

TWYFORD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 8 p.m. in Twyford Parish Hall.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following Twyford resident; Christine Hill.

2) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018

<http://twyfordhants.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/2017-Draft-Minutes-TWYFORD-ANNUAL-PARISH-ASSEMBLY-2017-Published-on-Website.pdf>

It was noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting had been published on the Parish Council page of the Twyford Parish website for the past year and referred to on the published agenda. No requests for any changes had been received and none were made at the meeting.

Acceptance of the draft minutes was proposed by Councillor Sellars, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and carried unanimously.

3) Chairman Report & Parish Council Finance summary (Cllr Waine Lawton)

A hard copy of the Report of the Chairman available to each attendee was referred to and the Chair proceeded to articulate the contents of the annexed report.

In particular, the Chairman made reference to the Speed Monitoring device recently purchased by the Parish Council. This will be in action as soon as the sites have been approved by Hampshire Highways. Two additional sites, one on Hazeley Road, and one on Shawford Road have also been identified.

The Chairman mentioned three big areas of work which require a lot of time and resource from the Parish Council, these are the Neighbourhood Plan and Flooding mitigation project, secondly the Water Meadow restoration project, and thirdly managing the Lock and the anti social behaviour. The work on the Parish Council can be time consuming, even something so small as getting a hedge cut can take a lot of work.

The 10% rise in precept was mentioned, and explained that this was to support the 5 year development plan set out for the village. This includes a number of large projects, including Hunter Park and Northfields development strategy, a car park extension and the flooding project.

Two large planning applications are on the horizon, firstly Twyford School access route, and secondly the retirement village at Hazeley Mill.

The Chairman thanked all of the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their time and hard work. Thanks was given to Richard Izard for all his work as a District Councillor. Cllr Tony Bronk was welcomed as a District Councillor, and as a Parish Councillor.

The 2018 / 2019 finances were circulated and referred to (Appendix 2), and the budget for 2019 / 2020 was circulated and referred to (Appendix 3). Opportunity for questions on the

finances were given. A question was asked regarding the project extension to the Parish Hall, which is referenced in the Budget as a future project. This refers to a possible purchase of the Cecil Hut, should the opportunity ever arise.

4) District Councillor and County Councillor reports *Sue Cook, Tony Bronk & Rob Humby*

Councillor Humby

Cllr Humby is a member of Cabinet at HCC as leader of Environment and Transport.

Of the total Hampshire County Council budget of £2bn, £1bn goes to schools, £500m goes on social care, and Highways and Environment receives £200m. The funding to Environment and Transport is not enough, and funds have to come from other sources through lobbying. The Highways team is made up of 800 staff, and when issues are raised in the community, the experts work well to make the best decisions they can to try and keep people safe.

One dragon patcher is currently in operation, working on the local roads, which was funded by HCC and matched by Government. The machinery will result in minimal disruption to roads when pot holes are being repaired.

Cllr Humby continues to work to get environmental solutions higher up on the agenda.

Cllr Cook

Cllr Cook bade farewell to Richard Izard, and wished him well, and welcomed Cllr Bronk and looks forward to them working together.

Cllr Bronk

Cllr Bronk introduced himself, and has been in position since 2nd May. Cllr Bronk will work on District planning and auditing committees, and Cllr Cook continues on the licensing committee.

A question was asked of Cllr Humby regarding contractors, and the observation many seem to “sit around not doing much” in reference to repainting Norris Bridge. Cllr Humby met with the global boss of Skanska, and has made reference to this generic problem, and it needs to be better managed.

Hampshire Highways are perceived at being leaders in obtaining best quotes, obtaining prices for each part of the job, and work to ensure that any job extensions do not cost HCC any additional money.

Recent work in Twyford has meant that two key roads, High Street and Shawford Road were closed / controlled at the same time. The residents of Bourne Lane were not informed. Cllr Humby explained that utility company was recently fined £30,000 for not sticking to the rules, and acknowledges that HCC can improve.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Humby and the District Councillors.

5) Questions from Electors

No further questions were asked of any of the Councillors.

6) Report on crime and disorder during the last year specific to the Twyford area

Emma Gill, PCSO, Hampshire Constabulary.

Emma explained that the predominant crimes in the area presently are Defender thefts and garage break ins. Ensure garages are kept secure, and Defender owners be vigilant.

