### RECREATION

### TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 14th September 2023 at the Pavilion, Hunter Park

Councillors present	In attendance
Cllr. S. Pullen (in the Chair)	Assistant Clerk
Cllr C Mitchell	2 members of Twyford Cricket Club
Cllr C Hill	2 members of public
Cllr S Cook	
Cllr J Pain	
Cllr R Sellars	
Cllr S Hoad	

Item	Business Transacted					
R17/23	Chairman's Announcements					
	The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcomed two members of public and two members of Twyford Cricket Club.					
R18/23	Apologies for Absence					
	Apologies received from Cllr A Forder-Stent.					
R19/23	Dispensations under Section 33 of Localism Act 2011					
	No dispensation requests were received.					
R20/23	Declarations of Interest					
	No declarations of personal interest received.					
R21/23	Approval of Minutes					
	<b>It was Resolved</b> that minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> June be approved. Proposed by Cllr Pain, seconded by Cllr Sellars.					
R22/23	Public Representation Representatives of Twyford Cricket Club said they had nothing to present and were present for 9, an update on the proposed cricket nets. The members of public also said they were present due to their interest in the cricket nets and item 14, dogs at Hunter Park.					
R23/23	Assistant Clerk's Report					
	The Assistant Clerk's report was received and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Pullen highlighted a number of issues within the report including:					
	<ul> <li>Allotments were looking superb generally, with some issues of weeds which was expected due to the recent weather conditions.</li> <li>2 new bins installed within Hunter Park</li> <li>2 new items of sensory equipment installed at Hunter Park</li> <li>Legionella work at the Pavilion has been arranged.</li> <li>Automated shutters on Pavilion 1 year old and proved to be a big improvement for users.</li> </ul>					
R24/23	Maintenance sheet					
	The maintenance sheet was received and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Cook said she was pleased to see the Northfield telephone kiosk door had been repaired and replaced and wished to pass her thanks onto the Caretaker.					

### R25/23 Update on the proposed new cricket nets A report was received and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Pullen summarised that two quotes had been received to date for levelling out the proposed area for the new cricket nets, and would cost in the region of £3k to £5k. Two quotes had also been received for a new double lane facility similar to the existing nets and a third quote was being sought. He also advised that the Cricket Club had indicated that an artificial wicket was not necessary. The budget available for the new cricket nets remains £16k so, therefore, there is a shortfall of funds. There was a lengthy debate regarding a potential tenure of the nets to the Cricket Club and the benefits it might bring to obtain grants for the new facilities. It was Resolved that Cllr Hoad, in consultation with Twyford Cricket Club, would investigate the nature of an agreement between Hampshire Cricket, Twyford CC and the Parish Council, which could then unlock ECB funding towards the project, and report to November's meeting of the Recreation Committee. Cllr Mitchell welcomed the cricket club to explore proposals with ECB, but any decisions would have to be made in consultation with residents of Twyford. R26/23 New play equipment at Hunter Park A report was received and is attached in the appendices. Two new pieces of sensory equipment have recently been installed at Hunter Park. The lowest note on the rainbow chimes doesn't chime; Cllr Pullen would investigate with the supplier. Assistant Clerk to investigate laminated sheet music. It was Resolved: Assistant Clerk to arrange for the finger maze to be lowered by 10cm to enable younger children to use. R27/23 Signage at Hunter Park A report was received and is attached in the appendices. It was Resolved: The Clerk would go ahead and order a new welcome sign, with a softer background colour, to be installed in the area adjacent to the red bin. The current sign would be removed and additional highways standard signs to be fixed to the existing post. The design for the second "information" sign would be brought to a future committee meeting. R28/23 **Bins at Hunter Park** A report was received and is attached in the appendices. Two new bins had been installed done of which was to replace an existing old bin at Hunter Park. The Assistant Clerk to investigate if signage can be placed on the new bins indicating dog waste is permitted. It was Resolved: To relocate the bin within the play area to outside of the play area. To remove the old bin from under the tree by the pavilion. To relocate the newly installed bin by the wildflower area to the far side of the football pitch, as spectators congregate there. To purchase a third bin and install between the allotments and the tennis courts. R29/23 **Memorial Plaque** Cllr Mitchell expressed his sadness that the memorial plaque for the late Cllr Ian Wheeler

had been removed as an act of vandalism. Cllr Wheeler was a valued resident to the

village and as a member of the Parish Council.

