

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.30P.M. IN THE
GILBERT ROOM, TWYFORD PARISH HALL

Present Cllr Waine Lawton (Chair)
Cllr Chris Mitchell
Cllr Forder-Stent
Cllr Sonia Watson
Cllr Daryl Henry

Cllr David Evans
Cllr Charles MacLeod
Cllr Jade Cornwall
Cllr Bob Woodward

Apologies Cllr Helen Witt
Cllr Ralph Scaiff

Cllr Chris Corcoran
Cllr Wendy Lane

In attendance Debbie Harding (Clerk)
Elizabeth Billingham

6 members of the public
HCC representatives.

PC51/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received as detailed above.

PC52/13 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

PC53/13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25th July 2013

It was resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council held on the 25th July 2013 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Charles MacLeod seconded by Cllr Chris Mitchell and carried unanimously.

PC54/13 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Reg Hudson is still concerned over the section of footpath 12 between Churchfields and Searle's Hill. This slope is very slippery and is dangerous for the elderly residents who use it. The Lengthsman has swept it and the street lighting programme would cut back foliage from the lights, but Mr Hudson feels that the canopy should be cut back hard. The Clerk to speak with Cllr Humby outside the meeting as it is maintained under HCC rights of way.

Clerk

PC55/13 UPDATE ON MINUTES, CORRESPONDENCE AND RELEVANT MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk provided a verbal update for Councillors.

The redrawn boundary maps of Twyford Meads and Berry Meadow for the SPS claims have received and circulated to Cllr Corcoran and Andy Coates

The educational access requirement has been fulfilled for the year ending August 2013.

Clerk

The Clerk has the forms on file ready to send to Natural England

The cricket season has been very successful at Hunter Park with revenue up £400 on last year.

The funding to purchase the cricket site screens is in place, ready to place an order early next year.

Clerk

The Clerk has had a monitoring interview with the Football Association regarding the performance of Hunter Park. They have deemed that the current level of football activity is of concern and will arrange the development officer to make contact with the Council to put together a development plan. Clerk

The original funding agreement for the pavilion grants needs to be located. Clerk

Alderwood Consulting have surveyed the maple at Hunter Park. The report is to be circulated, but pollarding the tree is recommended on safety grounds. Clerk

The basketball net has been removed as recommended by the play inspection report.

The Open Space play fund stands at £14,700. The Recreation Committee need to agree projects to assign these funds to at the November meeting. The Clerk to ask Ballard's Close if they have any proposals for consideration. Clerk

Cllr Forder-Stent has made contact with a resident who is interested in improvements to the old Netball court at Hunter Park. They are willing to fundraise. Clerk

The BDO audit of the 2012-2013 accounts is still on-going. BDO have requested that the 2011-12 accounts were transferred to Income and Expenditure accounts from receipts and payments. This has changed the annual return. BDO have advised the accounts to be re-submitted and signed by the Chairman this evening. Formal approval will take place at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Clerk

PC56/13 TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM HCC ON THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A PUFFIN CROSSING ON THE B3335 JUST SOUTH OF BOURNE LANE

Rob Nicholls and Ian Ogden from HCC presented the plans for the proposed puffin crossing at Northfields.

Three options were looked at and the site just south of Bourne Lane was the most feasible. The road would be narrowed as part of this scheme to 6 metres so that the footpath could be widened to the village by Twyford House.

As a separate project, HCC will be completing a feasibility study on reducing the traffic speed further back towards Hockley. The Parish Council fully support this and requested that the speed limit be reduced back to Hockley Cottages.

Markings on the road would enhance that the road narrows near the crossing and into the village.

There were some questions about the traffic capacity and dealing with volume of traffic. It was felt that this would not make much difference to current flow of traffic.

There was concern about cyclists on the B3335 due to the road being narrowed. The Parish Council will continue to press for a cycle path through the village to join route 23 at Hockley.

With the Parish Councils support, this scheme would now be finalised and would be put out to tender by Christmas.

It may be possible to start work during the Southern Water works and subsequent road closure at Colden Common. Installation of the crossing would take 8 weeks and work would take place under a traffic light system and not a road closure.

The cost of the scheme is approx. £188,000 and the money is available via S106 and other funding.

Cllr Watson asked whether Twyford School and properties adjacent to the area have been consulted over the construction and long term impact. HCC confirmed that they will be consulted during this period of final design.

HCC will work on a press release and possibly a public meeting which will explain the reasoning for the proposed position. It was noted that additional street lighting near the crossing was not proposed at the present time.

It was resolved that the Parish Council support the proposed location of a puffin crossing just south of Bourne Lane, proposed by Cllr Waine Lawton, seconded by Cllr Daryl Henry and carried unanimously.

PC57/13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mason

Cllr Mason reported that he is pleased that after many years of campaigning the crossing is coming to fruition.

Cllr Mason attended a briefing regarding River Park leisure centre. The centre requires renovating or moving.

The next PACT meeting will be held on the 27th September 2013 at Colden Common Community Centre.

Cllr Mason gave his apologies for the next meeting.

Cllr Humby

The closure of the B3335 at Colden Common in January gives an opportunity use the signs on the motorway junction to discourage HGVs along the B3335. All major lorry companies and ports will be informed of the closure of the B3335 to limit disruption.

Southern Water will also notify radio stations to help divert traffic.

It was suggested that the commercial satellite navigation companies are written to also advise them of the closure.

The Sainsbury's construction at Bishops Waltham currently has no start date so construction traffic is not forecasted to come via the B3335 during this time.

