

Minutes of Twyford Parish Council Meeting
Held at 20.00 hrs on 10th September 2007 at Twyford URC Hall

Present: Mr B Giles (Chairman), Mr A Flint, Mr T Cook, Mr R Landells, and the Clerk Mrs M. Searle.

Also present: Mrs J Phipps. (District Councillor)

Apologies: Mr A Wood, Mrs R Sloan, Mrs S Wood

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2007 were read and approved with one addition to section one by B.Giles.

Matters Arising.

1. Fencing the Pond. Mr A Wood asked Mr A Flint to report his further discussion with Mr Cadd confirming that if the Parish Council supplied the post and wire fencing Mr Cadd would put up the fence. Ben Giles was concerned that this would only benefit a small number in the Parish and felt the money might be better used to benefit the village as a whole. It was agreed that the cost needed to be established. It was also felt that more information would be required regarding implications for Public Liability. Also that any impact on the village if the fence is not supplied should be identified. Mr B Giles requested that Mr A Wood continue to liaise with Mr Cadd. This matter is to be discussed further.
2. Recruitment of Clerk. Mr B Giles welcomed Mrs M Searle as Parish Clerk. Mrs Searle is to find out further details concerning remuneration and expenses.
3. Drains. As Mrs R Sloan was not present this matter is to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Allotments. As Mrs R Sloan was not present this matter is to be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Bus Shelter. As Mrs R Sloan was not present this matter is to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Recreation Ground and Pavilion.

Floodlighting. Mr A Flint reported on the meeting held with the Football Club where it was put forward that grants would be applied for by the Parish Council and that the Council would own the floodlights, with the Clubs to maintain and cover running costs. Mr B Giles presented a letter from Mr K Searle raising concerns over intrusion, traffic and quality of village life issues. Mr A Flint confirmed that the intended use was for training Wednesday evenings only, as already exists when daylight is available and would not be varied. Mr B Giles confirmed this would need to go through the normal planning process where items such as allowed usage would be agreed.

Mrs J Phipps suggested contacting AVDC Recreation and Leisure department who would be able to advise on the impact of the lights. Mr A Flint was happy that the suppliers could provide help with this. Mr B Giles to draft a response to Mr Searle.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion cont'd

Mr T Cook reported a leak from the pipes to the water heater in the gents' toilets. Mrs Searle to contact Mr A Riley or Mr P Finck to carry out necessary repairs.

With regard to the safe use of the tractor on the recreation ground the Parish Council is to invite the Football and Cricket clubs to meet with the council to resolve this matter.

Mr B Giles queried whether dogs should be prohibited from the recreation ground. It was pointed out that a footpath runs across the field and therefore it was unlikely that dogs could be prohibited. It was also felt that this would be ignored anyway. Mr R Landells raised the possibility of providing a 'dog bin' but a previous investigation into this has shown the cost to be excessive.

Mr A Flint would like both the Cricket club and the Football club to be congratulated on their achievements over the past year within the proposed Parish Council Newsletter. Mr B Giles look into including this.

On the issue of speed bumps on the approach to the recreation ground Mr A Flint has spoken to Mr M Allen who will get back to him.

7. Electricity Supply to Rosehill Crescent. This matter is ongoing and Mr A Flint will continue to chase improvement to the supply.
8. Hodges Committee Room Plaque. Mr A Flint has obtained a quotation of £283.17 (inc VAT) and a proof for the plaque. It was agreed that Mr Flint should place the order for the plaque. Regarding an additional gift for Mr R Hodges it was agreed, after consulting Mrs Hodges, that a Victoria Plum tree be purchased. Mr R Landells to obtain price for and arrange purchase of a tree. The presentation to Mr R Hodges is to be held on the 23rd September 2007 at 1.30pm at the home of Mr T Cook. It was thought that up to 26 people were likely to attend. Mr T Cook is to obtain a marquee and organise the barbecue. Mrs M Searle will send invitations to all known past and present councillors and clerks. Mr A Flint confirmed that £100.00 can be used from Parish funds for the event along with the donated amount. Also at the event a bouquet is to be presented to Mrs A Thorne as she stands down as Parish Clerk. Mrs S Wood is to organise the bouquet. Funds are also available for this.
9. Land Registry. Regarding the extension to the burial ground, a decision is expected to be made by the current owners of the piece of land by the end of the month. On the issue of registering ownership of pieces of land within the village Mr A Flint is to follow this up with Mr A Wood.

Planning There were no plans for approval.

Cheques for Payment.

UHY Hacker Young - £158.63 (Audit fees)
Street Design Ltd - £43.07 (Basketball backboard)

Any Other Business.

1. Mr R Landells confirmed monthly minutes can be done electronically and pasted into the minutes book.
2. Cheques signatories. Forms were handed to Mr R Landells for completion by himself and Mrs S Wood.
3. Internet presence. Mr R Landells pointed out that there was already a website – www.twyfordcommunity.com posting village information. Mr B Giles felt that a Parish Council website should be kept distinct. Agreement was given for Mr Giles to proceed with the website.
4. Fly tipping. As Mrs R Sloan was not present this matter is to be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Skateboarding. As Mrs R Sloan was not present this matter is to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. The Restricted Byway. Mr B Giles reported that Mill Lane has been converted to a 'restricted byway' under Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 which is designed to stop inappropriate use by motor vehicles. It was felt that the residents of the village should have been consulted and this change of use should be contested as Mill Lane is, at times, required for access if Main Street is blocked. B Giles to pursue this with County Highways.
7. Mr A Flint presented a letter from Oxfordshire Council concerning the theft of road signs within the county creating possible hazards for road users. Signs are being replaced ASAP. This was for information only, no action is required.
8. Mr A Flint produced a range of advisory leaflets from AVDC:-
 - Home security. It was suggested this be included in the Newsletter.
 - Youth alcohol and drug issues. Mr Giles will hand this to Mrs S Hallam for the youth club.
 - Core Strategy Development Plan – to be held by the Parish Clerk and made available if required.

Mrs J Phipps suggested a rack in the village shop for AVDC and BCC leaflets. Mr R Landells will look into this.

9. Mr B Giles showed a draft layout for the proposed first edition of the newsletter. Mr Giles will continue to progress this.
10. Mrs J Phipps will be happy to attend future meetings and be available if needed.

Date and place of next meeting.

15th October 2007 at 20.00hrs, Twyford Village Hall.