	It was Resolved to store the plaque for the time being and consider an alternative memorial.					
R30/23	Dogs on sporting areas at Hunter Park					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Mitchell outlined that a lot of the community were in attendance at April's full council meeting and views were heard, he explained that as it was not an agenda item there were no decisions made and therefore was brought to the Recreation Committee for review.					
	After a lengthy debate:					
	It was Resolved that the rule would be removed, and the situation of dog poo would be monitored and reviewed in one year.					
	Should the situation worsen then dog walkers would be asked for ideas.					
R31/23	Temporary toilet at Hunter Park					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Pullen concurred that the temporary loo was a great success. The current contract was for the facility to be removed at the end of October.					
	It was Resolved:					
	<ul> <li>To keep the toilet in place until the end of the year.</li> <li>To investigate alternative suppliers to ensure cost effectiveness.</li> <li>To reinstate the toilet from February 2024.</li> </ul>					
R32/23	Bike Rack					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices. The report outlined a proposal to provide a bike rack for users of Hunter Park.					
	It was Resolved:					
	<ul> <li>To purchase a 6 Place Toast Rack and install it on the grass between the temporary toilet and the noticeboard.</li> <li>That Cllr Hoad would investigate a more cost-effective supplier and would pass the information to the Assistant Clerk.</li> </ul>					
R33/23	EV Charging Facility					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices, which set out that a grant had been made available to the Parish Council which would fund the installation of EV charging points in the car park at Hunter Park.					
	After lengthy debate it was acknowledged that charging facilities might bring more people to the park who wouldn't normally use the facilities; for example visitors to residents or people using it as a pitstop en route.					
	It was Resolved not to proceed with the installation of EV charging facilities at Hunter Park.					
R34/23	Parking at Hunter Park					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices. It is acknowledged that there is a limited number of parking spaces at Hunter Park and that the space could potentially be better utilised. Members also discussed the need to provide a space for disabled parking. It was Resolved:					
	<ul> <li>To seek professional advice in order to maximise the number of parking bays within the space available within the car park</li> <li>One parking space be provided for Blue Badge users at the position located in the report, and that a 'Blue badge holders only' sign be purchased and installed on the knee rail fence, and the space be marked out.</li> </ul>					

R35/23	Official Opening of Hunter Park					
	A report was received and is attached in the appendices. April 2024 sees the 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Hunter Park on 25 <sup>th</sup> April 1964.					
	Members debated and suggested a sporting event/community fun day could be held as a celebration of Hunter Park. Ideas such as cricket, tennis tournament, football, basketball.					
	It was Resolved that members would form a working party and bring proposals to the next meeting of Recreation Committee.					
R36/23	Suggested Items for future meetings					
	Raised beds in the wildflower area					
	Additional inclusive equipment					
	Review trees along southern edge of Hunter Park					
	Alternative memorial to the late Cllr Ian Wheeler					
	September 2024 – review rules at Hunter Park					
	Meeting closed at 9.17pm.					



### **TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### RECREATION COMMITTEE 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Assistant Clerk's Report**

Councillors are reminded that the items within this report are provided for information only and not available for debate. If it is considered that an item listed within the report should be debated fully by members, then it will be placed on the next appropriate committee or council agenda. Any member wanting clarification or further information on any aspect of items within the report please contact either of us in advance of the meeting.

### **General updates**

#### 1) Allotments:

- Inspections this year have shown that generally plots have been put to good use.
- A report was received of a bees nest on one plot, tenant advised as the nest is on their plot it is the tenant's responsibility to remove.
- The waiting list for an allotment has increased to 16. The next in line has been on the list since February 2021; just over 2.5 years.
- A meeting for tenants will be arranged for the autumn. The communal bonfire and compost area will be discussed.

### 2) Hunter Park:

- The village games took place successfully on 2<sup>nd</sup> July raising a total of £2,100 for Twyford Playgroup, an
  email of thanks is attached to this report.
- The holiday club once again hired the Pavilion and outside space, this time for 3 weeks.
- Following the committee site visit in June, Greensmile carried out a trim of areas around the park.
- The cricket season has come to an end. We had a number of users hire the pitch other than Twyford Cricket Club; St Cross Cricket Club, two corporate hirers, two different school bookings.
- Football: A junior team hired the pitch during August for training sessions. Pavilion Panthers and Hedge End Tigers have booked again for this season, sharing Sunday mornings, and a Chandlers Ford veteran's team established for 3 years have booked some Saturday afternoons.
- The two dog waste bag bins have been well received and bags have been replaced weekly.
- The two pieces of sensory equipment have been installed and appears to be well received by users of the park.
- We are awaiting a quote to prune the trees around the Pavilion, together with the apple tree in the allotments.
- Two new bins have been installed, reported elsewhere on the agenda.

