

Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting

Held at 20.00 hrs on 14th March 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, and the clerk, Mrs A. Curtis,

Also present: Mrs J Phipps

1. **Apologies.** Mr A Riley, Mrs R Sloan
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February were approved having been previously circulated.
4. **Village Plan** – in the absence of Mr Riley this item was carried forward to the next meeting agenda.
5. **Recreation Ground**
 - Pavilion – Mr Landells has spoken to Stuart Misseldene and in light of HS2, plans to extend are at present on hold.
 - Alan Watts - an e-mail, pertaining to be from Alan Watts, resigning from all posts held, was sent out without his knowledge and the content is false.
 - Tractor – Mr Landells reported that some enquiries were being made on behalf of the PC regarding the tractor. Mr Steele-Tyson has a work neighbour who seems to be involved with tractors and he will also seek his advice.
 - Play area – Mr Landells said that the Pc were committed to doing something regarding the surface. Mr Steele-Tyson asked for the ROSPA report to be circulated amongst councillors. There are various options, some of which are more economic. Mr Wood has a supply of matting that we may be able to make use of. Mr Steele-Tyson will get feedback from the toddler group.
 - Fence on South side – all agreed that no fencing was required where the hedge had been pollarded.
6. **Transport for Bucks** – there has been no response to letters sent. Mr Landells will ring Val Letheren or copy the e-mail sent to Jim Stevens. Mr Cook mentioned that he had heard that roads could only be closed by the government and if it is for repair then a time frame must be given. The time frame of 18 months on the amended closure notice would appear to cover this.
7. **Disaster Plan** – Mr Steele-Tyson updated the meeting. A disaster plan action committee meeting has taken place with a resultant double-sided A4 draft plan which will be circulated to villagers in the next few weeks. It has been suggested that there should be three Parish Councillors in possession of a more detailed plan that could be used as a point of contact should a disaster befall the village. This plan needs to be put in place and put to the Disaster Plan committee. Mr Landells said that the school has a disaster plan in place, but there was no management available at Lime Tree Court to be able to ascertain their status. Mr Steele-Tyson said the disaster plan committee, named TWERP, would contact the school and Lime Tree to ensure their plans were in line with the overall village plan.
8. **Public meetings** - Mr Landells reported that these would be held back until 19th May due to poor information on the HS2 consultation. Mr Landells is hoping to get someone from Knight Frank to attend the meeting in regard to compensation, and also John Bercow. There will be seven major

consultation points which will be dealt with by Mr Landells (3), Mrs Sloan (2) and Gary Eastman (2). Mr Landells has also written to other Parish Councils likely to be affected.

- 9. WRG Incinerator** – Mr Steele-Tyson said the WRG newsletter was both shocking and disgraceful. Mr Landells feels it is difficult to see what change we can now get. He also thinks that the county council, should have made a declaration of interest. No physical plans have been received despite Mrs Phipps e-mailing the responsible person and requesting them. Mrs Phipps will make enquiries.
- 10. Burial ground** – Mr Landells has attended a PCC meeting. Mr Landells asked if the PC require planning permission but Mr Steele-Tyson believes the PC has its own planning powers and does not require permission. Mr Landells asked if the PC wanted to consecrate all of the new ground or perhaps leave a portion un-consecrated. Once the archaeological works have been decided upon, we will need to fence the ground if it is being consecrated; otherwise it need not be fenced until a later date. There are currently four plots left in the current line of the old ground and a further ten in the remaining line. The existing fence will need to be removed once the four plots in the current line are used. Mr Steele-Tyson suggested moving the fence over by two line widths, consecrate that area and have it ready for use. Mr Wood pointed out that the two new widths would need to be prepared well in advance as the ground would sink as it settles.
- 11. Newsletter** – Further to items in the newsletter, Raymond Hodges has asked Mr Boasman why the clock motors cannot be rewound as opposed to replacing them. Mr Landells explained the workings of the clock in brief and said that the motors were rewound approximately eight years ago. Two quotes for repair have been received, the lowest £2,500 and the highest £7,000 dependant on what work is undertaken. It is believed that £210 was the quote for a new motor. Mr Boasman asked why the PCC were not liable for the cost and Mr Landells and Mrs Phipps explained that the clock had been left to the PC in perpetuity. Mr Cook suggested that Banbury Rewinds, based in Brackley, are contacted for a quote and Mr Steele-Tyson suggested getting Steve Elcock to have a look at it.

12. Correspondence

- OCC invitation to closer communities strategy on 6th April 2011- letter circulated.
- AVDC – planning information newsletter circulated
- AVDC – denial of planning at Elm Grove House circulated.

13. Planning Applications – none.

14. The following cheques were approved and signed:-

• Glasdon UK Ltd – new rubbish bins x 2	£422.99
• R Simmonds – maintenance	£240.50
• Anglian Water – playing field	£176.65
• Buckingham Screen Print – Stop HS2 vinyls	£618.00
• Anglian Water – allotments	£137.78

The next meeting date was set as April 11th 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.