Emma requests that the residents report via 101 any suspicious people, bikes or vehicles in the area. This is used as a key way to stop crime.

Residents raised a few concerns regarding speeding at Northfields at night, and speeding along Hazeley Road. Emma will look into both of these.

Emma has made a few visits to Hunter Park as part of her patrol, and will continue to visit Compton Lock.

7) Defibrillator overview

Peter Rockhill is a voluntary emergency 1st aider, based in Colden Common. If on duty, he can often get to a local emergency before an ambulance. Peter is giving a demonstration and basic training of the defibrillator unit housed outside the Gilbert Room tomorrow evening, at 6pm, and anyone is invited to attend.

8) Twyford Neighbourhood Plan *Chris Corcoran*

The Neighbourhood Plan has seen an increase in activity in the last 12 months.

- i) Flooding mitigation – Mayer Brown have been engaged to design a solution to mitigate the flooding in the village. The survey has cost £23,000, and reveals the drains are in a catastrophic condition. To move this forward there is a meeting with Hampshire County Council at the end of May.
- ii) South Downs National Park Local Plan was published, which meant that the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan had to be amended to be consistent
- iii) South Downs are currently reviewing the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan, and if they are happy for it to move forward it will go to the public for a vote.
- iv) The retirement village of 100+ units at the Hazeley Mill has presented some problems for the Neighbourhood Plan, as this is not in conjunction with any of the policies.

The public asked why didn't Twyford wait for SDNP's Plan to be complete before Twyford wrote their Plan, but Twyford have not waited, they were held up by the process, which actually serves to Twyford advantage as the latest plan published stands.

With regards to the retirement village, the plans are recognised to be more attractive than the care home, but it still presents huge challenges for the village with regards to access, facilities and infrastructure. There are also huge inconsistencies in the plan, for example number of employees. The retirement village planning process has refused to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Corcoran, and the team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get the Neighbourhood Plan to this point.

9) Written reports from local organisations

Submitted reports were available at the meeting, and via the TPC website. The reports are attached in Appendix 4.

10) Closing Questions & Answers depending on time available before 9.30

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and invited any closing comment.

Jane Bronk raised Neighbourhood Watch, as she is looking to start it up again. Jane is looking for co-ordinators across the village. Roger Walker offered to contact the previous co-ordinator for a list of contacts.

A question was raised as to why there were no presentations from local organisations, the Chairman explained that the written reports are an efficient means for people to obtain the information, allowing more time for the Compton Lock meeting which occurred prior to this meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Appendix 1 – Chairman Report 2019

The Parish Council has had an active year dealing with a variety of different matters of which some may have a significant impact on the village community. I have tried to extract the key issues and briefly mention them. Please contact me, or a member of the Council, if you want to discuss them or anything else.

Parish Council

I would like to thank all the members of the Council who have given so much of their free time to ensure everything the Council has undertaken has been done as effectively as possible. Many of you will know that the wheels of local government are unfortunately slow in turning which can be extremely frustrating at times. However we have been very fortunate to have County and City Councillor Rob Humby and City Councillors Sue Cook and Richard Izard in our team. Their drive has helped to keep things moving forward and borne good results. We are very grateful for all that they have done and in particular I would like to thank Richard Izard who stood down this year as a City Councillor after many years' service. The close relationship Twyford has with Colden Common is thanks to his enterprise and desire to ensure Twyford's interests are no less important than those of Colden Common. We welcome back Tony Bronk, our previous clerk, as Richard's replacement as a City Councillor and also as a Parish Councillor being a Twyford resident.

There are vacancies on the Council to be filled and anybody who wants to become involved in varied and interesting community work would be most welcome.

Five Year Plan

Having identified a number of significant projects to be done, the Council has decided to embark upon a 5 year programme of planned development. The projects are viewed in the Parish accounts with an estimated cost provided. The principle items include the following; flood mitigation scheme, surgery car park extension, traffic management in village centre and improvements to Hunter Park and the Northfields Play Area.

Wherever possible the Council will endeavour to seek grants from as many sources as possible as these are extremely expensive undertakings, but inevitably it will have to draw from its own funds to help finance these projects. Consequently it was decided to increase the annual precept by 10% this year and it is likely to increase by a further 10% next year to build up a reserve. While the rise in percentage terms is high, the actual monetary increase per household to the Council Tax bill ranges only from £10 to £20 for the year. Cumulatively though, it provides the Council with an extra £9000 per annum to ring fence for this work.