#### 3) Pavilion:

- The plumbing works to comply with the Legionella assessment are being carried out early October.
- The fridge was at end of life and has now been replaced. As it is only used during summer, it will be turned off during the winter.
- The automated shutters are now a year old and have proved to be very successful. They will be serviced annually.

### 4) Northfields

 As noted in the annual play inspection at the last meeting, an information sign is required at Northfields and we are currently looking at installing a sign near the entrance.

Sue Nias, Assistant Clerk 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 From: roger@experiencegroup.uk <roger@experiencegroup.uk>

Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 9:28 AM

To: Clerk - Twyfd ence' <donsanded@gmail.com>

Cc: Assistant Clerk - Twyford Parish Council <admin@twyfordhants.org.uk>; Cllr. Chris Mitchell <chris.mitchell.cllr@twyfordhants.org.uk>

Subject: THANKS

Good morning Jamie

Just a quick email with a massive thanks to Twyford Parish Council for all your assistance with the Village Games 2023 yesterday at Hunter Park. I would appreciate if you could pass on these thanks at the next meeting on behalf of all those involved. The free use of the park and the pavilion was very much appreciated.

There was, as always, a great turnout and those attending of all ages seemed to love the challenges that we set them!

We are just waiting to confirm the amount raised for Twyford Playgroup, but I understand that it was a good sum. We will let you know the final amount so that you can pass this on to the councillors

Best wishes

### Re: THANKS





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Hi Sue and Jamies

Thank you so much for the use of Hunter Park on Sunday, I've seen many photos and videos of the afternoon - great turnout, loads of fun and a highly entertaining

We've raised over £2,100 for playgroup (includes our Hamptons sponsorship boards and some match funding from Jude's) - just incredible, we really appreciate the help in making this possible.

On behalf of the playgroup committee please pass on our thanks for the wider committee

Have a great week

Thanks

Donna



## Minute 24/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Maintenance list - Outstanding work

JOB	LOCATION	DATE OF ISSUE	ISSUE/JOB	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE SCHEDULED
NO						
1	Pavilion	17.05.2021	Legionella temperature checks	Caretaker	ONGOING monthly checks	ONGOING – once a month
2	Pavilion	23.12.2021	Inside lights	Caretaker	Could we have either a main switch which would switch all lights off, or possibly a motion sensor to be installed? Lights often left on by hirers	
3	Pavilion	09.11.2022	Cladding	Caretaker	Replacement cladding	
4	Hunter Park	08.02.2023	Jubilee plaque	Caretaker	Reinstall Jubilee plaque in wildflower area	
5	Pavilion	16.02.2023	Remote lock	Caretaker/Clerk	Install new remote lock to Pavilion	
6	Pavilion	16.02.2023	CCTV	Caretaker/Clerk	Install CCTV to Pavilion	
7	Hunter Park	19.04.2023	Old Pavilion electric	Caretaker	Install board to neaten electrics	
8	Northfields telephone kiosk	26.04.2023	Repairs to door	Caretaker	Clamp and glue	Reinstall 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
9	Hunter Park	04.05.2023	Signage on footpath/ handrail area	Caretaker	Installation of steep slope sign (when we have it)	
10	Hunter Park play area	04.05.2023	Fencing	Caretaker	Repair/replace rotten timber where needed	
11	Hunter Park car park	24.05.2023	Manhole cover in car park	Caretaker	Requires surrounding surface to be levelled to manhole cover	
12	Northfields	05.07.2023	Football goal nets	Caretaker	Peg back the goal nets	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
13	Hunter Park wildflower area	05.07.2023	Memorial plaque	Caretaker	Reinstall memorial plaque using deeper concrete base	
14	Hunter Park play area bin	05.07.2023	Relocate play area bin	Caretaker	Relocate bin, location to be agreed by Rec Cttee	
15	Pavilion	12.07.2023	Leak from home changing room	Caretaker	Leak on floor between home changing room showers and disabled loo	
16	Hunter Park car park	02.08.2023	Install car park sign	Caretaker	Concrete 2 posts in ground at entrance to car park by red bin and install new 'private car park' sign.	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
17	Hunter Park	24.08.2023	New path between allotments and park	Caretaker	Use some of the gravel from container to fill in the gaps in the path	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
18	Hunter Park Allotments	30.08.2023	Wobbly dog bag dispenser	Caretaker	The dog bag dispenser has become wobbly and needs firming up.	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
19	Hunter Park	30.08.2023	Rubber matting	Caretaker	Purchase additional pegs and re-install rubber matting in gaps between knee rail fencing in car park	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
20	Pavilion	30.08.2023	Emergency lighting	Caretaker	Annual 3 hour emergency light testing due	4 <sup>th</sup> October or 18 <sup>th</sup> October
21	Pavilion	06.09.2023	Gutter cleaning	Caretaker	Clean gutters, especially rear of building	18th October 2023

