

RECREATION

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 16th May 2024 at the Pavilion, Hunter Park

Councillors present	In attendance
Cllr. R. Sellars (in the Chair)	Assistant Clerk
Cllr. A. Forder-Stent	2 members of public
Cllr. C. Hill	
Cllr. S. Cook	
Cllr. J. Pain	
Cllr. S. Hoad	

Item	Business Transacted
R77/23	Chairman's Announcements It Cllr Pullen's absence, it was Resolved that Cllr R Sellars chaired the meeting. Cllr Sellars welcomed everyone and thanked the 2 members of the public for their attendance and interest.
R78/23	Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Cllr S Pullen and Cllr C Mitchell
R79/23	Dispensations under Section 33 of Localism Act 2011 No dispensation requests were received.
R80/23	Declarations of Interest No declarations of personal interest received.
R81/23	Approval of Minutes It was Resolved that minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 15 th February 2024 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent.
R82/23	Public Representation There was no public representation
R83/23	Assistant Clerk's Report The Assistant Clerk's report was received and noticed, attached in the appendices. The following points were highlighted following councillors' comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Cook expressed her sadness that Hedge End Tigers football club played their last season at Hunter Park after 7 years.Cllr Cook raised a question regarding the parking arrangements for Twyford Cricket Club training events on Friday evenings. Mr Paine, of the cricket club confirmed that a professional risk assessment was being undertaken, photos would be taken and a report to be submitted to the Clerk.Cllr Hoad asked if a long-term solution could be provided for the movement of the gravel in the car park. Assistant Clerk confirmed the Clerk has identified a contractor to investigate suitable marking to maximise the capacity of the car park but was not aware if the surface was also being looked at due to budget constraints.It was noted that the sand pit would be topped up before the summer holidays and members asked if it could be done sooner. Assistant Clerk said it would be looked into.
R84/23	Maintenance list The report was received, noted, and is attached in the appendices. Cllr Cook expressed her thanks to the Caretaker for carrying out some work identified in a timely manner,

	<p>namely installing a hook and latch on the front and rear door of the pavilion. Cllr Hoad requested a noticeboard specifically for 'sports fixtures and contacts' could be installed. Members generally thought it was a good idea and requested to be added to a future agenda. Cllr Cook requested that the existing noticeboard be cleaned up, Assistant Clerk would add to the maintenance sheet.</p>
R85/23	<p>Update from Cricket Working Group</p> <p>A report was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. Cllrs Cook and Hoad gave an overview of the investigations of the working group.</p> <p>Cllr Sellars asked what would happen if the cricket club were to cease, ie would the Parish Council owe anything, Mr Paine confirmed there would be no financial implications to the Parish Council should this happen, and that two or three guarantors would be needed when applying for funding.</p> <p>Cllr Hill expressed concern that that other park users would be excluded to the facilities of Hunter Park and Mr Paine confirmed that other groups would continue to be able to use the park.</p> <p>All members were in favour with the recommendations in the report. It was Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formally adopt a policy of supporting youth and women's sports in the park. This would assist the Officers in prioritising and scheduling bookings for both football and cricket. • That the working group progress with a proposal to lease the cricket square and an area for cricket training nets to Twyford Cricket Club to understand further their proposals for this option together with their plans for future development of the club. <p>The working group were agreeable to the next meeting date of 6th June which would be confirmed by the Chair/Clerk.</p> <p>The two members of public left the meeting at 8.10pm.</p>
R86/23	<p>Maintenance of Hunter Park Play Area Fencing</p> <p>A report was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. Assistant Clerk gave a brief overview that some maintenance had been carried out on the fence but that it now required painting to protect and improve its appearance. This was last carried out by volunteers.</p> <p>It was Resolved that Cllr Cook would set up a working group of volunteers to paint the fence. Cllr Cook would liaise with the Assistant Clerk regarding materials required.</p>
R87/23	<p>Annual Play Inspection for Hunter Park and Northfields</p> <p>The annual play inspection was carried out in March 2024, a report was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. The Assistant Clerk advised nothing major in either report and that any issues were marked as either very low or low risk. Members noted from the report that the bark mulch in the climbing frame area at Hunter Park required topping up and requested that it be looked into. Cllr Cook raised a question about the surface of the Hunter Park play area as it had suffered with moss/algae build up. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that quotes were being obtained to carry out surface cleaning.</p>
R88/23	<p>Life Expectancy Report for Hunter Park and Northfields</p> <p>A report was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. The Assistant Clerk highlighted that the outdoor gym equipment had a life expectancy of 3-5 years, so the Parish Council might want to consider replacement in the future. Other items listed were given a much longer life expectancy of 5-10 years or over 10 years. It was also noted the basket swing at Northfields had a life expectancy of 3-5 years.</p>
R89/23	<p>Hunter Park 60 Year Celebrations</p> <p>Cllr Cook gave a verbal report on the 60 year celebrations event at Hunter Park said it was a huge success and residents had enjoyed the day. Cllr Cook expressed gratitude to the judges of the dog show and the Compare, Adam. Thanks also to Pavilion Panthers, the Guides, Forest School, Pottery, Photographer, Podiatry and Parish Councillors on parking duties and attendance. Cllr Cook said she would like to hold another dog show at the park in September 2025.</p>

R90/23	<p>Pavilion Bunting</p> <p>A report was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. The bunting decorating the outside of the Pavilion has been in place for over 12 months and was looking tired. Members enthused that a competition be held to produce some new bunting. Cllr Hoad suggested it be tasked to Twyford St Mary's School to hold a competition to design and produce.</p> <p>It was Resolved that Cllr Hoad would liaise with Twyford St Mary's School to design and produce bunting to decorate the Pavilion.</p>
R91/23	<p>Hunter Park Allotments – Legionella Implications</p> <p>A report from Cllr Percival was received, noted, and attached in the appendices. The two current tap-fed water butts at the allotments were open barrels containing stagnant water. Though the risks were minimal, it was acknowledged that a water butt with a lid and a tap at the base would further reduce risk.</p> <p>It was Resolved to purchase two water butts with a tap at the base to replace the existing open barrels.</p>
R92/23	<p>Allotment User's Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Allotment User's meeting held on 24th April 2024 were received, noted, and attached in the appendices. Allotment tenants requested that a parking space at Hunter Park be reserved for users.</p> <p>It was Resolved to purchase and install a reserved parking sign for a space alongside the hedge nearest the allotments.</p>
R93/23	<p>Items for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate noticeboard at Hunter Park for sports fixtures and contact details • Consider installing a raised wildflower area for the front of the Pavilion. Funds for seeds being raised by aluminium can collection.
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>