

## TWYNING PARISH COUNCIL

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 MI 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Bartlam, Edes, Ellis, Hadley, Holden, Horsfall (Chair), Murray, Nottage  
 Also Present: Clerk/RFO County Councillor Kevin Cromwell, Borough Councillors Philip Workman and Mike Szytmiak, 7 members of the public

371	<p><u>Welcome</u>          The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting.          No requests</p>
372	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u>          Councillors are reminded to give their apologies in writing to the clerk prior to any meeting.  <b>Apologies were accepted from Cllr Irwin (work commitments)</b></p>
373	<p><u>Declaration of interest/Requests for Dispensation</u>  <b>There were no declarations</b></p>
374	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021</u>  <b>Proposed for agreement by Cllr Hadley, seconded Cllr Murray, all in favour</b></p>
375	<p><u>Progress on Matters from Previous Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress on legal matter of easement (Kilmore Field) – Persimmon have not responded</li> <li>2. Investigation into reported misuse of land Showborough Common – B/F</li> <li>3. Editor of Twyning Bulletin – consider proposed role advertisement details – Cllr Holden had drawn up a job description, the Clerk had referred this to the Staffing Committee with some queries. <b>Cllr Holden co-opted to the Staffing Committee to assist in finalising the details for consideration at the next meeting.</b></li> <li>4. Memorial Bench – agree location and application – application withdrawn</li> </ol>
376	<p><u>Working Group/Councillor Reports:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Minibus – “The minibus is back on the road from this week with the staggered return of children to school. As there are only 4 weeks (in many cases 3) before the Easter break, we are unable to invoice the usual amount until April for the summer term. we will then be in a better position to advise on taking over lease payments once again”.</li> <li>b. Village Hall -The Play Group is still using the Village Hall and following recent advice from GRCC, the VHMC are considering some limited activities from mid April.</li> <li>c. Tree Warden –All Parish Council owned trees were inspected. Village Green A limited amount of small branches fell from the two plane trees, but nothing that would do anyone harm. TRAC Last months’ comments remain extant.</li> <li>d. Emergency Committee – No report</li> <li>e. Recreation Working Group – consider proposals Tennis Floodlighting and TRAC site – Cllr Bartlam reported that the new Committee meeting regularly and still exploring options for shared use of the site with Playgroup. <b>Lengthy discussion ensued with Council members seeking clarity about whether the Council’s terms had been accepted. Some commitment required in writing together with progress on a project plan. The Clerk asked whether there were any minutes which could be shared. Cllr Hadley reported that Twyning Tigers had submitted a grant application to the Council for purchase of an equipment container in the sum of £1500. Cllr Horsfall suggested this was brought back to the next meeting with further quotations. Clerk will investigate other funding options.</b></li> <li>f. Village Green Working Group – consider village green reinstatement quotations – B/F</li> <li>g. Reports on any external meetings/training attended – Severn Trent funding workshop – Cllr Hadley and the Clerk had attended a workshop hosted by the Borough Council and advised that funding up to £200K was available for projects which are ready to go.</li> </ol>

377	<p>PLEASE NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ARE INVITED IN WRITING AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE</p> <p>County Councillor Report:          Covid-19 response</p> <p>The community help hub has continued to run during the pandemic and is still available to people who need support to stay at home. Anyone who needs help can contact the help hub by visiting our website and filling out the online form. If they do not have access to the internet they can call <a href="tel:01452583519">01452 583519</a> Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. The GCC website is regularly updated inline</p>
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with Government restrictions and advice for Gloucestershire residents: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/>

Gloucestershire County Council has approved a budget of £483m for 2021/22 – an increase of £14.8m on the previous financial year. The budget includes additional funding of £8.9m for adults and £7.3m for vulnerable children. There's also capital investment in key areas like children's services, highways and tackling the climate emergency, as well as planning for the Council's continued response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Gloucestershire's strategic housing partnership has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting rough sleepers to get off the streets in the county, and the latest figures released by government suggest its approach is working.