### **Completed work since June meeting of Recreation Committee:**

### **Hunter Park:**

Basketball wall and surface jetwashed by Cllr Cook, equipment set up by Caretaker Inclusive swing seat adjusted to recommended height as per Annual Play Inspection report New tree area – vertical posts trimmed Junior football goal net repaired Rubber matting in car park removed and stored, to be re-installed in autumn Drainage work in car park by allotments complete, may need some further attention Wildflower area – split posts replaced, remaining firmed up New sensory equipment installed; windchimes and fingermaze

### Pavilion:

Two new bins installed

Referee room cleared and contents stored in container, old electrical equipment and chemicals disposed of

Electric cupboard/SLR cupboard reorganised for safer charging of SLR batteries



# Minute 25/23 Twyford Parish Council

Recreation Committee Meeting - 14th September 2023

### **Purpose**

To provide the Recreation Committee with an update on progress for the proposals for the replacement cricket training nets at Hunter Park.

### **Background**

In June 2023 the committee considered some options to replace the existing cricket training nets at Hunter Park. The committee agreed to proceed to obtain formal quotations for the work required to install new training nets in an area in the south of the park near to the maintenance containers. In addition, the cost to install an artificial wicket on the outfield were also requested.

#### **Groundworks**

Some work is required to level out the area of ground which has been agreed as suitable for the installation of new training nets. To date, two quotes for this work indicate the work would cost in the region of £3 to £5k.

### **Nets and Lane Facility**

Two quotes have been received for this work and a third one is currently being sought. The report to the committee in June 2023 advised that the estimated cost of a double lane facility, similar to the existing nets, would be in the region of £24k to £32k.

### **Artificial Wicket**

The committee asked at it's June 2023 meeting to include a cost for an artificial wicket on the cricket outfield. A 30metre non turf pitch on the edge of square is estimated to cost around £10k.

The Cricket Club have indicated that although they would welcome the facility to support the sport of cricket, it is unlikely to be a facility they would utilise, their preference being for fixed training nets. The committee would also need to be mindful of the ongoing maintenance costs for such a new facility.

#### **Finance**

There has been no material change to the budget available for the project since the report to committee in June 2023, which remains at £16k. This is made up of Parish Council, a donation from the cricket club and a small grant from Hampshire County Council.



### ITEM 26/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Fingermaze at Hunter Park

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, the Recreation Committee resolved to recommend to full council the purchase of a finger maze and rainbow chimes. These two pieces of equipment have now been installed in the locations agreed at the committee site visit on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Members are asked to consider if the finger maze should be lowered, and if so by how much. The measurement from the ground to the bottom of the finger maze is 86cm and the depth of the maze is 62cm.



### Officer's Recommendation:

Being mindful that children like to look and reach up rather than down, and that the equipment is installed for all users of the play area to enjoy, it is recommended that the fingermaze is not lowered by any more than 10cm.



# Item 27/23 Twyford Parish Council

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14th September 2023

### **Purpose**

For the Recreation Committee to consider approval to update the existing signage at the entrance to Hunter Park.

### **Background**

Members at their site visit in June 2023 identified the sign as being outdated and out of keeping with the setting of the park entrance. The sign did not appear to be in the optimal position and so many visitors to the park would not have been aware of the information contained on the sign.

### **Proposal**

1) To remove the existing signage, redesign and reinstall on the area adjacent to the red bin.





The new sign will face directly towards vehicles travelling along the driveway into the car park. The new welcome sign will indicate that the car park is private and overnight parking is not permitted. The new sign will avoid use of the colour white which will avoid a harsh appearance. For the other rules listed on the current sign, it is proposed to list these on a second sign – see 2)

For vehicles leaving the car park new, highways standard, signs will be fixed to the existing post which advises of narrow roadway:





With appriopiate wording such as "Please Drive Slowly".