Neighbourhood Plan

I am pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Plan is now progressing well after period of stagnation. It is currently with SDNP undergoing its Strategic Environment Assessment. No significant problems are anticipated but there is a likelihood that some amendments may be suggested for consideration. Thereafter the Council will begin the pre-submission process and if all proceeds smoothly, hopefully

by this time next year the Plan will be adopted. Should anyone wish to see the Plan in its current draft form, online copies may be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

On a parallel front the Council engaged Mayer Brown, a firm of consultant engineers, last year to draw up a model flood alleviation plan with the aim of reducing the potential for flooding occurring in the village. A significant amount of survey work was undertaken from Bourne Lane to Churchfields supported by additional information gathered from the EA and Twyfordians in preparation in order to formulate a scheme. This has now been completed and the conclusions and draft proposals have been sent to HCC and the relevant land owners for discussion.

With respect to property development within the village, applications for extensions and improvements to houses has continued as normal during the course of the year. However I would like to draw your attention to two schemes that are currently being prepared

Twyford School is seeking to produce a master plan to make more efficient use of its site for educational, recreational and traffic movement purposes. Part of the plan includes introducing a second traffic access point to the school on Bourne Lane to create an entrance and exit along the lane, the former replacing the current entrance point on the High Street. This is within the conservation area and the impact on Bourne Lane will be significant.

With respect to the second scheme, some years ago Humphreys Farms was granted planning permission to replace the feed mill with a 135 bed care home. Recently Humphreys Farms submitted a pre-application to SDNP for the construction of a retirement village consisting of varied mixed sized dwellings of about a 100 in number in the place of the care home on the mill site.

Neither of these proposals has come forward yet as firm applications and when they do, almost certainly each will have to undergo a public consultation.

Trees

Over the course of the last few years, the number of trees that have been lost, mostly through being cut down is of concern. A tree planting scheme is being mooted and village support would be much appreciated.

Traffic

The Eastleigh Development Plan remains a hot topic although change of the inspector dealing with it has delayed matters. Nevertheless should the Plan, in its current form, be adopted, Twyford faces potential traffic problems. The Parish Council has submitted its objections and has supported Winchester City Council and ADD in opposing the plan.

A new traffic speed flashing sign has been purchased by the Council as a replacement to the shared speed camera with two other parish councils. The locations for its hanging will be along the B3335 where the current flashing sign is located and being a more sophisticated, model it will collect data such as the time, speed and number (quantity) of passing vehicles. Hopefully locations for the flashing sign on Shawford Lane and Hazeley Road will be approved by HCC in due course.

One of the concerns of the increase of traffic along B3335 is the added pollution that has come with it. Winchester Council was approached to discuss the concerns and it transpired that pollution testing has been permanently done on the main road for some years. However surprising to many, the evidence indicates that the pollution levels, averaged over an extended period, are just above satisfactory and therefore acceptable. Because of the nature of the assessment, the average figure produced is not entirely meaningful as at peak times and during periods of congestion, the level of pollution may fall below the acceptable mark. With regret though under current regulations, this average result meets the necessary requirements so the Council has not proceeded further with additional testing sites.

Parking and congestion around the village centre remains a problem which results in commuting traffic taking to using minor lanes to by-pass the centre. The new parking layout on Shawford Lane has alleviated the problem by Shawford House entrance, however the speed of vehicles passing over Norris Bridge is still a cause for concern. The Council has been informed by WCC that the newly decorated bridge, which does look very good, will help slow traffic down, but this is yet to be proven. The Council still believes and shall continue to seek the crossing of the bridge to be restricted to one vehicle with a line for a safe walking space provided and extended along the west end of Finches Lane.

Parliamentary Constituency Boundary

Villagers may have noted that the Electoral Commission rejected the many sensible objections to their proposed change of Twyford and Colden Common's Constituency Boundary from Winchester to The Test Valley. This is extremely unfortunate as the new Winchester constituency covers a lot of the western section of SDNP where Twyford is located whereas issues arising in The Test Valley are very likely to be different.

Pumfrett's Bank

No progress has been made in resolving the dispute with the owner of Pumfrett's Bank. However volunteers cut the bank in the autumn and tidied it up. This enabled a decent crop of spring flowers to blossom in April and drew favourable comments passed on from local residents. The Council shall continue to persevere with maintaining the bank and hope the owner's community spirit will come to the fore.

