

Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting Held at 20.00 hrs on 11th April 2011 At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room

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

Also present: Mrs J Phipps

1. **Apologies.** None
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March were approved having been previously circulated. Minutes for January, February and March meetings were signed.
4. **Village Plan** – Mr Riley updated the meeting on progress. There has been no practical action although a lot of thought has gone into how to proceed. Mr Riley asked the councillors to clarify what an “update” consisted of - does this require all information from the last plan to be updated? It was agreed that the previous recommendations should be looked at individually and any action/completion updated, and ascertain if the remainder were still valid. Mr Landells suggested the update should be in two parts – 1) update what has/has not been achieved and the individual(s) responsible and 2) devise a questionnaire to find out what people would like now. Mr Steele-Tyson said that in the first instance we should ascertain how effective the first plan has been. Mr Riley suggested that the village directory would benefit an update and volunteered to carry out this task.
5. **Playground development** - Mr Riley has been asked if there is any progress on developing a new play area. Mr Landells put forward a radical idea that the Parish Council should approach the owners of the land that runs from the end of Gary Eastman’s garden, parallel to the track and move the proposed burial site, therefore giving ample room for a new play area. Mr Wood felt that perhaps money would be spent on ground too near the proposed HS2 route. Mr Riley and Mr Steele-Tyson felt it would do no harm to ask the question of the owners and also to speak to Gary Eastman. Mr Landells or the clerk will contact the owner. Mr Wood agreed it would be a good idea to ask but feels the tenant may object.
6. **Bridge** - Mr Landells reported that a communication had been received that shows the work is on the list to be done, subject to funds being available. He believes the plan is to demolish the bridge. Mr Landells will pursue and go and see Simon Dudley. Mrs Phipps added that Mr Dudley had got their message and did understand the issues. Mrs Phipps also commented that if Anglian Water are liable there may be monies due from them.
7. **HS2** – The public meeting has been set for 19th May at 8pm in the Village Hall. This date is one week before the road show at Calvert which runs from 8 am. to 8 pm. Mrs Sloan said that the Public meeting was to assist people in the consultation process and give guidance on the questions that needed to be asked at the road show. The plan is for Gary Eastman to go through the questions, with John Bercow (or Jeremy Quinn if unavailable) and someone from Knight Frank or similar in attendance. There are three plans in order of preference – a) Kill the proposal or b) Move the proposed route and finally c) mitigation
8. **WRG Incinerator** – The next planning meeting is in September and a decision should be made shortly after.

- 9. Burial ground** – Mr Steele-Tyson informed the council that planning permission was required for change of use. Mr Steele-Tyson will assist Mr Landells in drawing up the application. The archaeological visit showed a ridge running at right angles to Gary Eastman’s fence and parallel to the graveyard fence which is indicative of a building or enclosure. The archaeologist would like to return and dig but is too busy at present.
- 10. Newsletter** – Mr Landells feels another newsletter is needed before the May elections. He has checked with the requisite authorities and this would not be seen as electioneering. The week ending the 29th April should be aimed for, thus providing a reminder of the Royal Wedding celebrations, the election and referendum. HS2 and incinerator updates should be included, along with the date of the Public Meeting. It would be ideal for Mike Roberts to make a contribution on behalf of the cricket club.
- 11. Church Clock** – Mr Landells has ascertained the cost of the last rewind was in the region of £140.00 and is therefore arranging for the motors to be sent to Banbury rewinds.
- 12. Clothing Recycling Bin** – Mr Riley has rung Martin Jarvis at AVDC and asked if Truepath, the owners of the bin, needed a licence. He was informed that this was not needed from AVDC. Mr Steele-Tyson pointed out that as the bin was sited on Highways land, BCC should be informed. It was agreed that if the bin was not removed by the end of the week, the clerk would again write to Truepath, and copy BCC, Simon Dudley and the Parish Councillors.
- 13. Finance Update** – the clerk gave a brief précis of 2010/11 finances in comparison to 2009/10. A separate analysis of the maintenance costs for the burial ground/graveyard was given, which showed and overall increase in maintenance costs year on year of over 3% of the total precept.

14. The following cheques were approved and signed:-

• R Simmonds – maintenance	£428.02
• EON – pavilion electric 18/12 to 17/3	£26.96
• A Curtis – reimburse for NFU tractor insurance	£84.76
• Roger Landells – reimburse printing expenses	£21.00
• EON – Unmetered supplies	£99.81

The next meeting date was set as May 16th 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.