

**Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting  
Held at 20.00 hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> January 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, Mr A Wood, Mrs R Sloan and the clerk, Mrs A. Curtis,

**Also present:** Mrs J Phipps and Mr M Davies (village shop committee)

1. **Apologies.** None
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved having been previously circulated.
4. **Village Shop** – Mr Landells informed the meeting that there was a change to the proposed layout of the shop, changing the orientation and shape to enable building work to take place whilst the existing temporary building was still in place. The new proposal does not change the footprint. Planning application will have to be resubmitted although there will be no extra cost for this. It is hoped that the builders can break ground in March/April 2011. Mr Landells asked for thoughts on re-promoting the proposed layout through the village. Mr Davies suggested re-launching after the Village shop AGM when internal plans will also be available. The councillors agreed to the new proposal and the plans will be put up in the shop.

Mr M Davies left the meeting.

5. **Local Transport Plan** – Mr Landells will send an online link to Mrs Sloan. Mr Steele-Tyson asked if input would have more impact as a group – Mr Landells replied possibly, but questionable.
6. **Changes in Planning** – Mr Steele-Tyson updated the meeting on the recent planning workshop attended by himself and Mr Landells. He said that 30/113 parishes were likely to be included in the forthcoming statement, although Twyford is not even on the radar. Planning rules will still remain the same as there still has to be control exercised. Mrs Phipps stated that if Twyford wanted to build affordable housing and the Parish Council backed it then it would probably get approval.
7. **Localism** - Mr Landells said that the Parish Council needed to be prepared with answers should we be asked what we could do. Mr Wood pointed out that it was not possible to decide what tasks could be taken on without knowing what additional funds could be available. Mr Landells said that some ideas could include grass cutting, for example. The AVDC website now has to show all expenditure over £500. Mr Steele-Tyson asked if we have similar information for Highways – Mr Landells said no. Various ideas such as pothole mending were discussed – Mrs Phipps pointed out that there was a long (possibly 10 year) contract in existence for the whole of Bucks, and Mr Steele-Tyson added that this was a difficult area in that three quotes would have to be obtained and this would delay repairs beyond an acceptable timescale. Mr Wood said there was a higher problem – the lack of expenditure on our roads compared to other counties. Mr Landells said that supposedly 15% of the budget is allocated to Highways and this includes bus provisions etc.
8. **Winter Maintenance** – Mr Landells asked that in light of the recent snow spell, how did the PC believe the village coped and was there a need to purchase a manual gritting machine for pavements

and minor roads? There has not been an adequate reply regarding the supply of bulk grit. Mr Wood pointed out that he has got a stock of 40 tonnes of sand. Mr Boasman asked that if we were to purchase a gritting machine, we would need to organise someone to operate it. Mr Landells suggested that Richard Simmonds could do this and Mrs Sloan agreed but said he should be asked first. Mr Steele-Tyson pointed out that someone from Bucks did come around the village during the recent cold spell, shovelling grit. Mrs Phipps asked Mr Wood if farmers would be prepared to take on the job of distributing bulk grit, delivering it to strategic places in the village. Mr Wood said he would not mind dropping off in one or two designated places but time constraints would prevent anything more.

**9. Burial Ground** – The clerk advised that the purchase had been completed. Mr Steele-Tyson said that a copy of the deeds should be obtained. Mr Landells said the ground would need to be levelled and Mr Steele-Tyson added that it would also require consecrating. Mr Landells will get a quote for timber and wire fencing to secure – Mike Allen has offered to provide a keen price. Mr Wood said that we needed to decide when the ground would be required and to level that part and fence at the time it was needed to reduce maintenance costs. On the recreation ground side the chain link fencing is in poor condition and will require attention in the next 2-4 years. Mr Landells said that out of courtesy the PCC should be spoken to. Mrs Sloan asked if the PC could have a Geofiz carried out on the ground to which the councillors agreed. Mr Wood asked if it would be acceptable to recharge a portion of the legal costs incurred in the purchase to Charndon and Poundon Parish Councils. It was agreed this should be done. The clerk will write an initial letter to those PC's in advance of raising a charge.

**10. Pavilion -**

- **Extension** - there appears to be no progress by Mike Roberts on locating funding.
- **Water** – no adjusted bill had yet been received
- **Ditches** – the clerk has been trying to contact John Oldfield of River Ouze Drainage without success at the moment
- **Hedge Laying** – two quotes are needed. Mr Wood asked if any grant is available and Mr Landells doubts that there is.
- **Machinery** – Mike Roberts is no longer an officer of the cricket club and there is no update on machinery. Mr Landells will speak to Steve Boardman and Will Abbott regarding replacement machinery and Mr Wood will look in the Farmers Weekly. The CC and FC need to be asked for the names of current officers and key holders and a fixtures list. The clerk will organise.

**11. Dropped Kerbs** – Mr Landells reported that funding has been applied for and will be decided at the next LAF meeting in March. Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust have completed the dropped kerb in Rosehill Crescent.

**12. Parish Plan** – Mrs Sloan does not have the time to spend on this. Mr Landells has asked Steve Elcock to help and he has agreed. Mr Riley was asked if he would be willing to act as manager on behalf of the PC and he agreed.

**13. Royal Events** – Mr Landells has talked to Julia Cook who has volunteered to lead a representative group from the village consisting of village hall, church, school etc. to organise something for the Diamond Jubilee. Mr Cook will act as PC liaison.

**14. Village Recovery Plan** – Mr Landells has spoken to Stuart Woodward who is willing to manage drawing up the plan. Mr Wood asked if a questionnaire is required. Mr Steele-Tyson and Mr Landells will act as PC liaison with Mr Woodard.

**15. Precept** – Mr Landells proposed that the precept for 2011/12 should remain unchanged. This was agreed by all present.

**16. Planning Applications** – none.

**17. The following cheques were approved and signed:-**

- **Richard Simmonds**            **maintenance**            **£92.63**
- **Roger Landells**            **printing**            **£25.20**
- **EON**            **pavilion electricity**            **£34.15**

**The next meeting date was set as February 7th 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.**