The Lock and Water Meadows

The steps into the canal have been repaired and work has begun on resurrecting a section of the drains on The Meads under the watchful eye of Kathy Stearne. Through the good work of Chris Corcoran significant grants were received to enable the Council do this work.

Sadly on the negative side, the lock is still a haven for youngsters, many coming from afar to collect there on warm summer days and evenings. In most cases the behaviour is acceptable but noise, litter, alcohol and evidence of drug taking has blighted the location. The Council is working with Shawford Parish Council, Hampshire Community Services and the police in trying to monitor the area and it is hoped that the meeting on the evening of the Assembly will promote further awareness and support among the public.

The Council would like to thank the volunteers who selflessly tidy the area after the weekends and return the site to its normal natural and unique state. Their work, mostly not witnessed, is very much appreciated.

Clerk

I would like to thank the clerk for all the time, effort and energy she has put into fulfilling her duties. The Council is very fortunate to acquire someone with such an abundance of enthusiasm, drive and good spirit.

Waine Lawton

Chairman, Twyford Parish Council

Appendix 2 – Financial Summary 2018 / 2019

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL						
ANNUAL RETURN: Year ending 31st MARCH 2019						
(Figures shown net of VAT)						
Prev Yr £	Box No.	RECEIPTS			% diff on prev yr	£ diff on prev yr
86,238	2	Precept	90,509		5%	4,271.00
		Bank Interest	188			
		Other receipts	43,250			
		Hunter Park Pitches	2,843			
		Hunter Park Pavilion	211			
		Hunter Park Deposits	350			
		Allotments	700			
		Twyford Neighbourhood Plan	-			
		Water Meadow	4,176			
		Open Space Funding	-			
		VAT reclaimed	15,203			
		VAT charged	251			
		misc transfers	254			
31,479	3	Total other receipts	67,426	157,935	114%	35,946.57
		Net Salaries & Allowances	13,917			
		Clerk's Expenses	340			
		Hunter Park Pavilion Cleaner	960			
13,871	4	Staff costs	15,217.38		10%	1,345.91
		PWLB [Gilbert Room only]	1,751			
		PWLB [Berry Meadow]	3509.92			
5,379	5	Total Loans	5,261		-2%	-117.83
		Administration	2,421			
		External Advice	50			
		Training	270			
		Grants & Donations	4,833			
		Section 137 Payments	2,991			
		Hall Hire	500			
		Legal fees	-			
		Audit Fees	875			
		Insurance	2,373			
		Subscriptions	469			
		Streelights	2,600			
		SLR	560			
		Hunter Park grounds	22,017			
		Hunter Park Pav (excluding cleaner)	1,111			
		Repairs & Maintenance	2,459			
		Deposits returned	200			
		New Assets	1,350			
		Other Open Spaces	2,144			
		Allotments	230			
		Neighbourhood Plan	2,478			
		Neighbourhood Plan Projects	12,354			
		Water Meadows Maintenance	991			
		Water Meadows Project	12,617			
		Misc	20,165			
		VAT on payments	14,755			
66,703	6	Total Other Payments	110,813.42	131,291.97	66%	44,110.33
		RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY				
		Balance brought forward 1/4/2018	104,019			
		Add Total Receipts (as above)	157,935			
		Less Total Payments (as above)	131,292			
104,019	8	Balance carried forward 31/3/2019	130,662		26%	26,642.87
Significant Variances (differences of over 15%)						
Total other receipts						
HCC gave grant for £10,000 for flooding mitigation works						
SDNPA gave CIL of £1,020						
HCC gave grant for signage at Compton Lock £1,351						
Compton and Shawford donated £500 to Water Meadow project						
Hunter Park Tennis Association gave £22,498 towards resurfacing of courts.						
Total other payments						
£20,000 on tennis court resurface						
£12,000 on water meadow restoration project						
£12,000 on flood mitigation survey work						
£1,700 on administration to set up Outlook systems for GDPR						
£2,300 on S137 grants held in reserves from previous year						
Reserves						
2018/2019			2019/2020			
-		Play ground equipment from 2016 / 2017	10,000			
-		Play ground equipment from 2017 / 2018	9,500			
		Play ground equipment from 2018/2019	10,650			
		NP flooding project towards MB final invoice	3,646			
5,000		HCC grant for water meadows	-			
3,250		Water Meadows unspent project allocation	-			
		Section 137 approved in 2017/2018, not yet paid	-			
500		Social Club car park	-			
		Appeal for a Peel	1,000			
1,645		March 2018 apps	1,755	(tennis court resurface)		
300		Citizens advice	-			
		TIW funds held	1,111			
		Election costs (FPC Minute 205/18)	1,600			
		Total Reserves	39,262			
		Cash to be held in account	20,000			

