

**Minutes of Twyford Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held at 20.00 hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Twyford URC Hall**

Present: Mr A Wood(Vice Chairman), Mr A Flint, Mr T Cook, Mrs S Wood, Mrs R. Sloan, and the Clerk Mrs M. Searle.

Also present: Mr H Cadd. (County Councillor)

Apologies: Mr B. Giles, Mr R. Landells

1. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were read and approved.

2. **Matters Arising.**

Fencing the pond. A broad discussion was held on the matter taking in the following points:

- Mr J. Cadd does not want any Parish Council involvement with the pond.
- However it was felt that the parish could donate funds for the fence as a community gesture as a thankyou for allowing fishing to people within the village.
- Would Mr Cadd allow an event such as a 'one day' fishing competition run , and duly insured etc, by the Parish Council? Mr A Wood to continue to liaise with Mr Cadd.
- Mr H. Cadd suggested contacting BALC regarding the issue of liability on the part of the Parish Council if this fence is provided. The Clerk to contact BALC.

From this discussion arose anecdotal evidence that various 'cups' were held by the village for awarding to competition winners etc. It was thought that these could once again be made available to the village for use. Mr A. Flint to contact Mr R Hodges to try and establish their whereabouts.

3. **Remuneration for the Clerk.** The Clerk is to contact BALC to obtain details.

4. **Drains.**

Mrs R. Sloan reported that work on the drains in Main St and Church St should be starting imminently. However it is anticipated that this is to patch only, not to replace or fully repair the whole system. Mr H. Cadd explained this was probably due to limits on the Highways budget. Mr Cadd will speak to T.Fowler regarding this job and send the Clerk an update on what is happening.

5. **Allotments.**

Mrs R. Sloan to provide an up to date list of allotment holders.

Mr T Cook read a letter from Mr C. Scott inviting members of the Parish Council to meet with allotment holders to discuss various issues. Mr Cook then elaborated that some holders are not happy about the number of allotments that have not been cultivated and are therefore spreading weeds.

Mr H. Cadd suggested identifying those holders not using their plots and serve a notice to vacate. However, it was felt that as there was no formal agreement between allotment

holders and the Parish Council this might be difficult and therefore would be discussed further by the Parish Council at the next meeting. The Parish Clerk is to contact Mr Scott to confirm the matter is in hand.

6. **Bus Shelter**

Mrs R. Sloan confirmed Mr C. Scott is happy to repaint the bus shelter. The Clerk is to write to Mr Scott to request quotations for refreshing the shelter or to renew the painting.

It was suggested that perhaps this was something the youth club might be involved in but it was felt that Mr Scott would probably work with his own specialist products and equipment.

7. **Recreation ground and pavilion.**

Floodlighting. Mr A. Flint contacted WREN who confirmed that a grant can be sought for this purpose. Mr Flint is to complete the forms for sending to WREN.

Speedbumps. Mr M. Allen has provided a quotation for two types of speed bump. Mr H. Cadd suggested increasing the grant application to WREN to cover this. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Boundary. There is still an outstanding repair to a boundary fence post that was damaged when the play area was put in. This cost could also be included in the grant application. It was also pointed out by Mr A. Flint that the hedge along the back of the field was in a poor state. Mrs R. Sloan suggested obtaining a quotation for laying the hedge, however Mr A. Wood thought the best action would be to coppice the hedge as it was and replant with hawthorn. Mr H. Cadd would contribute the Hawthorn from the Community Leaders fund. The Clerk to raise this matter at the June meeting when it would be the right time to action this.

Tractor. The Clerk is to send a letter to both the Football and Cricket Clubs inviting them to meet at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November to discuss allowed drivers.

8. **Electricity Supply to Rosehill Crescent** This matter remains ongoing.

9. **Hodges Committee Room Plaque**

Mr A. Flint gave thanks to Trevor and Julia Cook to arranging and providing the barbecue. Also to Mrs S. Wood and Mr R. Landells for organising the gifts for Mrs A. Thorne and Mr R. Hodges. Mr H. Cadd is to raise a 'Certificate of Recognition' for Mr Hodges' service to the Council. The Clerk is to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Cook.

10. **Restricted Byway No. 7/8 – Mill Lane.**

There was a broad discussion on this matter concerning the historic status of the path with Mr Cadd recalling that the previous restricted status had been lifted during World War II and never reinstated. A short report by Mrs J Phipps was also passed around. However it was felt that as Mr B. Giles undertook to pursue this it would be discussed at the next meeting when he is present. Both Mr A. Wood and Mr H. Cadd added that they would like to be included in any meeting with Bucks C.C on this matter.

11. **Planning** No new planning applications have been received.

**12. Cheques for payment**

Chris Drewett Engraving - £283.17. (R.Hodges Plaque. raised 18<sup>th</sup> Sept)  
Mr A. Riley - £40.00. (Repair to leak in pavilion shower room)  
Anglian Water - £119.96 (Playing field)  
Anglian Water - £81.86 (Allotments)  
Faulkners - £293.75. (Rental for allotments)  
Stems of Marsh Gibbon - £25.00 (Bouquet for Mrs A.Thorne)  
Mrs J. Cook - £96.04 (Catering for R.Hodges event)  
ABB Ltd - £80.37 (Street light maintenance)

**13. Any other business**

Burial Ground. Mr A.Wood read letters he has received from Faulkners regarding the proposed acquisition of land to extend the burial ground which unfortunately the Land owners are not willing to do at this time. Following a further conversation Mr Wood had with Faulkners they have asked him to supply them with details of the size required. Mr Wood is to continue to liaise with the agent. The Clerk to let Mr Wood know how much space is left in the current burial ground to try and ascertain how critical this situation might be.

Parish touring schemes 2008. The Clerk read out correspondence from Bucks C.C concerning activities available to the village. Details and application forms for Music in Quiet Places and Perfect Village Sunday were passed to Mrs J Cook for the P.C.C. Mrs S. Wood to follow up on the possibilities for the Mobile skate park and the Holiday activities.

**14. Next Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2007, 8pm. Venue to be confirmed. Additional meeting with the Football and Cricket Clubs at 7.30pm to discuss tractor usage (to be confirmed).

Item	Action	By:
2	Mr A Wood to continue to liaise with Mr Cadd The Clerk to contact BALC	AW Clerk
3	The Clerk is to contact BALC to obtain details	Clerk
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6	The Clerk is to write to Mr Scott to request quotations	Clerk
7	Mr Flint is to complete the forms for sending to WREN	AF

9	The Clerk is to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Cook	Clerk
13	Mr Wood is to continue to liaise with the agent. Let Mr Wood know how much space is left in the current burial ground. Parish touring schemes 2008	AW Clerk SW