

**Copy of Draft Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting
Held at 20.00 hrs on 11th October 2010
At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room**

Present: Mr R Landells (Chairman), Mr T Cook, Mr J Boasman, Mr B Steele-Tyson, Mr A Riley, Mr A Wood and the clerk, Mrs A. Curtis,

Also present: None

1. **Apologies.** Mrs J Phipps
2. **Declaration of Interest.** None
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September were approved having been previously circulated.
4. **Walk to School** – Mr Landells has been approached by parents of the village school to ask if the recreation ground could be utilised for parking to encourage the “walk to school” initiative, which will enable the school to be eco-friendly. No-one had any objections.
5. **Burial Ground** – Mr Landells informed councillors that the contract papers had been approved and the clerk confirmed that there were approximately £1645 of fees left to pay, including VAT. The trustees will remain at present as Mr Landells, Mr Wood and Mrs Searle.
6. **Maintenance tasks and timings** – concern was expressed by Mr Landells that although Richard Simmonds carries out good work, it is not controlled in terms of hours or tasks. He aims to draw up a Job Description and the clerk will provide the last 12 months costs.
7. **Precept** – the clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been received indicating that the precept requirement must be lodged by 21st January 2011. It was agreed that a Finance sub committee comprising Mr R Landells, Mr B Steele-Tyson and Mr Wood along with the clerk would be formed to discuss requirements.
8. **HS2** – Mr Landells was not impressed by the recent meeting with Phil Hammond, particularly the last minute change of venue. He is of the opinion the project may go ahead whatever happens. He asked that the name of the person at HS2 that is publishing information is put on the PC website. Mr Hammond did say at the meeting that there would definitely be no freight, although Mr Landells thinks it will all revolve around the business case. Mr Wood has heard that Preston Bissett believe the route affecting them is just as likely – the route would be better between the two – Mr Landells pointed out that this was not possible as it would go through a farm. Mr Steel-Tyson asked if they were pursuing the business case for the other two routes with the same vigour – The Rothschild’s at Waddesdon should be big enough to fight a business case.
9. **Parish Plan update** – this was carried forward to the next meeting in the absence of Mrs Sloan.
10. **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.
11. **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.

12. VAS – the sign on the Portway Road is very difficult to see on a sunny day. Mr Landells has asked for a sign shield to be fitted. He has also asked for both signs to be calibrated as they seem to go off from a long distance which Mr Wood pointed out upsets people and defeats the object.

13. Hedge Laying – Mr Wood asked if this had been organised. Mr Landells asked if Mr Wood could double check with Steve Hodges that he does want it done and then we would obtain three quotes.

14. Correspondence – none.

15. Planning Applications – none.

16. The following cheques were approved and signed:-

1. R Simmonds - maintenance	£305.55
2. Anglian Water – recreation ground (will not be posted yet)	£518.90
3. Horizon Treecare – removal of dangerous branch	£58.75
4. EON _ street lighting	£86.36
5. EON – unmetered	£99.81
6. Bidwells - allotments	£293.75
7. Mazars – annual audit	£158.62
8. EON – recreation ground	£88.86

The next meeting date was set as November 8th 2010 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.