

# **Minutes for Twyford Parish Council Meeting Held at 20.00 hrs on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 At Twyford Village Hall Committee Room**

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

**Also present:** Mrs J Phipps (District councillor)

- 1. Apologies.** Mr A Riley, Mrs R Sloan, Mr A Wood.
- 2. Declaration of Interest.** None
- 3. Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July were approved having been previously circulated.
- 4. HS2 update** – Mr Cook told the council that a meeting held at Great Missenden the previous Sunday had lasted for six hours. On Tuesday there is a walk taking place and photos will be taken by Rob. Lots of people needed wearing the HS2 T-shirts. Mr Landells said he believed the route had been altered. Mr Boasman confirmed that it had, but at Brackley. Nothing has been heard from the minister, Phil Hammond and Mrs Sloan was not present so could not present any update. Mr Landells suggested that the PC should register the recreation ground as a Village Green. He has spoken to Richard Howard who is trying to register the land by Akerman. Mr Steele-Tyson queried whether Village Green status would prevent future building on the ground. Mrs Phipps believes that sports related facilities would be fine. Mr Steele-Tyson asked for the definition of Village Green to be defined and Mr Landells will send him the presentation. Mrs Phipps pointed out that the biggest downside would be that any future house building to raise funds would not be possible. Mr Boasman asked what the process for application was.
- 5. WRG waste plant** – No update due to the absence of Mrs Sloan. Mrs Phipps believes the Solihull site visit was interesting – old but it showed the workings.
- 6. Website** – Mr Steele-Tyson confirmed that the site should be able to be viewed by the end of the week. HS2 links will be present.
- 7. Burial Ground extension** – paperwork has now been received from Blake Laphorn. Mr Landells pointed out that Mary Searle was named as a trustee and this would need to be changed. Perhaps the vicar should be asked? Mr Steele-Tyson suggested leaving Mary as trustee for now to expedite completion and changing afterward. Mr Landells will read the paperwork and organise a meeting to sign off.
- 8. Recreation Ground/Pavilion** – no update could be given as Mike Roberts has torn some ligaments in his knee and is scheduled for an operation on Wednesday after which he will be in a brace for 6 weeks.
- 9. Play Area Quotes** – the quote from Wicksteed was circulated. Another company from Milton Keynes came out today and have suggested an alternative surface which uses a rubber mesh that grass will grow through. This would cost in the region of £15/sq metre. It has an indefinite shelf life. The existing concrete base would have to be taken up which Mr cook estimates at an extra cost of £80/sq metre. He would be able to organise the removal. Mr Steele-Tyson believes the mesh is a better and longer lasting solution. Mr Landells said the more expensive quote should be toted in efforts to raise

funds – Mrs Phipps suggested looking in the playground magazine, approaching AVDC leisure department and the National Association of leisure.

- 10. Ditches at recreation ground** – no response has yet been received from the drainage board. Whilst discussing the recreation ground, Mr Landells questioned the use of the ground by the FC when there was not a single member resident in Twyford. When the Parish Plan is drawn up, we should be asking what leisure facilities people want. Perhaps a bowling green or tennis courts? Mr Boasman asked if the CC took up as much room as the FC and Mr Landells confirmed that they use more. He also pointed out that if HS2 goes ahead, part of the recreation ground will be lost so the CC will have to move South which will encroach on FC pitch. Mr Boasman asked how much maintenance the FC carry out and Mr Landells confirmed a fair amount. Mrs Phipps asked if we should be encouraging children's football as the CC do with cricket – Mr Landells replied that this was a good idea but Mr Watts was the only person ever involved and there are a few other junior teams already in the area. Mr Cook pointed out that without the FC there may be an opportunity to build a larger play area.
- 11. Community Right To Build** – Mrs Phipps can tell the PC how to find out more. Jean Fox at the Bucks Community Action should be invited to come and talk to the PC. She will tell us that the village has to be circulated with a questionnaire that is provided; people have to apply to live in the houses; the land owner has to give or sell the land at a low price and it has to be land not normally allowed for residential build; the build is funded by the housing association; houses are of a very high standard, well insulated; if enough people qualify they will build 50% of requirement. The houses can be part-bought up to 80% of the value or rented. If bought, they must be sold back to the association if wishing to move and the same % profit as the initial purchase % would be retained by the occupier. The property would then go to another village person or village connected. Marsh Gibbon had an issue in that they chose a site but did not tell the village. Residents will be for the plan in her opinion unless they live next to the proposed site. Jean Fox has a film that shows the houses and the build. Mr Landells said that part of the Parish Plan update needs to identify if there is a demand.
- 12. Shop Planning** – Mrs Phipps believes it is going to delegated committee – decided by officers. The height appears to be Ok from a planning view.
- 13. Correspondence** - letters regarding the following were circulated:-

Pauline Hodges regarding hedge laying and why the PC were paying for this – Mr Landells will respond

**14. The following cheques were approved and signed:-**

1. R Landells – expenses key cutting & printing	£33.27
2. R Simmonds - maintenance	£255.51
3. MJE Mechanical Engineering – mower repairs	£88.13
4. Twyford Village Hall – 6 days hire	£30.00
5. Blinking Lamp co – T shirts (to be reimbursed by RS)	£502.32
6. Anglian Water – allotments	£201.50
7. Buckingham Screen prints – (to be reimbursed by RS)	£164.50

A cheque for £518.90 payable to Anglian Water for the recreation ground was held over until the clerk has spoken to them regarding the leak.

**The next meeting date was set as October 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 20:00 hours in the Village Hall committee room.**