FULL COUNCIL

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Held remotely using MS Teams

Councillors present	Councillors absent/apologies	In attendance
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Cllr. Lawton (in the Chair)

Cllr. Corcoran

Cllr. Mitchell

Cllr. Forder-Stent

Cllr. Cook

Cllr. Sellars

Cllr. Bronk

Cllr. Pain

Item

Cllr. Wheeler

Cllr. Pullen

Business Transacted

J.P. Matthews - Clerk

Cllr. R Humby (HCC)

1 member of the public

121/20 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

122/20 Declarations of Interest

The registered interests were applied, and no additional declarations were made.

123/20 Approval of Minutes

It was **Resolved** that minutes of the meeting of Twyford Parish Council held 22nd October 2020 be approved and signed.

124.1/20 Public Representation

A member of the public addressed the Council regarding a decision by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 5th November to withdraw an objection to a planning application. They felt that one of the original reasons, on size, scale and bulk, for the Parish Council's unanimous objection had not been addressed, the alterations made to the application were only minor, and didn't understand how the Council could withdraw its objection.

The Chairman responded and explained the process that had been followed and that it was a split vote at the meeting with three in favour and three against. The Parish Council are not the decision maker on the application itself and he encouraged the member of the public to make a representation to the Planning Committee of WCC, on behalf of SDNPA, who will determine the application.

Cllr. Cook stated that she did not agree with part of the draft minutes of the planning committee meeting and specifically that the design amendments to mitigate bulk did not form part of the formal planning application.

124.2/20 County Councillor's report

Cllr Humby advised the Lengthsman Scheme would continue to support parishes for another year and that it has been agreed to expand the types of work, with appropriate training, that Lengthsman can undertake by being able to work on the 'live' highway.

HCC is facing a significant deficit of funding in the region of £200M. Cllr Humby said it was likely that things would have to change and that there would be significant budget challenges ahead.

A Highways Review document has been published along with a Carbon strategy for highways which will look into the impact of machinery that Skanksa use and improving recycling rates of waste materials.

The Covid19 pop up schemes have received support and criticism. A part of a wider review, in the expectation that public's commuting and travelling patterns will change as a result of the pandemic, polices are being reviewed and it is expected that cycling, walking and public transport will be the priorities.

Cllr. Corcoran thanked Simon Cramp at HCC for all his hard work on the flood mitigation scheme and provided Cllr. Humby with an update on the challenges of applying for CIL to fund the scheme. Cllr. Corcoran also asked if there would be funding available for the Twyford PC cycleway project. Cllr. Humby said the recently announced funding from DfT was already allocated, but that there maybe some funds available if some of the allocated projects were not implemented.

Cllr. Bronk welcomed the retention and extension to the lengthsman scheme and the replacement of the Twyford Moors bus shelter. Cllr. Bronk queried whether the HCC review of polices would include speed limits because a future roadside cycleway between Tywford and Colden Common may not be viable on a road with a 50mph limit. Cllr. Bronk raised the continuing lack of progress, which had gone on for several years, on the reinstatement of the SLOW markings Park Lane which were now subject to further delays. Cllr. Humby said he would look into the Park Lane issue.

Cllr.Cook thanked her contact at HCC Highways who has positively and efficiently dealt with matters raised and was pleased to see that work to rectify the problem on Segars Lane would take place mid-December.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Humby and Cllr. Warwick for allocating grant funding to support the wardens at Compton Lock during the summer. The wardens had been highly effective and improved the situation.

124.3/20 District Councillors' reports

A joint report from Cllr. Bronk & Cllr. Cook report is attached in the appendices.

Cllr. Bronk advised that he had just been made aware of Operation Transmission which would allow the A31, near Alresford, to be used a checkpoint for HGV traffic travelling to Portsmouth. More information would be briefed to WCC members in due course. The result of the scheme would mean traffic speeds limited to 30mph for the 3 month period of the project. Cllr Bronk was concerned about previous experience of Boomtown Festival on impacting the A31.

Cllr. Humby advised that a press release was due to be issued to all Parish Councils and that the volume of traffic involved was not anticipated to be like Boomtown. It would not be a lorry park, but a triage point with a Police presence.

125/20 Matters arising from the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22nd October not included elsewhere on the agenda.

There were no items to report.

126/20 To receive an update from the Planning Committee

Cllr. Mitchell advised there had been numerous communications regarding the Sarsen Stone planning application, which had been discussed at the previous Planning Committee. Cllr. Mitchell said he took professional pride in representing the Parish and would always look to learn from mistakes. As such, he had revisited the application documents in light of the correspondence and did not feel his decision was unjustified or that it misrepresented the parish.

There were no other applications or items to bring to the attention of the Council, however Cllr. Mitchell noted the points regarding the draft minutes of the committee meeting. He emphasised they were draft minutes and that they would still have to be agreed at the next Planning Committee meeting at which point corrections could be proposed.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mitchell for his hard work in chairing the Committee.

Cllr. Corcoran advised that a Pre Application has been submitted for site 26 in the TNP and therefore, would, in due course, be available for a TPC representation.

127/20 To receive an update from the Recreation Committee

Cllr. Wheeler advised members that work at Northfields was substantially complete, the site was looking impressive and well received. The play inspection report has been received and several items will require attention, including the playground fence at Hunter Park. He will review the report in detail and liaise with the Assistant Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cook for all her hard work and commitment in overseeing the improvement work at Northfields.

127.1/20 Tree Works at Hunter Park and Northfields

Members considered the report prepared by the Clerk and the three quotations to carry out the work.