2) The design for the second sign will brought to a future committee meeting. It is suggested that this sign would have general information about the park, including the rules, a map of the facilities and contact information for the council. It could also feature panels to display notices on. The location for this sign could be on the grass area next to the existing noticeboard.

### **Finance**

Within the Recreation Committee budget, a budget of £1,000 is available for signage across all of the sites for the entire year. The amendment to main entrance signage should be able to be accommodated within this budget. The cost of the second sign, along with its proposed design will be brought to a future meeting for the committee to consider.

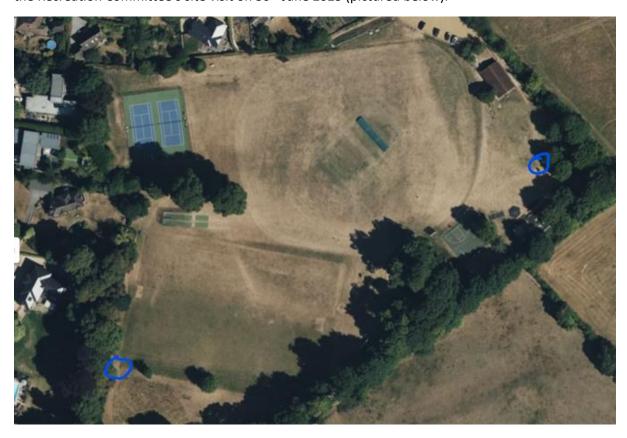


## ITEM 28/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14th September 2023

### **Bins at Hunter Park**

Two new bins have been purchased and installed at Hunter Park, in the locations as determined at the Recreation Committee's site visit on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (pictured below).



Greensmile will include them with the regular bin emptying that is currently in process (twice weekly during the summer, weekly during the autumn/winter months).

At the site visit, Members looked at the two existing bins; one in front of the Pavilion the other within the play area, and indicated that they might wish to consider relocating them.

The Caretaker has had a look at the bin in the play area and considers that, with a repair, it would have a life expectancy of 1-2 years and could be relocated into a position outside of the fenced playground.

Much of the wood surround of the bin in front of the Pavilion is end of life and beyond repair, and one of the newly installed bins was intended as its replacement and it is therefore suggested that the bin is removed.

Members also might want to consider if an additional bin is needed to the north of the park, between the allotments and the tennis courts.

### Officer's Recommendation

- 1. that the bin in front of the Pavilion is removed.
- 2. that the bin in the fenced play area be relocated to outside of the play area towards the path and that Members should further consider replacing the bin in 2024/25.
- 3. Should members consider it appropriate, that an additional new bin is installed between the allotments and the tennis courts.



### ITEM 29/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Memorial Plaque**

As previously reported, the memorial plaque for the late Cllr Ian Wheeler went missing and was later found in a nearby wooded area of the perimeter of the park. Consideration needs to be given to its reinstallation.

### Officer's Recommendation

It is recommended that the plaque be reinstalled in the same location as previously agreed by the committee, in the wildflower area, but horizontally and on a larger concrete base which would more secure.



### ITEM 30/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Dogs on sporting areas at Hunter Park

At its meeting in April 2023 (231/22), Full Council received public representation regarding dogs being kept on leads on the football pitch and cricket outfield, a rule approved by the Recreation Committee in July 2022, identified as R8/22.

Full Council resolved to review the rule at a future meeting of the Recreation Committee and therefore members are asked to consider reviewing the rule:

"R8/22 Dogs must be kept on leads when on the cricket outfield and football field."



### ITEM 31/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14th September 2023

### **Provision of Portaloo at Hunter Park**

The existing arrangements for the Portaloo at Hunter Park previously agreed by the committee were for the loo to be in place from March through to the end of October, at which the facility would be removed. The intention of the temporary loo is to understand usage and management of such facilities, with a view to informing a longer term decision as to whether the park would benefit from a permanent facility as set out in the Hunter park masterplan.

The council has received positive feedback and the facility appears to be well appreciated by users of Hunter Park. The management arrangement of a weekly servicing appears to be sufficient to maintain the facility in a good condition throughout this period.

Members are asked to consider that, as the facility has been a success, whether it should remain in place. This would be at cost of £119.50 per month which includes a weekly service and clean, and replenishment of toilet rolls and hand sanitiser.



