

TWYNING PARISH COUNCIL

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M I N U T E S (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)
 Of A MEETING of Twyning Parish Council
 held at <https://us04web.zoom.us> on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Bartlam, Edes, Ellis, Hadley, Holden, Horsfall (Chair), Murray
 Also Present: Clerk/RFO, County Councillor Kevin Cromwell, Borough Councillors Mike Sztymiak, Phillip Workman, 5 members of the public

334	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting. There were no requests.</p>
335	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors are reminded to give their apologies in writing to the clerk prior to any meeting. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Irwin, Cllr Nottage. Cllr Bartlam & Hadley joined the meeting at 339e.</p>
336	<p><u>Declaration of interest/Requests for Dispensation</u> There were no declarations of interest/requests</p>
337	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th November 2020</u> The Minutes were agreed as a true record</p>
338	<p><u>Progress on Matters from Previous Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S106 funding request sent to TBC for their consideration – Permission granted – to be progressed further to discussions with TRAC 2. GAPTC audit of website – did not go ahead with this as it was not a check on accessibility
339	<p><u>Working Group/Councillor Reports:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minibus – Once Covid vaccinations are freely available and the restrictions are behind us, the Minibus Committee will re-look at the opportunities for shopping trips and day trips for the elderly among us until such time, ad hoc use is restricted and will only be for school runs. b. Village Hall - subject to a formal statement from Lunch Club, who have indicated that, if conditions allow, they would like to resume meeting up after Easter, the Friday mornings in the Hall will be used by Play Group until then. The risk assessment has been updated, meeting GRCC Tier 2 requirements. c. Tree Warden – report circulated d. Emergency Committee – no report e. Recreation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to receive a report from Recreation Working Group on their discussions on options for Kilmore field/TRAC site – Cllr Bartlam stated that discussions ongoing. A TRAC representative stated that deal almost done with Playgroup but PC changed the goalposts. Council imposed a time limit of the March PC meeting for the discussions to be concluded with a way forward. TRAC were asked to consider a request by a member of the public to allow access to the MUGA over the Christmas holidays. Court 3 had been offered as an alternative. f. Village Green Working Group – no report available g. Reports on any external meetings/training attended Cllr Horsfall had attended a virtual meeting on the Planning White Paper and would circulate a report. h. S278 improvement works – Brockeridge Paddocks/Shuthonger Lane – Council to discuss information received (Cllr Hadley) Council had received details earlier in the day which indicated that GCC would expect to install lighting. The Council needed time to consider this and their next action B/F i. Footpath along A 38 between Cattle Grid and Puckrup (Blocked by Tree/Hedge) – reported to Rights of Way GCC via Cllr Cromwell
340	<p>PLEASE NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ARE INVITED IN WRITING AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE County Council Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Covid-19 response GCC Public Health Team working closely with communities, schools and businesses to address local outbreaks and provide advice. A community vaccination programme is being rolled out with more information on locations to be provided shortly. There remains a clear message for people to be careful over the Christmas period and adhere to national guidance. 2 Budget

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The Council has just published its draft budget for 2021-22. There is additional investment of almost £10 million to protect the county's vulnerable children.
The budget report also sets aside more than £65 million of capital investment for schools and children's services, bringing total expected capital investment to around £150 million by 2023.
A further £67 million has been set aside for highways investment. This includes part of the Council's commitment to spend £150 million on the county's roads over five years. In addition the capital programme also includes £249 million for the M5 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme.
Despite the extra investment, Gloucestershire County Council still expects to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council.

3 Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

- Following a review of our local meetings 'tour' between 2017-2020, the Committee have now added a standing item to their agenda for district member feedback, to continue to understand and be mindful of economic growth issues within the districts.
- The Committee has agreed to look into the concept of Modern Methods of Construction, mindful that it is being to play a part in the future of housing for the county and nationally.
- In the New Year it will also be looking into social mobility, supported by a presentation from an initiative in Gloucester called the Power of 3.

4 Environment Scrutiny Committee

- The Committee had an additional meeting last week to consider an urgent motion referred from full Council; 'Restoring our Rivers' – following a lengthy discussion with the Environmental Agency, the Committee have requested a task group to be set up to explore the issue of pollution in our rivers.

5 Children's Services - Ofsted

A recent focused visit by Ofsted Inspectors identified good progress in areas such as management, quality of care plans and visits. The response to the Covid-19 pandemic was described as 'positive, proactive and well managed.' It was acknowledged that there were areas that still required improvement.

6 No child will go hungry in Gloucestershire this Christmas

All eligible pupils who registered and received support during the October half-term will automatically receive vouchers for Christmas - there is no need for these parents and carers to register again. Some pupils may also already have been registered by their school. If so, they should have received a letter from school confirming this.
Any family who believe they are eligible, but who have not already registered by either of these routes, can apply for the support [here](#).

7 Gloucestershire County Council cuts carbon emissions by 97 per cent

The council is firmly on track to becoming a carbon neutral organisation much earlier than its 2030 target. As a result, the county council has signed up to a new UK100 pledge which moves the target for Gloucestershire to become a carbon neutral county from 2050 to 2045, recognising the global urgency for tackling climate change.
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-december-2020/gloucestershire-county-council-cuts-carbon-emissions-by-97-per-cent/>
The Leading the response to the Climate Emergency: Gloucestershire Climate Change Strategy Annual Report & action plan, 2021/02 – 2026/27 is being considered at Cabinet on 16 December.

341 Public Participation

Due to the shortness of time allowed on Zoom please send any queries or comments by email to the clerk so that they may be read out at the meeting.

There were no public questions

The Meeting adjourned and reconvened with 3 members of the public present:

342 Finance & Governance

1. To agree payments in December

The following payments were agreed in addition to the DD payment to Sinclair £456

		Total	Net	Vat
Parochial Church Council	tfr	1750	1750	0
CLK Media(emergency plan)	tfr	39	39	0
GAPTC (risk management)	tfr	15	15	0
PATA (payroll services)	tfr	23.25	23.25	0
PAYE		940.39	940.39	0
Office Expenses Nov & Dec		52	52	0
Ink Cartridge		26.99	22.49	4.5
CME -Brushcutter Service		266.88	266.88	0
		3113.51	3109.01	4.5

The subscription to Parish Online to be cancelled.

2. To agree the bank reconciliation to end of November

The Balance was agreed at £26178.76 as per the cashbook

3. To receive the budget analysis to end of November

Council were reminded that the income for the year figure contained balances which were not contributing to this years expenditure i.e. CIL payment which would be held in reserve

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	<p>4. To agree legal fees for grant of easement £1050 These fees were for the landowner's solicitor costs in drawing up the legal documentation for access to Kilmore Field over the ransom strip. Proposed for agreement by Cllr Horsfall, seconded Cllr Hadley, all in favour</p> <p>5. To agree 2 year grass cutting contract (costs held as at this year) Proposed for agreement by Cllr Horsfall, seconded Cllr Holden, all in favour</p> <p>6. To reconsider the draft budget provided the tax base rate is available The Council discussed the reduction in the rate, reducing reserves, increasing costs with an explanation provided by the RFO of the failure to use the tax base rate in the past to retain a stronger financial position with no additional cost to the tax payer and the resulting widening shortfall. It was suggested by Cllr Ellis that it might now be necessary to use reserves to mitigate any increase due to the financial hardships caused by Covid. RFO to draft different options for the Council to consider.</p>
343	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting/Venue & Format</u> 7.30pm 11th January 2021 via Zoom</p>