It was resolved:

to appoint Supplier 1, C&D Trees, at a cost of £1,560+VAT

and

to approve a virement of £1,872 from general reserves to the Recreation Committee budget.

Proposed by Cllr.Corcoran, seconded by Cllr.Pullen

127.2/20 Quotation for works at Northfields Play Area

Members considered a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to renew safety surface under basket swing at cost of £3226.00+VAT.

(If the work is carried out the same time as that approved by Full Council in minute 113.1.20 then a discount of £150 would apply.)

It was resolved:

to appoint Redlynch, at a cost of £3,076+VAT

Proposed by Cllr.Pullen, seconded by Cllr.Forder-Stent

and

to approve a virement of £3,691.2 from general reserves to the Recreation Committee budget.

Proposed by Cllr.Lawton, seconded by Cllr.Sellars

128/20 To receive an update from the Finance Committee

Members received and considered a report prepared by the RFO.

It was resolved to modify section 6.17 of the Financial Regulations to read:

"6.17. Any corporate credit card or trade card account opened by the council will be specifically restricted to use by the RFO, **Clerk and Assistant Clerk** and shall be subject to automatic payment in full at each month-end. Personal credit or debit cards of members or staff must not be used under any circumstances."

Proposed by Cllr.Lawton, seconded by Cllr.Sellars.

128.1/20 Update on 2020/21 Budget and draft Budget for 2021/22

The RFO presented an update on the current Financial Year's budget and explained that although income levels from hirings at Hunter park were down slightly due to the pandemic this had not had serious effect on the budget and other income levels were as expected. The RFO highlighted there had been a discrepancy in total precept received from WCC for the year and Cllr. Bronk had previously queried this with WCC who had written to the Chairman. The Chairman would write a holding response to WCC.

A first version of a draft budget was presented to members and it was agreed that a working party would scrutinise the budget further prior to bringing back to Full Council in December 2020.

128.2/20 Schedule of Payments

It was **resolved** to **approve** the Schedule of Payments for November 2020.

Proposed by Cllr.Lawton, seconded by Cllr.Sellars.

128.3/20 Balance of the bank accounts

The bank balances as of 31st October 2020 were noted

Ordinary Accounts

HSBC C/A £5,058.23 HSBC Savings £126,479.96 Nationwide £60,012.31

Total £191,550.50

129/20 Speed Limit Reminder signs report

The Chairman introduced the report which is attached in the appendices. Of the two sites in the report it was observed there was a significant speeding issue at the Northfields site, just inside the 30mph limit. Clarification on at what distance the measurements are taken from the sign was provided and is included in the report.

Members suggested additional locations for SLR deployment and looked froward to receiving regular reports on the other deployed locations. The report was **noted**.

130/20 Project Updates

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft plan has been submitted to the SDNPA, expect a response within about 3 weeks. The TNP website has been updated with all representations received and responses made. Work on preparing a Statement of Community Consultation.

Flood Mitigation & Car Park

The various stakeholders are to have a meeting very soon to discuss and understand how and whether CIL funding could support the project.

Cycleway

Realistic quotes were now being sought for the roadside route concentrating on the route from the traffic lights to Hockley Cottage.

Members discussed what they would like to see in terms of plans and phases for the project. Cllr. Bronk re-iterated his view that the project needed to consider the whole of the route through Twyford and not just single sections as Twyford Moors community needed access to facilities in Twyford village centre. Cllr. Cook wanted Colden Common to be involved with the plans. Cllr. Bronk would like to see formal plans they could be used to demonstrate to HCC that the footway south of Twyford would be suitable and protected for future cycleway use. Cllr Corcoran suggested that the full solution was beyond the resource of the Parish Council but that it does need to be recognised that there are two differing type of routes; a recreation route and commuter route between Colden Common and Winchester and both were required. Cllr. Mitchell, advised that the consultant is likely to recommend a build with a first phase. This would demonstrate the Parish Council's commitment to delivering a realistic first win and that additional stages would have to form part of wider project.

131/20 Berry Meadow and Compton Lock Committee business

Cllr. Corcoran provided an update. Footpath work has been completed and the breach to the navigation fixed, for now. Fencing was completed in October. There are no other urgent matters. A budget is being prepared for 2021/22.

132/20 S137 Grant Applications

Cllr. Bronk did not participate in this agenda item.

132.1/20 Twyford Tiny Tots

Cllr. Wheeler did not participate in this item. It was **resolved** to **approve** £450.00 to the Twyford Tiny Tots for the purchase of modifiable triangle and rocker ramp and the large wobble board as part of a toy loan scheme.

132.2/20 Twyford Brownies & Guides

It was **resolved** to **approve** £176.40 to the Twyford Brownies & Guides to provide Covid safe personal equipment storage.

Twyford Social Club 132.3/20

The Parish Council has previously funded £3,300 towards the toilet refurbishment project. At October's meeting of Full Council members debated the ongoing viability of the social club.

It was resolved not to support the grant applications made by the Social Club for £3,739.10 Proposed by Cllr. Lawton, seconded by Cllr. Forder-Stent

133/20 Communications on matters that are not included elsewhere on the agenda

Cllr. Cook advised that she had been contacted by a local resident who was arranging to purchase high viz vests with "Think Pedestrian" on the rear. She would circulate details for anyone interested in purchasing one.

134/20 To suggest items for consideration at a future Full Parish Council meeting

None received.

The meeting closed at 10:01pm