

# FULL COUNCIL

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely using MS Teams

#### Councillors present

Cllr. Lawton (in the Chair)  
Cllr. Pain  
Cllr. Forder-Stent  
Cllr. Cook  
Cllr. Sellars  
Cllr. Bronk  
Cllr. Pullen  
Cllr. Hill  
Cllr. Corcoran

#### Councillors absent/apologies

Cllr. Humby (HCC)  
Cllr. Mitchell  
Cllr. Wheeler

#### In attendance

J.P. Matthews - Clerk

Minute	Business Transacted
178/20	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr. Mitchell, Cllr. Wheeler and Cllr. Humby (HCC)
179/20	<b>Requests for Dispensation under Section 33 Localism Act</b> No further requests were received.
180/20	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> The registered interests were applied.
181/20	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> It was <b>Resolved</b> that minutes of the meeting of Twyford Parish Council held on 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 be approved.
182/20	<b>Public Representation</b> There was no public representation made.
182.2/20	<b>County Councillor's report</b> No report was received.
182.3/20	<b>District Councillors' report</b> Cllr. Bronk and Cllr. Cook had submitted a written report to Councillors. The report focused on the meeting of the WCC Scrutiny Committee at which councillor Bronk had attended. Cllr. Bronk said that it was illuminating that the problems of anti-social behaviour at Compton lock had not been a significant issue for the Community Safety Partnership, although the Police had referred to the need for dispersal orders to be put in

	<p>place for Compton Lock. He felt there was a need for local residents to continue to report ASB issues in addition to the matters being raised by parish councillors.</p> <p>Cllr. Cook encouraged families and individuals to all submit comments on the WCC plan as the consultation period ends on the 12th of April.</p> <p>The clerk confirmed that the WCC plan matter was on the agenda for the planning committee meeting of the 1st of April</p>
<b>183/20</b>	<p><b>Update on matters arising from the minutes of the previous Full Council meeting</b></p> <p>- Nothing to report</p>
<b>184/20</b>	<p><b>Update from the Planning Committee</b></p> <p>The draft minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were <b>received</b>.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Corcoran and himself had attended a meeting with the chairman of the Golf Club, the notes of which he had circulated to councillors, asking that any details or clarifications be provided to him. The meeting was constructive and both parties wished to maintain a positive dialogue.</p> <p>Councillor Corcoran gave an overview of his opinions which he had presented during this meeting and said it would be particularly useful to see a management plan for the area. He very strongly objected to the removal of two mature yew trees which in his view had clearly been removed in a considerable haste demonstrated by the method of removal. He emphasised that any work takes place in a very sensitive area, the felling licence is for selective trees and is without context in the absence of a management plan. He was concerned that the golf club's view was that golf takes precedent above and beyond all other aspects such as ecology, archaeology and amenity, whereas a management plan should address all these needs with a balanced approach. The representatives of the Golf Club had listened to the concerns of the council and did appear unaware of some of the processes that are required to be followed when managing areas as important as this one. Cllr. Corcoran indicated that he would support the relocation of the existing reservoir as part of a wider site management plan.</p> <p>Other members made points including the treatment of WCC Arboriculture Officers when they attended the site and that the Golf Club is not the owner of the land, they are merely tenants.</p> <p>Cllr. Bronk thanked the Chairman and Cllr. Corcoran for the additional verbal updates as he had been disappointed with the written report alone, which whilst appearing to listen to the Council's concerns did not materially alter any of the club's plans. He would have liked to have seen much more helpful suggestions from the club which positively addressed the parish council's concerns, offering to produce and share updated management plans, take note of the requirements for SDNP and their unique location in the National Park.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Council would write to express the concerns the Parish Council has had about what has happened and that within a historic and archaeological site of national importance that golf cannot take precedence but rather a carefully controlled balance must be maintained.</p>
<b>185/20</b>	<p><b>Update from the Recreation Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr. Pullen advised that tree surgeons have completed work at Hunter Park and Northfields. The hedge planting by school children at Hunter Park had started on Tuesday and was expected to be complete by Saturday. There had been much positive feedback on the initiative.</p>
<b>186/20</b>	<p><b>Update from the Finance Committee</b></p>

