

Copy of Draft Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting Held at 20.00 hrs on 12th September 2011 At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room

Present: Mr R Landells (Chairman), Mr J Boasman, Mr A Riley, Mr T Cook, Mr B Steele-Tyson , Mrs R Sloan and the clerk, Mrs A. Curtis,

Also present: Simon Pew/Ron Gibbons (Urban Self-Build), PCSO John Webb and PC Daniel Beglan, Trevor Norrey.

1. Apologies. Mr A Wood

2. Declaration of Interest. None

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Urban Self-Build (USB) introduced themselves as a company whose sole aim was to remove the problems often encountered with self-build projects, by sourcing land, assisting with finance, the planning process and organising the mains services to the site such as electricity and water. They have contacts with environmentally friendly kit builders.

USB initially contacted and met representatives of the Parish Council at the proposed site they are looking at, which is adjacent to the allotments.

USB showed the meeting a large plan of the land with the plot outlined. Four different options were shown, with varying numbers and sizes of houses.

The Community Land Trust (CLT) would hold some equity on the land going forward, and any houses sold in the future would repay this equity to the CLT.

Although each house would be to an individual design, USB provide the code for the site and styles.

Mr Landells enquired what timeline USB had in mind to which USB replied as soon as possible.

Mr Landells asked if there was a risk of non-completion. USB look to set a contractual completion date.

Mr Landells feels that a public meeting would need to be held, which could possibly be advertised in a newsletter. The Parish Council in the meantime need to think about what the requirements for housing are. The best time for a public meeting would be toward the end of October. USB will forward the link on self-build to the clerk in the meantime. USB left the meeting.

Mr Norrey expressed concern that BCC have declared war on Twyford by announcing cut backs to bus services. Bus 16/17 will apparently no longer go any further than Marsh Gibbon and the Aylesbury service is having it's time moved from 7.15 a.m. to 6.40 a.m. Mr Landells will try to get this discussed at the next LAF meeting on 29th September.

PCSO Webb and PC Beglan reported that for thr third time a vehicle in Rosehill Crescent has been vandalised and if any information on the perpetrators can be found they would be grateful.

The speed laser is going to be in the village again shortly. Mr Landells asked that it be after the bridge has opened. PCSO Webb and PC Beglan agreed and then left the meeting.

3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July were approved having been previously circulated.

4. HS2 – Mrs Sloan, Peter Miller (Head of environment and planning) and Sam Ch? met at Mr Woods' house and walked the line. Peter and Sam could not commit themselves as the decision would be down to Philip Hammond. The line may be able to be moved a sufficient distance from the

recreation ground to enable it to remain useable. The group went to Calvert where it was obvious there were huge issue. A new road would be needed and would be so high as to be unrealistic – the sides of Calvert Lake are vertical and made of clay.

Mr Landells mentioned that Hammond has a £500M plan to link up Heathrow and HS2 – this was reported in The Sunday Times.

Mrs Sloan said the AGAHST had lobbied the Green party, Clyde Cumry, and asked them to give a speech at the UKIP conference. They have a stand at the Conservative , Labour and Liberal Democrat conferences.

On 13th September Hammond is at the Transport Select Committee and Mrs Sloan and others are going to London in Stop HS2 T-shirts.

5. **Conservation Area** – Bucks Archaeological Society believe a conservation area should be designed to include the church, St. Mary’s house etc. Mr Landells does not believe it will make much difference to the HS2 outcome, although Mrs Sloan pointed out that it would force them to stop and look at it. Mr Landells will look into the proposal in more detail and it will be tabled on the next agenda.
6. **EFW Consultation** – Mr Landells suggests that we “crib” the Hillesden reply. He will forward to all councillors.
7. **Environment Agency re WRG** – Mr Landells and Mrs Sloan attended a meeting with the EA. The main public concerns were the habitat survey, surface water and potential flood problems. They are asking people to write in. There is no plan to use the generated heat, aside from growing a few tomatoes. This reduces efficiency by 50%. The planning application for the greenhouses to grow the tomatoes has not yet been submitted.
AVDC would like to do more of the own recycling rather than send it to BCC.
8. **Local Broadband Plan** – Mr Landells reported that Ofcom / BBC have carried out a recent study by county. Bucks have 76% fast speed and 17-18% very slow. The plan is allegedly to provide 90% high speed broadband (30-40 mgbyt)with the remainder on not less than 2 mgbyt. Mr Landells has written to Bucks Business First but has not received a reply as yet, He will bring it up at the next LAF meeting.
9. **Bridge** – The survey has started and repairs should commence in the next two weeks, to be completed by the end of September.
10. **Burial Ground** – Andrew Gibson wants to plant the tree in memory of his late wife, as discussed at a previous meeting. The spoil from the fence down the back edge will need moving before the tree can be planted. Mr Landells has spoken to Mike Allen and hopes that Mr Wood will be able to use a digger. Mr Landells will speak to Mr Wood.
11. **Playground Surface** – Mr Landells reminded the meeting that the playground surface has been mentioned in the ROSPA report two years running and repairs need to be made as soon as possible. Mr Boasman will go and have a look at it on 13th September.
12. **Correspondence** –
 - Letter from Janice Horan regarding putting a bench in the burial ground in memory of her parents. Mr Landells asked the clerk to pass his contact details to Mrs Horan so that he could discuss with her.
 - AVDC – letter confirming success in our bid for delegated budget funding for 11 dropped kerbs in the village.
 - BCC – minerals and waste core strategy. The clerk will send Mr Landells the link to respond.

13. Planning Applications – Single Story extension to West End House approved.

14. The following cheques were approved and signed:-

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| • R Simmonds – maintenance 2 months | £497.97 |
| • EON unmetered electricity | £99.81 |
| • Anglian Water – Recreation ground | £198.95 |
| • Anglian Water – Allotments | £96.68 |

The next meeting date was set as **October 10th 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.**