

Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting Held at 20.00 hrs on 8th November 2010 At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room

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

Also present: Mrs J Phipps

- 1. Apologies.** Mr T Cook, Mr B Steele-Tyson
- 2. Declaration of Interest.** None
- 3. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th October were approved having been previously circulated.
- 4. Vehicle Activated Signs** - Mr Landells had asked for the signs to be calibrated. Bucks CC claimed that the Bicester Road sign had been vandalised. The cost for putting a cowl on the Portway Road sign so that it can be seen in sunlight has been quoted at £850.00. The Clerk has asked BCC why the PC should pay to put right equipment that is not fit for purpose and is awaiting a reply. The speed data has now been collated and the results show that there is 50% less traffic on Portway Road – a direct result of the bridge closure, presumably. Portway Road speeds have reduced but Bicester Road have increased. A discussion regarding the bridge where Mr Wood pointed out that “Access only” signs did not specify access to where and therefore vehicles would still be able to use the bridge. Mrs Sloan said that clarification was required on emergency vehicle access should the road by Greatmoor be flooded. Mrs Phipps suggested including Mr Brian Roberts in any correspondence – he has been very useful on other issues.
- 5. Burial Ground** – The clerk brought the transfer paperwork which was duly signed by the three trustees and witnessed. Mr Wood suggested having a legal tenancy agreement drawn up for the area currently used by third parties until fencing is completed.
- 6. Waste Bins** – the Clerk showed prices of 2 types of bins. It was agreed that two bins would be purchased.
- 7. Winter Gritting** – Mr Landells had hoped to get a reply from TfB (Simon Dudley) on gritting and bulk delivery of grit/salt but unfortunately has not yet had a reply. Mrs Phipps reported that the Gawcott – Calvert Green Road will definitely be gritted. If the council supplies grit we can use it in the village without insurance implications. Mr Landells will ask Pete Wood regarding possible storage of a bulk delivery.
- 8. Community Car Scheme** – Mr Landells read the literature regarding this. He questioned whether there was a need for it in the village. Mrs Sloan suggested that the names of people willing to participate could be gathered. Mr Landells agreed and it will be published in the next Parish magazine.
- 9. Water Leak at recreation ground** – Mr Landells reported that Nathan, the water board engineer had inspected the site and confirmed that the meter was at fault. The Clerk has been in touch regarding a replacement and recalculated bill it is hoped this will be done by the end of November.

- 10. Parish Plan update** – Mrs Sloan reported that there had not yet been any progress with this. Mr Landells informed the meeting that the costs of the last plan were in the region of £1500.00 but it is hoped that costs can be reduced to just printing this time as it is only an update.
- 11. Planning application new shop** - planning permission has been granted and it is hoped to break ground in the Spring. The temporary planning will probably need to be extended.
- 12. Water Leak at recreation ground** – the water board were contacted by the clerk and they said their meter reader had noted the high usage but said the meter was not at fault. It was agreed that the clerk should contact them again and ask for an engineer to visit at a time when one of the councillors could accompany the engineer. Mr Riley has ascertained that the leak is from the bottom of the meter. Mr Wood asked who is responsible for the excessive bill. Mr Landells said that the cricket club would have to pay some of it with the PC paying the balance. Mr Steele-Tyson pointed out that the CC may say they pay for water but are not responsible for turning off the stop cock and therefore not liable for a higher charge
- 13. Correspondence** – planning workshop being held - Mr Landells would like to attend on 29th November and the Clerk will give the details to Mr Steele-Tyson as he has expressed an interest too.
- 14. Planning Applications** – none.
- 15. The following cheques were approved and signed:-**
- AVDC – dog bins **£60.79**
 - R Simmonds – maintenance **£301.62**
 - Clerk – 6 months to 30/9/10 **£721.44**
 - G Hodges – grave digging **£200.00**

The next meeting date was set as January 10th 2011 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.