Appendix 3 – 2019 / 2020 Budget

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL			
SUMMARY RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL working budget 2019 / 2020			
2018/2019 budget			budget 2019 / 2020
	RECEIPTS		£
	Finance		
90,509.00	Precept		99,559.90
15.00	Bank Interest		70.00
1,881.00	CTS		-
6,000.00	Grants & Donations (CTS)		29,764.45
98,405.00			129,394.35
	Recreation		
3,000.00	Hunter Park Pitches		2,200.00
	deposits to be paid back in time		100.00
800.00	Hunter Park Pavilion		240.00
650.00	Allotments		675.00
4,450.00			3,215.00
	Other		
	Neighbourhood Plan		-
5,100.00	Water Meadows grants rural payments agency (for farming)		7,300.00
	misc transfers		-
	Open Space Funding		-
	CIL		2,000.00
5,100.00			9,300.00
107,955.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS EXCLUSIVE OF VAT		141,909.35
	PAYMENTS		
	Finance		
13,578.27	Clerk's employment costs inc. allowances		14,404.51
1,037.60	additional clerk hours		831.03
540.00	Clerk's Expenses		540.00
1,570.00	Administration		3,474.00
500.00	External Advice		500.00
750.00	Training		500.00
2,750.00	Insurance Premium		2,372.00
	Grants & Donations: See also Misc		2,000.00
5,000.00	Section 137		4,000.00
1,200.00	Hall Hire		1,000.00
250.00	Legal Fees		500.00
875.00	Audit Fees		925.00
617.00	Subscriptions & Publications		500.00
3,000.00	Street Lighting		3,000.00
480.00	SLR		3,300.00
1,751.25	PWLB (Gilbert Room)		1,888.25
33,899.12			39,534.79
	Recreation		
9,909.00	Hunter Park Grounds		10,859.00
16,636.56	Hunter park and northfields groundsman		16,888.00
2,130.00	Hunter Park Pavilion		2,230.00
	deposits returned		100.00
2,200.00	Repairs & Maintenance		4,890.00
12,000.00	New assets		24,750.00
2,000.00	Other Open Spaces		9,964.00
200.00	Allotments		200.00
45,075.56			69,881.00
	Other		
13,250.00	Neighbourhood Plan administration and plan production		13,250.00
	Neighbourhood Plan projects (flooding mitigation & car park extension)		16,000.00
3,509.92	water meadows loan		3,455.59
2,000.00	water meadows maintenance		3,783.00
	water meadows project		38,164.45
100.00	Miscellaneous (Note 1)		
18,859.92			74,653.04
	total outgoing		184,068.83
	VAT on payments		
97,834.60	Surplus / - Deficit exc VAT		- 42,159.48
	Projects		
	All projects are estimations only, and only reflect TPC contribution - NOT total project cost - grants / loans to be applied for to make up the total project cost		
16,000.00	Village projects INCLUDED in the budget		
	flooding		15,000.00
	car park extension		1,000.00
	Water Meadows Lock project		38,164.45
	pavilion refurb (£2.5k moved to pavilion maintenance)		2,500.00
	Northfields play equipment tidy up		2,000.00
	basketball refurb (£20,000 in budget new assets)		20,000.00
	footpath no 12 tarmac		7,000.00
	hp play equip and bus plan (£2k in new asset budget line)		2,000.00
	long term projects NOT included in the budget		
	parish hall extension (2018-2019)		-
	traffic management in village centre (2018-2019)		-
	Finches Lane / Norris Bridge / Shawford Road (2019/2020)		-
	Northfields play equipment replacement		
	pavilion continued refurb		
	HP storage containers		-
	lighting and security at pavilion		-
	community orchard		-
	super map of village		-
	Total spent on projects		87,664.45
	Cash in bank as at 31.03.2019		130,662.00
	allocated reserves to be carried forward to projects		
	Play equipment carried over from 2016/2017		10,000
	Play equipment 2017/2018 unspent		9,500
	Play ground equipment from 2018/2019		10,650
	NP flooding project budget 2018 / 2019 for MB final invoice received March 2019		3,646
	March 2018 Section 137 - Tennis court resurface		1,755
	Sub Total		35,551
	Reserves to be maintained		
	Election costs (FPC Minute 205/18)		1,600
	Held on behalf of TIW		1,588
	Untouchable reserves		20,000
	TIW funds held		1,111
	Section 137 approved in 2017/2018, not yet paid - church bells		1,000
	sub total		25,299