### ITEM 32/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Bike Rack at Hunter Park**

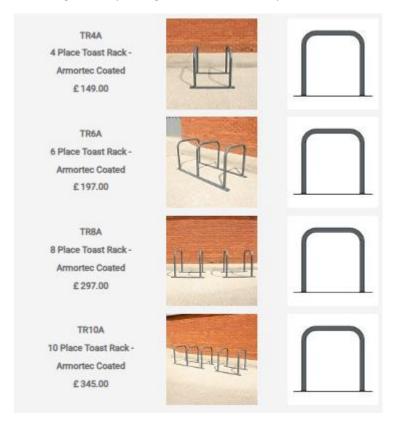
At the site visit on 28<sup>th</sup> June, it was identified that there was nowhere for users of Hunter Park to store bicycles, and it was suggested a rack could be installed alongside the Pavilion.

### Members are asked:

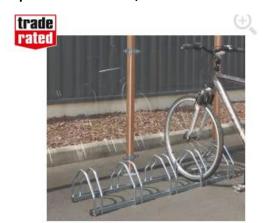
- 1. To consider if a bike rack should be provided at Hunter Park.
- 2. If deemed a requirement that the following options are considered:

### **Option 1: Cycle Toast Rack Stands**

Providing secure parking for 4, 6, 8 or 10 bicycles.



Option 2: 5-bike rack, wall or floor mounted. £59.99 incl VAT





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# Item 33/23 Twyford Parish Council

Recreation Committee Meeting - 14th September 2023

### **Purpose**

For the Recreation Committee to consider the approval, in principle, of the installation of EV charging facilities at Hunter Park. The full proposal would be subject Full Council approval.

### **Background**

Two years ago, the Council investigated the feasibility of installing EV charging points in the village. One of these was at the Hunter Park car park. The Council did not proceed with the proposal at that time due to a lack of finance for such work.

### **Proposal**

The proposal in to install two EV charge points in the car park at Hunter Park, in the location marked with a red circle. An alternative location, marked in blue, is also viable but would be more expensive.



### **Finance**

A grant has been made available by the UK Government which should fund the majority of the cost to procure, install and commission the EV charging infrasature. The infrastructure would be owned by the Parish Council and the ongoing management costs would be met from charging fees However, should the location in blue be preferred to site the EV charging points, then an additional cost will be incurred which will have to be met by the Parish Council.



### ITEM 34/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14th September 2023

### **Parking at Hunter Park**

Members are asked to consider the current parking situation at Hunter Park.

At certain periods, the car park gets very busy at Hunter Park, especially when sporting events are held. As previously reported to the committee non park users sometimes contribute to this situation arising although on occasions, through seeking prior permission, they have been accommodated.

The current parking bays are not clearly visible to users which means maximum use of the area is not always achieved. There are approximately thirty spaces in the car park, with the potential for more if the area for parking was redesigned.

For those non park users who have sought permission to the use the car park a small payment has been requested per vehicle. In October 2022 the committee agreed to trial use of an online payment system to allow non park users to pay for their parking, in this way those informal users who have not directly sought advance permission would be able to make a payment. It is intended to implement this payment system by the end of the year and display instructions in the car park on its use.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Clerk to investigate the feasibility of remarking the existing bays to enable more efficient and appropriate parking, and also to seek professional advice in order to maximise the number of parking bays within the space available within the car park.

### **Disabled parking**

At the Recreation Committee meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the committee considered the provision of a disabled parking bay at Hunter Park. Cllr. Cook offered to speak with a local resident who has mobility issues to understand whether such provision would be useful. Cllr. Cook has confirmed that the resident is supportive of the proposal.

At a site visit on 28<sup>th</sup> June, members of the committee identified a suitable space in the car park:



Department for Transport guidance, Inclusive Mobility, advises that 6% of the total capacity of the parking spaces should be for visiting disabled motorists. A designated accessible space should be a minimum of 4800mm long and 2400mm wide. An access aisle of 1200mm should be provided for on each side of the bay.

### **Recommendation:**

To approve the provision at Hunter Park of an accessible parking bay of the dimensions set out in the Department for Transport's Inclusive Mobility best practice guide. Assistant Clerk to arrange for the installation of a Disabled Only Parking (aka blue badge) signs to be installed in the location identified.





## ITEM 35/23 TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Official Opening of Hunter Park

At it's meeting in July 2022 (R15/22), the Recreation Committee undertook to hold an event in April 2024 to commemorate the  $60^{th}$  anniversary of the opening of Hunter Park by Lord Ashburton on  $25^{th}$  April 1964.

Members are asked to discuss and consider ideas to start putting plans in place.