

# **Approved Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting held at 20.00 hrs on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Twyford Village Hall.**

**Present:** Mr R Landells, Mr A. Wood, Mr B. Steele-Tyson, Mr T. Cook, Mrs R. Sloan, Mr A. Riley and the Clerk, Mrs M. Searle.

**Also present:** Member of the public, Mr C. Hodges.

Public Forum.

Mr Hodges has received correspondence from Bucks C.C regarding the restricted access on Mill Lane and wanted to know what stance the Parish Council would be taking.

The Clerk advised that she had recently chased Bucks C.C regarding this matter as there had not been any progress reported since the questionnaires were sent in February 2008. The Officer dealing with this case has now confirmed that a report is to go to the Public Rights of Way Committee in March. She will therefore be contacting all residents in Twyford who completed a questionnaire in order to verify their evidence and compile the report. The Clerk will also arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and this Officer while she is in Twyford. The Officer's report will be sent to the Parish Council for comment two weeks before it is presented to the committee.

Mr Hodges then left the meeting.

Prior to the meeting Mr Landells and Mr Wood also reported the passing away of Mr Tom Wingfield who was a former Clerk to the Parish Council for many years. The Clerk will send condolences to his family on behalf of the Parish Council.

1. **Apologies.** Mr J. Boasman (Illness). Apology accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest.** Mr Riley and Mrs Sloan – Allotments  
Mr Steele-Tyson – Planning. (agent for application no. 08/02913/APP)
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 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. (item 4.1)**

Quotations have been received for the repair to the brakes on the tractor. It was resolved that the quotation received from T.J Bennett would be accepted pending confirmation of the labour cost. The cost for parts would be £114.00 + VAT.

During the freezing weather there was a leak at the pavilion in the feed to the hot tap in the kitchen. Repairs have been carried out by Alan Watts.

Twyford Cricket Club have sent in a request for the following:

- a. Remove the redundant concrete cricket net base adjacent to the pavilion.
- b. Provide a new concrete base for the score box nearer to the pavilion, and remove the existing base.
- c. New concrete bases to be installed to provide practise nets at the north end of the field.
- d. Removal of the all weather playing surface adjacent to the cricket square.
- e. To reinstate all areas with turf to make good.

These requests were discussed and agreement was given for items a. and d, with an emphasis put on Health and Safety for users of the field whilst the work is carried out. Also the Football Club would need to be given details prior to any work commencing.

Regarding item b. the Council has requested a plan of how the new base would be sited. A decision would then be made. Item c. will be discussed in conjunction with the discussions for siting the proposed extension to the play area. The Clerk will advise the Cricket Club of the above.

### **3.2 Allotments (item 4.2)**

Quotations for the clearing of overgrown trees are expected in the next week.

### **3.3 Village Projects (item 4.4)**

#### **3.3.1 Vehicle Activated Signs and Proposed re-lining.**

The Clerk has requested assistance from Bucks C.C. Transportation Dept regarding these and other traffic issues within Twyford to try and achieve a more co-ordinated approach. An on-site meeting has yet to be confirmed. These items will then be discussed further. Mrs Sloan pointed out that highways were expecting to do a further survey of the drains in Main street. The Clerk confirmed that the Principal Engineer from AVDC would be visiting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to review drains, ditches etc.

#### **3.3.2 Speed Ramp.**

This will be included in the above discussions.

#### **3.3.3 Play Area.**

Mr Landells has been in contact with the residents most affected by the proposed Play Area. Whilst they have no objection to play facilities for the older children, they were not in favour of the proposed site. However, the sites for the proposed cricket nets and the play area could be swapped which they would find more agreeable.

It was agreed that Mr Steele-Tyson would lead a working party, along with Mr Boasman to co-ordinate plans for the play area.

Treatment for the moss and algae on the matting in the play area can be purchased and applied by the Parish Council. This is to be looked into further by the Clerk.

#### **3.3.4 Burial Ground.**

The estimated cost for the transfer of ownership for the piece of land to extend the burial ground is £750.00 + VAT. Mr Wood was instructed by the Council to set in progress the transfer.

## **4. To set the precept for 2009/2010**

In view of the current financial climate, and taking into consideration anticipated outgoings over the next year it was agreed by Council to maintain the precept amount at £10,000 for this coming year.

## **5. Correspondence.**

Restricted Byway – Mill Lane. Additional correspondence received from residents was read and discussed. It was requested that the clerk seek a meeting with S. Burchall at Bucks C.C, (as discussed as part of the Public forum) for the Parish Council to present these items of correspondence along with the views of the Parish Council.

Eon – Streetlight Maintenance Costs. The Clerk read out the revised costs for the coming year.

## **6. Planning.**

08/02854/APP Twyford Lodge. Erection of Porch, re-alignment of access drive with bund and fence. Change of use of land for domestic garden and creation of tennis court/residential area. This application was viewed and discussed. No objections were raised.

08/02913/APP Fairholme, Portway Road, Two storey side and single storey rear extension.

This application was viewed and discussed. No objections were raised. Mr Steele-Tyson did not take part in this discussion.

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

£31.00	Mr Landells	Reimburse for cost of newsletter printing.
£368.33	Twyford PCC	Contribution to grass cutting churchyard & Clock electricity

£364.00	Bill Harbour	Ground maintenance Burial ground & Play area to Aug 2008
£30.00	Bucks Community Action.	Membership fee.
£81.94	Eon.	Streetlights maintenance charge.
£26.79	Mr Landells	Reimburse for cost of replacement parts for gutter at pavilion.
£53.63	R. Simmonds	Ground maintenance Burial Ground, Play area, open spaces Nov/ Dec
£39.67	T.J Bennett	Balance of invoice for mower.

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