	There were no additional items to report															
<b>186.1/20</b>	<p><b>Schedule of Payments</b></p> <p>Outgoing payments were higher this month than usual, mainly due to the expenditure on Northfields play area surface improvements.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that a last-minute invoice from HALC with £36 due for a training course had been received.</p> <p>It was <b>Resolved</b> to <b>approve</b> the Schedule of Payments for March 2021 with the addition of the HALC invoice for £36.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Sellars, seconded by Cllr. Lawton.</p>															
<b>186.2/20</b>	<p><b>Balance of the bank accounts</b></p> <p>The bank balances as of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were <b>noted</b>.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Ordinary Accounts</u></th> <th></th> <th><u>Interest rate</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HSBC C/A</td> <td>£8,786.30</td> <td>0.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HSBC Savings</td> <td>£77,483.22</td> <td>0.01%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationwide</td> <td>£74,024.05</td> <td>0.05%</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£160,293.57</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Ordinary Accounts</u>		<u>Interest rate</u>	HSBC C/A	£8,786.30	0.0%	HSBC Savings	£77,483.22	0.01%	Nationwide	£74,024.05	0.05%	<b>Total</b>	<b>£160,293.57</b>	
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<b>186.3/20</b>	<p><b>Asset Register for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b></p> <p>Members considered an updated asset register and an Asset Register Policy. The Clerk explained the purpose of the policy.</p> <p>Several small items had been added during the year, including a new laptop for the Clerk. There was a query as to ownership of a wooden bridge in the Meadows. The telephone kiosks had not been included whilst the Clerk sought to establish the ownership.</p> <p><b>Resolved to:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Approve</b> the Asset Register for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Approve</b> the Asset Register Policy.</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Cllr. Lawton, <b>seconded</b> by Cllr. Sellars.</p>															
<b>187/20</b>	<p><b>Internal Auditor's report for Q3</b></p> <p>It was Resolved to <b>note</b> the report and to <b>implement</b> the recommendations contained therein.</p>															
<b>188/20</b>	<p><b>Highways Update</b></p> <p>No further items to report</p>															
<b>188.1/20</b>	<p><b>Speed Limit Reminder Signs Report</b></p> <p>The reports were <b>received</b> and <b>noted</b>.</p> <p>Cllr. Bronk advised that data could be sent to the Police to assist with targeted speed enforcement activity. There was no objection to the sharing of the data.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to liaise with the Assistant Clerk on the outstanding matter of aggregating report data together for locations.</p>															

189/20	<p><b>Twyford Social Club</b></p> <p>The Chairman gave an update on this matter and advised Council that members of a community led group were actively evaluating options for the building and taking legal advice. It was expected that it would still be some months until any agreement in principle or fundraising options would be more widely shared with the community.</p>
190/20	<p>Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – Cllr. Corcoran had remotely spoken at the recent SDNPA Planning Committee where members had received a report from SDNPA officers on the TNP. The report contained 25 comments: a mixture of suggestions, corrections, and modifications. Cllr. Corcoran indicated that many of these had been addressed previously and urged the committee to ask why, after 7 years of TNP development, SDNPA Officers were still raising some many points. He had been disappointed that the planning committee nor its Chairman has questioned this matter, but instead accepted the report without any further consideration. Separately the SDNPA Communities Lead officer is arranging for the appointment of an examiner to carry out the required assessment of the draft TNP.</li> <li>• <b>Flood Mitigation and Car Park expansion</b> – The Clerk advised that WCC had confirmed that the £65k CIL grant for the car park expansion could be reassigned to the FMS project but was conditional on receiving matched CIL funding from the SDNPA.</li> <li>• <b>Two Parks/Hunter Park Strategy</b> – The Clerk advised that the tender for the playground was advertised on Contract Finder and is open until 15<sup>th</sup> April. There had been a reasonable amount of interest from potential bidders to date and several having made visits to the park.</li> <li>• <b>Cycleway</b> – Cllr. Corcoran advised that work by the consultant had progressed to obtaining two estimates for work and the one which included widening of the existing footway was the preferred option. Roger Walker and Nick Farthing are still in discussions are on other aspects.</li> <li>• <b>Climate Change</b> - Cllr Forder-Stent reported that she had attended a Zoom meeting with other local groups in the district to share ideas about carbon reduction initiatives. WinACC are producing a report on each community's carbon footprint. A new report is due out soon, however Twyford's footprint was not good, further details would be available in the report. The church would be hosting a Green Fair on 17<sup>th</sup> July and the whole community should be involved. Further details on how TPC could support can would be sought.</li> </ul>
191/20	<p><b>Berry Meadow and Compton Lock Committee</b></p> <p>Cllr. Corcoran gave an update on the grazing of the meadows, which is undertaken by Hampshire &amp; Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIOWWT). A very productive meeting had taken place with the grazing manager and both parties expectations were now better understood.</p> <p>Cllr. Corcoran had also met with area ranger from the SDNPA and discussed repairs to the footpath along the navigation. It was unlikely that the SDNPA could assist, since the area was not designated a Strategic Asset. The ranger agreed to discuss internally within the SDNPA that the area be considered a Strategic Asset.</p> <p><b>It was Resolved</b> to approve a 1 year extension to the existing HIOWWT grazing agreement.</p>
192/20	<p><b>Bequest for benches to be located in the Water Meadows</b></p>

	<p>Members considered a request from the executor of the will of Robert E.W. Wainwright to make a bequest for benches to be located in the Water Meadows.</p> <p><b>It was Resolved</b> to approve the bequest: <i>£5,000 for four or more park benches and plinths in the Water Meadows (Twyford Meads), each with a plaque acknowledging that they were donated by “Robert Wainwright, Resident of Twyford, who loved these Water Meadows”.</i></p> <p>The Clerk would reply to the executor and confirm acceptance.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. Lawton, Seconded by Cllr. Cook.</p>
<p><b>192/20</b></p>	<p><b>Items for consideration at a future Full Parish Council meeting</b></p> <p>There were no items suggested.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9:39pm</p>