Hampshire and City Council Museums are being amalgamated into a Trust.

Cllr R Izard

Cllr Izard reported that Southern Water had attended Colden Common's Parish meeting and were investigating bus services during the road closure in January.

Residents have complained about low flying aircraft and voiced concerns that the flight path had been adjusted.

PC58/13 TO CONSIDER PLANTING POPPIES FOR 2014 TO MARK THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF WORLD WAR I

It was resolved to plant the memorial bench on the Twyford crossroads with poppies to mark the 100th anniversary of the World War I.

The Clerk to ask if the World War I history project would like to take the lead and to speak to Cllr Corcoran. Clerk

PC59/13 TO APPROVE TWYFORD PARISH COUNCILS INSURANCE COVER FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2013

It was resolved to approve the Parish Council insurance cover from the 1st October with Came and Company. Proposed by Cllr Waine Lawton, seconded by Cllr Bob Woodward and carried.

Clerk

The Finance Committee to review the insurance levels against the asset register on the 10th October

Finance

PC60/13 COUNCILLORS QUESTION INFORMATION TIME

Cllr Henry has been speaking with two villagers who would like to return the Yew Tree in the Churchyard to its original Victorian shape. Cllr Henry has put them in touch with the Christopher Pope.

The funding for the Christmas lights on the crossroads had run out of funding. The Clerk to agenda this item for the next meeting and specifically if Twyford Parish Council could consider funding for 2013. Clerk

Cllr Forder-Stent requested that the council review the grass cutting contract in relation to the area above the football field which has not been cut. Cllr Macleod agreed to visit Hunter Park on Friday. Cllr Macleod

Cllr Woodward would like the Meads Committee to review the chicken wire on the sleepers on the Meads. In some places the chicken wire is worn and sticks up and needs replacing and or re-tacking. Clerk/ Meads

Cllr Forder-Stent raised concern regarding the Hazeley Road traffic lights. Exiting from Hazeley Road causes confusion and she feels that an additional light is required. The Clerk to speak to HCC. Clerk

Cllr Woodward reported that Northfields now has a STOP sign before the junction of Shipley Road. It is located quite far back from the junction and Cllr Woodward requested that Hazeley Developments add road markings. Jonathan Humphrey's design for this junction is still with HCC.

Cllr Sonia Watson asked if any Councillors could attend the meeting at Shawford regarding the signage on cycleway 23. Cllr Mitchell indicated he may be able to attend on behalf of Twyford Parish Council. Cllr Mitchell

Cllr Mitchell reported that the SDNP has received money to build cycle paths. Cllr Mitchell wrote to Steve Brine MP to ask for support for a cycle path. Steve Brine was keen to support the idea.

The Clerk to add discussion on a cycle path to the next agenda.

Clerk

Cllr Evans wishes to add that he is proud to be part of a Council which for many years has been working hard to achieve a pedestrian crossing on the B3335 for Northfields and the resurfacing of footpath 10. He is pleased that finally after hard work from County, District and Parish Councillors these projects were coming to fruition.

PC61/13 TO APPROVE TWYFORD PARISH COUNCILS ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

Accounts certified by the Clerk as correct for payment

Payee	Description	Total	
20-Sep	S Lauder	Pavilion Cleaning - Sept	£72.00
25-Sep	Debbie Harding	Net Salary - Sept	£733.18
25-Sep	HCC	Pension - Sept	£206.03
08-Oct	HMRC	Ni & Paye	£120.80
25-Sep	Matt Riley	Grounds Maintenance Hunters Park -Sept	£1,598.00
13-Sep	Debbie Harding	Internet Hosting charged to my credit card and McAfee Cover for laptop	£62.95
23-Jul	HCC	HCC Internet Hosting	£132.00
13-Sep	Twyford Itchen water meadow	Reimburse of 1st payment for 2012-2013 Stewardship	£135.09
30-Aug	Alderwood Consulting	Tree Survey - Hunter Park	£216.00
13-Sep	Twyford Parish Hall	£5K Grant - S.133 of LGA agreed in budget	£5,000.00
13-Sep	Twyford Community Project	S137 Payment - agreed 25/7/2013	£637.00
13-Sep	Good Neighbours	S137 Payment - agreed 25/7/2013	£200.00
13-Sep	St Marys Churchyard	S214 Payment (from S137 pot) agreed 25/7/2013	£500.00
15-Aug	Came and Company	Annual Insurance from 1st October 2013	£2,391.29
03-Sep	British Gas	Electricity (estimate) 31st May to 31 August 2013	£215.34
10-Aug	Gary Maltby	Digging out the old basketball post at Hunter Park and remove from site	£150.00

£12,369.68

Amount listed above incl where charged VAT

£12,369.68

Bank Balance as at 12th September 2013

£22,863.38

HSBC Savings Account

£19,510.35

Total accessible funds

£42,373.73

Balance after the above payments have been made

£30,004.05

Plus

Fixed Term Deposit with Co-op - matures 27th Nov 2013

£20,000.00

Total £50,004.05

It was resolved to authorise settlement of the above accounts on behalf of Twyford Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Sonia Watson, seconded Cllr David Evans and carried.

Thanks were made to Debbie Harding for her time at Twyford Parish Council and she was wished good luck in her new position.

The meeting closed for the confidential matter.

PC62/13 TO CONSIDER A CONFIDENTIAL MATTER WHICH IS EXEMPT UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meetings Act) 1930

Please see the confidential minute.

PC63/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October 2013

The meeting closed at 9.10pm