Anyone who sees someone rough sleeping in the county is asked to report the location, time etc. to the local outreach team by calling [0300 500 0914](tel:03005000914) or via the StreetLink app or website, [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)  
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-february-2021/gloucestershire-s-housing-partnership-reaffirms-its-commitment-to-helping-people-off-the-streets/>

Flooding at the end of last year and more recently is a reminder that improving the resilience of the county to flooding continues to be a priority with extreme weather events expected to come around more frequently in the future. The council's Environment Committee considered a report on the December events at its meeting on 3 March – you can view the full meeting and read the report here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings/environment-scrutiny-committee-wednesday-3-march-2021-1000-am/>

The Gloucestershire Economic Growth Committee will be considering items on the county's skills agenda and looking at a review of the Growth Hub service, including information on Tewkesbury's Hub service.

In June 2020 GCC, launched the Ash Dieback project to tackle the effects of the disease within the county. The project is being undertaken in joint partnership with the adjoining landowners, the National Trust and Cotswold AONB.

The public are being asked to give their views to help shape the fire service in Gloucestershire for the next three years. The consultation period will run for four weeks, finishing on 15 March. The Chief Fire Officer will be leaving in the Summer to take up a new position with Jean Cole replacing him.

Gloucestershire County Council is supporting Food Waste Action Week this week (1-7 March), which aims to reduce food waste in the home to help tackle the climate emergency.

PC reminded to submit feedback on the footpaths map.

### Borough Councillor Report:

1) Tewkesbury Borough Council have set their budget for the coming year. This includes a £5 rise to a Band 'D' property (4.02%). The other property bands will have their council tax increase corresponding to this percentage. This will rise an additional £177,000 bringing the total funded by the tax payer through the council tax to just over £4.5 million. For this coming year £431,000 reserves were used to support the base budget. It is expected that the financial challenge next year will be even more difficult.

2) At the Executive committee it was agreed to sell a small proportion of land to Tewkesbury Cricket Club to enable the club to proceed with their plans to improve the pavilion and encourage more spectators and players. The plans would still need to be subject to successful planning and building consents. The playing pitch will continue to be rented from Tewkesbury Borough Council.

3) Councillor Andrew Reece will be next Borough Mayor and Councillor John Murphy will be his deputy when the changes take place in May.

4) Covid cases continue to fall in the Borough, down from 28 to 22 in the last week. However should a new variant arise in the area then the Borough would be expected to help out in any surge testing which requires 10,000 tests to be done within a 48 hour period of a case arising.

The Borough is also looking at the issues that might need addressing following the Government's release of its road map for getting out of lockdown including the safe reopening of the shopping streets. They also continue to pay out the various grants and test and trace support payments to those who are eligible.

### 378 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.

No queries or comments were raised

### 379 Finance & Governance

1. To agree payments in March – Proposed for agreement by Cllr Holden/seconded Cllr Nottage, all in favour

#### **Payments - March**

Sinclair Minibus lease	456	380	76
Salary	1027.99	1027.99	0

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Office Allowance	26	26	0
Postage	23.76	23.76	0
PATA Payroll service Jan-Mar	23.85	23.85	0
	1557.6	1481.6	76

2. To agree the bank reconciliation to end of February – Proposed as correct Cllr Nottage, seconded Cllr Ellis, all in favour

<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>	February
Balance per Bank	18460.19
less unpresented	-85
	18375.19

Opening Balance	17483.3
Paid	-38107.23
Received	38999.12
Cashbook Balance	18375.19

3. To receive the budget analysis to end of February – the budget analysis was noted with expenditure to end of Feb £38107.23 and receipts £38999.12
4. Review the risk register – changes to the risk register were agreed
5. Review internal controls – internal controls were reviewed and agreed as adequate in that there will be a councillor audit each year and bank statements signed off at each meeting
6. Authorise issue of HSBC debit card to the Clerk/RFO – The issue of a debit card was authorised. Cllr Horsfall and Murray would sign application forms.

380	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting/Venue &amp; Format</u>            7.30pm 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom and consider face to face meetings from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021            Waiting for further advice from GAPTC. Cllr Holden would check whether village hall were ready for meetings in May.</p>
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