

**Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting  
held at 20.00 hrs on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
at Twyford Village Hall.**

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

**Also present:** Mrs J.Phipps (District Councillor).

1. **Apologies.** No apologies received.
2. **Declaration of Interest.** Mr Boasman, Mr Riley and Mrs Sloan – Allotments
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were approved and signed, copies having been distributed prior to the meeting. The matters arising from the meeting were reviewed as follows:
  - 3.1 **Pavilion and recreation ground.**

T.J Bennett has not yet confirmed the labour charge for repair of the tractor. The Clerk will follow this up.  
The Council still requires further details from the Cricket Club. The Clerk will contact Mr Roberts. The siting of the nets will be decided upon in conjunction with discussions regarding the extra play area.  
The Clerk read out the quotations so far received for the maintenance on the boundary. Further quotations are to be sought.  
The Clerk is waiting to hear from the Internal Drainage Board regarding the clearing of the hedge on the eastern boundary as part of their program to maintain the ditch in the coming year.
  - 3.2 **Allotments**

Further quotations are to be sought for the pollarding of the trees at the allotments.
  - 3.3 **Village Projects**
    - 3.3.1/3.3.2 **Vehicle Activated Signs and Proposed re-lining/Speed Ramp.**

The meeting with members from Bucks C.C Highways has been postponed due to the bad weather.
    - 3.3.3 **Play Area.**

The Clerk reported that she has been contacted by Mr Cox from WREN regarding the application for a grant, and in view of the additional information requested the Council agreed that the presentation of the application to the awards committee at WREN should be deferred until May. The Clerk will confirm this to Mr Cox. Mr Steele-Tyson has liaised with Mr Elcock and it has been suggested that regular meetings be held for this project.  
Mrs Sloan will look into other grants that may be applied for.  
Mr Cook requested a book in which to record the inspection and maintenance of the play area. The Clerk will purchase a book.
    - 3.3.4 **Burial Ground.**

In the absence of Mr Wood this item was not discussed. It is believed the current documents for the ground are held at the bank. The Clerk will look into this.
- 3.4 **Mill Lane.**

The Clerk reported that further evidence for the use of Mill Lane by motorised vehicles had been passed to Bucks C.C – Definitive Map Officer along with an application to

modify the route from a RUPP to a Byway Open To All Traffic (BOAT). The report that will be submitted to the Rights of Way committee will be sent to the Parish Council two weeks before submission. The Clerk will call a meeting to discuss the report at that time in order that the views of the Council can be given.

**4. Resolve to amend item 1.2 of the Standing Orders to read ‘second Monday of each month’.**

This was agreed by Council and the Standing Orders will be amended accordingly.

**5. To agree and set the annual rent for the allotments for 2009/10.**

In view of the Declarations of Interest this will be discussed at the next meeting when the remaining Councillors can make up a quorum.

**6. To review the level and structure of charges for the burial ground.**

It was agreed to keep the charges at the current level, however the Clerk will establish whether the Grant for Exclusive Use should be issued and charged for in addition to the interment fee for each burial.

**7. To consider the Village Hall Committee request for funding to erect village sign.**

The Council agreed to contribute to the cost for materials to erect the village sign to a maximum of £75.00. The Clerk will confirm to the Village Hall Committee.

**8. To consider a recommendation to take membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks.**

It was agreed that the Council would pay for the Clerk to take membership for one year with the benefits to be reviewed after the year.

**9. Correspondence.**

**Twyford Cricket Club**

A request has been received for the Cricket Club under 10's team to be allowed to use the Recreation Ground for two hours on a Sunday Morning during the summer season. The Council requested a list of the fixtures and other intended use by the Cricket Club over the season. A decision can then be made.

**Buckingham Palace Garden party**

BALC have invited all Councils to nominate a Councillor for the garden party at Buckingham Palace in July 2009. The Council suggested Mr Flint, Mr R. Hodges and Mr Wood. The Clerk will speak to each to confirm that they would be happy to be nominated.

Mr Cook wished to present details for an event to recognise the long service of ex-Councillor Flint. The Chairman advised any proposal that was likely to involve use of Parish Council funds must be tabled in advance of the meeting to enable the necessary public notice and consultation. Mr Cook was advised to give notice to the Clerk at least one week prior to the next meeting.

**10. To approve and sign cheques for the following items of expenditure:**

£120.84	Eon.	Electricity Pavilion
£93.46	Eon.	Electricity Streetlights

**11. Next Meeting** The next meeting will be on **Monday** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Twyford