

# **Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting Held at 20.00 hrs on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room**

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

**Also present:** Mrs J Phipps

**1. Apologies.** Mr B Steele-Tyson

**2. Declaration of Interest.** None

**3. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were approved having been previously circulated.

**4. HS2 update** – Mrs Sloan reported that a meeting had been secured for 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 with the HS2 environmental people. Letters had been requested and Mrs Sloan clarified that one letter signed by many would suffice.

Mr Riley believed that Mr Castle had said the line could be moved? A discussion regarding the bat colony discovered along the proposed route took place where it was pointed out that the M40 had to be moved due to bats. Mrs Phipps recalled that somewhere in Germany a bat colony was relocated and they died. Mrs Sloan asked if Mrs Phipps could find any evidence of this it would be useful. Mr Wood thought that Steven Hodges would be able to provide evidence, and he believes that HS2 are already aware of the case. Mrs Sloan pointed out that no radar equipment could be sited in a bat area and Mr Wood said that WRG were looking at moving the incinerator nearer to Calvert due to this. Mrs Phipps noted that amended plans would need to be submitted to move the incinerator site.

Mrs Sloan offered to circulate a copy of Phil Hammonds 2001 report on central rail to any councillors interested.

Mr Landells proposed that the July Parish Council meeting is given over to preparing the PC reply to HS2 and that the village should perhaps be pre-notified.

**5. Church Bells** – Mr Landells reported that the motors had been rewound and would be collected the next day.

**6. Correspondence :**

- Theatre letter – Mr Riley has organised an event although it was arranged separately to the correspondence received as he was able to secure a cheaper option
- Localism – a letter from Buckingham Town Council was circulated where they are suggesting more liaisons with Parish Councils. Mr Wood suggested a reply should be sent saying that if localism is the flavour of the day, what can BTC do regarding HS2? At this stage the bridge closure was mentioned and Mrs Phipps suggested that an invitation to visit should be sent to Val Letheren's replacement – Peter Harding. Mrs Phipps will also be writing to Martin Tett.
- An AVDC neighbourhood planning consultation letter and toolkit were given to Mr Riley as he is driving the update on the Parish Plan.

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

- Richard Simmonds    Maintenance                            £257.16**
- Zurich Insurance     Annual Insurance premium    £1367.46**
- Banbury Rewinds     Motor Rewind clock chimes    £168.00**

**The next meeting date was set as July 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.**