

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION COMMITTEE
held on

Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Pottinger Pavilion, Hunter Park, Twyford

Members Present	Members Apologies/Absences	Attendees
Councillor Wheeler		J Nicholson - Clerk
Councillor Cook (from 8.00)		
Councillor Forder-Stent		
Councillor Sellars		
Councillor Cornwall		
Councillor Lawton		

Business Transacted

R10/17	Apologies for absence
	None received
R11/17	To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct
	None received
R12/17	Public participation - questions from members of the public
	None received
R13/17	To approve and sign-off, as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017
	Minutes were agreed a true record of events. Proposed by Cllr Lawton, seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent
R14/17	Update on matters arising from that meeting not on Agenda
	All matters arising are dealt with under specific agenda items
R15/17	To confirm position of Chairman and Vice Chairman
	Cllr Wheeler was proposed by Cllr Lawton as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent. Cllr Cornwall was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Lawton.
R16/17	To report on Tree Officers advice re tree roots and subsequent action agreed by full Parish Council on 25th May
	Ivan Gurdler inspected the trees at Hunter Park on 15 th May 2017. The inspection resulted in a number of recommendations, outlined in email from Tony Bronk 15 th May 2017 (see Annexe 1).

	<p>Recommendation to attend the Maple tree, and surrounding tidy up next to the wooden play area resulted in the following actions:</p> <p>Cllr Cornwall to obtain a quote and Cllr Wheeler to obtain a quote, using details from email Annexe 1. The Clerk to ask Cllr Watson to obtain a quote from Sam Hiney. The quote needs to include removing branches and removing waste.</p> <p>Recommendation to protect the roots and divert the walkway round the senior football pitch resulting in the following actions:</p> <p>Cllr Lawton and Cllr Wheeler to arrange to meet Matt Riley and design a fence (tall picket) which will prevent walkers from accessing the roots.</p> <p>Cllr Sellars asked if we could put in a quote for the job, which he will do, but will not be able to participate in the decision in who to appoint to do the job.</p> <p>The Clerk to design a number of signs 1. Warning walkers footpath ahead is closed. 2. Diverting the pathway, and reason for closure. The Clerk to obtain quotes for the signs.</p>
R17/17	To report on Play Area Inspections
	<p>N W Adams inspected the Play equipment in Twyford on 2nd and 3rd May 2017. Cllr Wheeler has reviewed the Inspection Report, and updated that there was nothing serious to note. However, the tree over hanging the play area is creating the wooden equipment to be damp. The equipment will need replacing in time, as well as the play equipment at Northfields.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Wheeler meet with Playdale representative and obtain quote to replace wooden play frame equipment at Hunter Park and Northfields.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Recreation Committee will review the quote and ascertain whether funds are available.</p>
R18/17	CONFIDENTIAL Review of Grounds Maintenance Contracts
	<p>Tender Applicants were discussed.</p> <p>Action: The Recreation Committee aim to make a recommendation of who to appoint on the 22nd June at the Full Parish Council Meeting</p>
R19/17	Additional Item
	<p>Cllr Sellars reminded the Committee that the Circus will be using Hunter Park on Sunday 18th June. This is an event organised by Twyford Playgroup. The Chair of the Playgroup has liaised with Alan Meikle to put out a TIS informing residents of the parking restrictions, and informing residents there will be the circus setting up on Saturday night.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Wheeler is to liaise with Cllr Watson to check whether the Council insurance policy needs to be notified of the event.</p>
R20/17	Next meeting confirmed as 7.30pm, 27th July 2017. Pottinger Pavilion, Hunter Park,

Twyford.

Annexe 1: Email recommendations from Ivan Gurdler, WCC Principal Tree Officer

From: **Tony Bronk - Twyford Clerk** <twyfordclerk@gmail.com>

Date: 15 May 2017 at 17:43

Subject: Hunter Park tree roots

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Dear Recreation Committee members

Ivan Gurdler, WCC's Principal Tree Officer, attended a meeting with Sue and me this afternoon. Having inspected 'the tree roots' he confirmed that walking over them, either uncovered or with any shuttering and infill is harmful to the large trees as it is compacting their soil. An elevated walkway is possible, although fixing posts would still give rise to some potential harm (depending on their locations); and is costly.

Ivan's recommendation is therefore to formally close off the current walkway; and to divert the circular walk alongside the senior football pitch (cutting back the brambles at the corner of the football pitch to encourage walkers not to walk on the pitch).

Since the lower boughs of trees to the south of the cricket outfield, (near the storage containers) need to be cut back for the cricketers this could facilitate the 'circular walk' to continue at the lower level alongside the cricket outfield to the play area. However, at present whilst the boughs only overhang the outfield, the undergrowth of the wooded area and Matt's grass cuttings necessitate walkers venturing onto the cricket outfield. This will therefore need some attention to encourage walkers past the cricket pitch without passing through the back of the wooded area (with a few prominent roots), unless a new route is made through the wooded area. That might be more appropriate if the various pieces of cutting and other equipment are not left strewn about and perhaps if all three storage containers are no longer needed?

Ivan kindly also looked at the trees by the play area. He advised against taking the top off the large Maple to the East (as doing so will harm the tree and cause boughs to fall without warning), but suggested one of the branches be taken back to the trunk and others be taken back to stop them overhanging the play area. Ivy could be taken off the trees to the South and one spindly tree removed. This would enable morning sunlight onto the play area to address the problem of the dampness.

Regards

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