Appendix 4 – Organisation Reports

APA 22nd May 2019

Community Organisation Reports

TWYFORD PARISH HALL: UPDATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 22 MAY 2019

The trustees of the hall have continued to focus on maintenance of the hall and car park, subject to the availability of surplus funds from lettings.

The area at the front of the hall has now been completed, with many years of leaf mould being removed and a hardcore base put down which has prevented puddles this winter. The trustees are very grateful to the parish council for financial assistance in this work, including a contribution to the partial tarmac surfacing to improve the accessibility of the hall by wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters. We have received numerous compliments from parishioners on the improved view at the front of the hall and safer access to the front door. In addition the flat roof surface above the porch was replaced.

As a direct result of the removal of much of the debris outside the hall, we have been able to arrange for the main hall floor to be sanded back and renovated, repolished and new lines painted. Less dirt is now tracked in by users and a new mat at the entrance door helps in this matter. It's a tricky balance between having a shiny floor that looks nice and is easier to clean, and a surface that badminton players, dancers and youth groups are safe on. Again the new surface has met with favourable comments from all users.

Wifi has now been installed in the hall for all users, particularly the playgroup, parish council and guides. This means renting a telephone line which is an extra overhead, but the trustees considered it a valuable service to be providing to our users.

In October we held a coffee morning and table top sale, which raised £400 but just as importantly was a social event for the village. Trustees try hard to make the hall available for villagers and village organisations at affordable rates. We also host many classes which villagers can attend eg yoga, Zumba, Pilates and badminton. The full list of users is attached and on the board at the hall.

The hall would not run without our fabulous caretaker Colin Maslen, and our volunteer Booking Secretary Ian Wheeler who gives many hours scheduling regular users, parties and weekend events. Thank you to them both.

The hall has 8 trustees, many of whom have been providing their time for many many years and we would welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the management of the hall. With meetings 4 times a year the commitment is not onerous and the work is varied and a direct contribution to maintaining a vital community asset, that is never going to run itself.

Sonia Watson

Secretary

May 2019

Twyford Methodist Chapel

Twyford Methodist Chapel in the Drove continues with its programme of chapel services on Wednesday mornings at 10:30, apart from the 1st Wednesday of each month when a coffee morning is held from 10:00 to 12:00.

The chapel has hosted 4 days of activities with pupils from Twyford St. Mary's Primary School this academic year and hosts regular sessions of French lessons for primary school children' .

Thank you, Nick Goddard [Honorary Treasurer]

Report of St Mary's Church, Twyford 2018/19

In June 2018 we welcomed Rev. Damon Draisey as the new vicar to the Benefice of Twyford, Owslebury, Morested and Colden Common, resident in Colden Common. His emphasis since taking up post has been to try to bring the work of the Church across the four churches together, and has started regular Benefice-wide Parish Council Meetings, introduced a new name for the Benefice, the 'South Downs Gateway Benefice', with a new logo, and will shortly launch a new email and website of www.sdgateway.org.uk. The pewsheet, which is our major internal information vehicle, will also be standardised across the Benefice from this month.

The attendance at regular services is steadily declining, as it is across the country, although Messy Church and 'Special Services' at Christmas and Easter continue to be well supported. Damon and our other supporting clergy in the village (Peter Lippiett and Val Corcoran, who contribute as able) will be putting their energies into inclusive and child-focussed activities and services, including supporting our Church of England School, here in the village, as well as the other schools in the Benefice.

We are fortunate to have inherited from our predecessors a peal of 8 bells, and in an effort to ensure the ancient art of bell ringing continues to be available to villagers, there is a relaunch of the 'Bells Appeal'. This will make sure they are easier to ring and more tuneful, to be attractive to listeners and bell-ringers from near and far.

