forward.</p>
80/13	To receive minutes from the Planning committee.
	<p>Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting.</p> <p>1 The Drove – It was noted that the Parish Council had made No Objection.</p> <p>Cllr Corcoran – registered an interest.</p> <p>Southern Planning Practice had asked Ward Members to make a request for the application to be sent to Committee.</p> <p>It was felt that the representation should be from the people and the Parish Council rather than a Planning practice.</p> <p>ACTION: Agenda for Planning. Cllr Lawton will invite SPP and ask if they wished to make comment.</p> <p>Honeysuckle Cottage – There had been a request under the FOI Act for correspondence from the owners. The Clerk would be forwarding any correspondence. It was noted that the council had asked for more clarity and detail regarding the hedge line from WCC.</p>
81/13	To receive the minutes from the Recreation committee.
	Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting.

81.1/13	Matters arising from FPC: Item 60/13 - Mowing at Hunter Park
	Cllr McLeod noted that the mowing of the bank was part of the contract but the contractor had been asked to not mow this area by several members of the public. However it was now an area that dogs used and it was agreed that it would be cut. The area at the top of the park needed to be marked if the council wanted it cut back further.
81.2/13	The Recreation committee recommend to the FPC that the Parish Council continue with the current contractor, Matt Riley, We Can Specialists, as per the contract terms for the 2014/15.
	RESOLVED to continue with Matt Riley and negotiate a two year contract with 1.5% increase each year. AGREED to suspend the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and agree to continue with Matt Riley, We Can Specialists. Proposed by Cllr McLeod and seconded by Cllr Witt.
82/13	Finance
82.1/13	To receive minutes from the Finance committee.
	The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting.
82.2/13	To receive and agree the Budget 2014/15 proposal referred from the Finance committee.
	The council thanked the Clerk for putting the Budget together. The budget had been considered by two Finance meetings. There was some discussion over the budget and implication of any increase. RESOLVED to agree the budget. Proposed by Cllr Lawton and seconded by Cllr Cornwall There was some discussion regarding the single payment subsidy and other grants that might be at risk.
82.3/13	To receive and agree the Precept for 2014/15
	RESOLVED to set the precept at £58250. AGREE to take the Council Tax Support Grant on top of the precept requirement.
82.4/13	To agree payments for November 2013.
	RESOLVED to agree payment Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Lawton.
82.5/13	To consider the following grant applications: Ballard's Close Association: To repair wet pour and surfacing to the play area £875 Twyford Methodist Church: To replace the door to the Annex £500
	Ballard's Close Association application: RESOLVED to approve the grant of £875. Proposed by Cllr Corcoran and Cllr Henry. It was noted that the council would pay for the work and grant it to the Ballard's Close Association. ACTION: Clerk to arrange. Twyford Methodist Church – There was some discussion that it would set a precedent. RESOLVED to not approve at this time. It was felt that the church was an organisation that the council would not normally support with precept funds.
83/13	Twyford Open Spaces
83.1/13	Matters Arising: Update: Item 55/13 - FA Football development plan –The financial audited had been submitted on 15 th November. Item 55/13 - Funding agreement for the Pavilion – The Clerk would continue to look for them. On going. Item 55/13 - Tree work at Hunters Park – Clerk was obtaining quotes on removal of the diseased tree. Item 60/13 – Meads area – chicken wire on sleepers. ACTION: The Lengthsman would meet with a councillor and repair. Cllr Woodward to meet the Lengthsman. Clerk to ask Rights of Way Officer to look whether it was the responsibility of HCC. Open Spaces strategy – The Clerk noted that Open Spaces wished to have five types of open space areas marked for the annual report. ACTION: Cllr Corcoran would fill in the map and return.
84/13	Highways and Footpaths
	Matters Arising: Item 54/13 - Overgrowth of canopy on Searle's Hill/Footpath 12 – Clerk had spoken to Cllr Humby/HCC and was awaiting feedback. Item 60/13 – Hazeley Roads traffic lights – Clerk was awaiting feedback from HCC Item 71/13 - Northfields area hedges - Hedge at Northfields near the bus stop was overgrown. The Lengthsman had cut this back.

	It was noted that HCC had made enquiries about the hedges in School Lane. ACTION: Clerk to ask that HCC to put this section on the cutting list.
85/13	Neighbourhood Plan update
	Matters arising: Item 73/13 - ACTION: The Neighbourhood plan committee would look at objectives and funding. Once a plan was in place then the group could apply for grants.
	Cllr Lawton was trying to help Cllr Evans to arrange a committee meeting. ACTION: Cllr Lawton would contact Cllr Evans. Cllr Izard noted that WCC had been given money from Central Govt. to assist with Neighbourhood Plans. ACTION: Cllr Izard to enquire about the funding.
86/13	Correspondence
	Road closure at Colden Common was hoped to be reduced to four or five weeks and HCC would confirm the bus service and other details in December. Pedestrian crossing – ACTION: Clerk to chase. Parish Engagement Meeting – 16 th January 2014 – ACTION: Cllr Lawton and the Clerk to attend. Code of Conduct training – Cllr Lawton attended.
87/13	Date of next meeting January 16th Meeting ended at 21.33