The general reduction in the numbers of the congregation continues to give concern as to how to continue to fund the church building, and ensure that this, the largest public building in the village, is used and valued by the villagers, even if the numbers envisaged when it was built, no longer attend church services.

The heating system continues to give concern, and while church funds have been used to ensure the building continues to be heated, it will be necessary to renew the pipework (100 years old) before too long, and this will enable the building to be used more flexibly in future. This project is currently being developed by the PCC to ensure that the proposals for the new system will be as efficient and effective as possible, but it will not be possible to implement it from existing PCC funds.

The churchyard has continued to be cleared and improved by the activities of the 'Grass Cutting Fund' and local volunteers, and the PCC continues to be grateful for all this support.

The Parish Council donated £300 last year for the renovation of a small noticeboard outside the church. I am pleased to report that this has just been completed by Colden Common Shed and was replaced outside the church last week, for which we are very grateful.

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TWYFORD COMMUNITY PROJECT – REPORT FOR 2019 PARISH ASSEMBLY

As reported last year, TCP has been working closely with Twyford Social Club (TSC) to provide accommodation suitable for use by local youth groups. A net grant of £5477 (£6713 less £1236 returned unspent) was awarded to TSC to enable it to install folding doors to close off the main TSC hall from the bar and games area.

During the 2018/19 financial year, TCP has awarded TSC further grants to complete the update of its facilities to make them fully suitable for youth activities. These were as follows:

Replacement of safety floor covering over skittle alley (£1462)
New vinyl floorcovering for main hall (£2537)
New tables and chairs (some geared specifically for youth usage) plus storage dollies (£7727)
New storage facilities for youth group equipment (£1866)

Thus total grants of £19069 have been awarded to TSC.

The majority of TCP's funds have now been utilised, although we have been able to promise TSC a further grant of £800 to provide a safe outside area for youth activities, adjoining Ballard Close.

Twyford Primary School are already using the new facilities for after-school dancing classes and Twyford Brownies and Guides are about to hold trial meetings at TSC to ensure the facilities are fully suitable for them. We hope that now the facilities are available, a youth club may again be introduced in due course, as well as other youth activities.

As reported last year, the 2018 Duck Race was run by Rooster Marketing. Despite advice and help from TCP, this ran into one or two teething problems and the net amount raised (£433, all donated to TCP) was less than in previous years. Rooster Marketing is keen to make the 2019 race a success and to develop the race further for the future. This year's Duck Race will take place on Sunday June 23rd. We do not yet know what Rooster Marketing's charitable donation policy will be for 2019.

TCP's principal aim is to establish a new local youth and community venue in the village. This is to replace those venues lost in the past, namely the Youth Hut in School Road and the Cecil Hut, adjacent to the Parish Hall. Having been working continuously for 12 years, thoroughly exploring a wide range of possibilities, the TCP committee now feels it has largely achieved this aim. We therefore anticipate that we will be in a position to wind-up TCP within the next 12 months.

With that in mind, we offered our two event tents, free of charge, to Twyford Primary School PTA. We are pleased to say that our offer was gratefully accepted.

Report for Twyford Parish Council meeting, May 2019, from Twyford Playgroup.

We have had another busy year at Twyford Playgroup with 39 children currently on role, We have employed an extra member of staff and are expecting to finish the year with a loss of about £7000.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for our grant money towards the renovation of our Ballards close allotment, the children have really been enjoying their time gardening and hopefully can eat some of their produce by the end of the summer term.

Thank you also to the Parish Hall Committee for their continued support, and for their help and time in organising the improvements to the Gilbert room this summer.

We currently have 15 children on role for this September. Our plans for next year are to replace the fence at our allotment and hopefully improve our back garden area at the hall, which we are currently looking into possible fund raising opportunities for.

Thank you all for your time!

Francesca Carr-Roberts (Committee Chair)

Pamela Lawrence (Playgroup Manager)

Report for APA – 22nd May 2019

Despite a challenging year, Twyford Social Club achievements for 2018/19 include:

- Generous loans from two committee members, TCP, the Parish Council and the Graze Music Festival enabling extensive building works, enhancing the club layout and providing hireable space for groups in the village:
 - Screens separating skittle alley hall
 - Replacement of skittle alley top
 - Re-covering floor in main hall
 - Improved access and lighting for storage in loft
 - Provided storage cupboards in rear lobby
 - New floor covering
 - Repairs to car park
 - New bottle bank
 - Replacement of boundary fencing with Ballard Close
 - Rewiring of club electrics
- Future projects include toilet refurbishment, roof repairs, new patio and new floor covering to the snug and games areas.



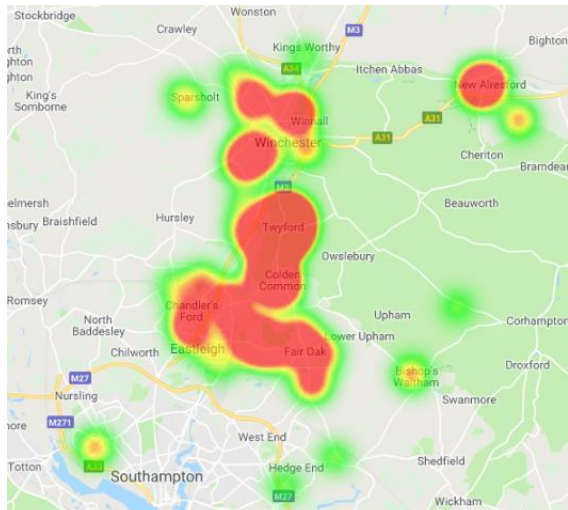
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- Regular hiring's (e.g. Twyford St. Mary' School Street Dance; Slimming World, Studio Cycling, Bingo, War Games, Zumba, Open Mic nights, Members film nights, 'Tea on Tuesday', Onfire Fitness Kettlebells and Pilates. All these events are profitable and of great benefit to the community.
- Provide a variety of games including snooker, pool and table tennis
- Entertainment included a Family Fun Day, children's Christmas party, Christmas raffle, a Halloween night, 2 live comedy nights, 9 quiz nights, disco's, a live magic night, and 3 live singing acts.
- Many members enjoy watching sport throughout the year on the large screen including Premier, Champions and Europa League football and England's glorious failure at the World Cup in Russia.
- Hall hire included 26 parties, 2 wakes, 4 community meetings, 12 skittle evenings, a race night and 2 wedding receptions.

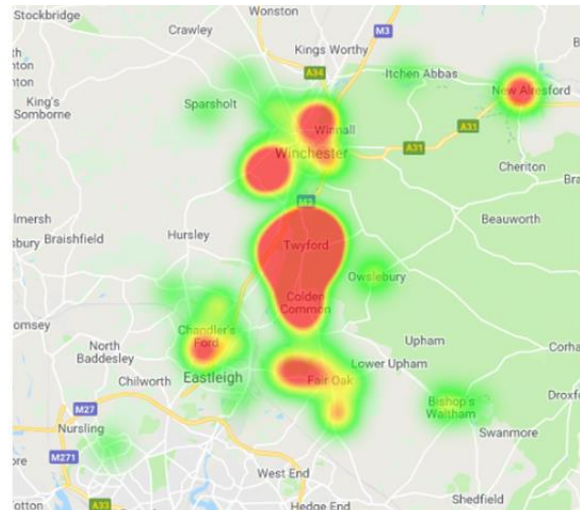


Twyford Social Club Committee
22nd May 2019

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HPTA

HPTCA Report for Annual Parish Assembly

Firstly, Hunter Park Tennis Court Association (HPTCA) would like to express our gratitude to the PC for helping to fund some of the work on the courts last year.

Last year our operations out of Hunter Park were curtailed as the sunniest and driest weeks of the year were used to access and resurface the courts. The downside of this was that the dry weeks coincided with the summer holidays but the upside was that access to the courts over the park and cricket ground in the wet was minimised so there was very little damage to these delicate areas.

The refurbished courts look fantastic and are a pleasure to play on, even in damp or wet conditions when they still offer grip, unlike the decaying surface of old which was becoming treacherous when wet.

All information about the courts including: events, joining and booking can be found on the website (hosted by the LTA): <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HunterParkTennisClub>

This year we are looking to improve various facilities such as our shed which is in need of urgent repair and establish a regular maintenance contract to keep the courts looking spruce and weed-free.

Lloyd Hoarton - HPTCA Chairman
22/5/2019