

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 in Twyning Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 12th July 2021

Councillors Present: Cllr Bartlam, Hadley, Holden, Horsfall (Chair), Murray, Nottage

Also Present: County Councillor Cate Cody, Borough Councillors Mike Szymiak, Phillip Workman and 6 members of the public, Clerk/RFO

410	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting. Cllr Horsfall welcomed the newly appointed County Councillor Cate Cody and Borough Councillors to the meeting</p>
411	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors are reminded to give their apologies in writing to the clerk prior to any meeting. Cllr Ellis was absent</p>
412	<p><u>Declaration of interest/Requests for Dispensation</u> Councillors are reminded to update their interests with any relevant change of personal circumstances None declared/requested</p>
413	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2021</u> Proposed for agreement Cllr Nottage, seconded Cllr Murray, all in favour</p>
414	<p><u>Progress on Matters from Previous Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigation into reported misuse of land Showborough Common – Action with joint authorities (Clerk/Chairman) Ongoing – County Council chased for action 26/6/21 2. Common Land Management – plans of parish owned land awaited/Open Spaces Society contacted for advice & training 3. Parish Logo and Mission Statement – the Council agreed to proceed with a new logo which was being designed by Mr. Holden but decided not to introduce a mission statement 4. Footpath gang to look at improving drainage/possibility of using wood chip from tree felling on footpath next to TRAC - ongoing 5. Bench by balancing pond – Management Co. have acknowledged request 6. Commemorative Bench – resident advised of bench type allowed and to discuss location with Cllr Nottage 7. Community Right to Bid – Brockeridge Common & the Nut Orchard – awaiting decision
415	<p><u>Co-option of a New Councillor</u></p> <p>Applications will be considered for co-option to the Council</p> <p>This item was postponed under an adjournment until the end of the meeting to allow interview of the candidate away from the public. Following successful interview Delta Ferguson was co-opted to the Council by unanimous vote in open session and signed her declaration of acceptance of office.</p>

416	<p>PLEASE NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ARE INVITED IN WRITING AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE MINUTES</p> <p>Gloucestershire County Council Report - Cate Cody - 12th July 2021</p> <p>Funding Opportunities Gloucestershire</p> <p>Community Foundation have some community recovery funding available which may be of some use: https://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/gloucestershire-community-recovery-and-resilience You will already be aware of similar via Tewkesbury Borough Council's Community scheme: https://covid19.tewkesbury.gov.uk/community-grant-funding</p> <p>Digital community projects</p> <p>Gloucestershire County Council is supporting digital community projects across the county. Through its Digital Innovation Fund the council has £200,000 worth of grants available to community or voluntary groups and charity organisations to fund digital and technology-led initiatives. Collaborative partnership bids will be considered for combined funding but would need to clearly demonstrate the added benefit of the collaboration. The funding panel is particularly keen to hear about projects that could continue this support, address digital exclusion and help people remain independent. Successful applications would be likely to demonstrate how their use of technology or digital methods will support adults in Gloucestershire by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving literacy, including digital literacy • Preventing a decline in independence, health or wellbeing • Encouraging digital access opportunities amongst BAME communities • Providing equipment and support to
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those with disabilities and sensory impairments Further information on this grant, including access to application forms, can be found at <https://www.yourcircle.org.uk/Information/DigitalInnovationFund>. The closing date for applications is Friday 6th August, with successful applicants receiving grant funding in September.

Local Transport Plan (LTP) Summary

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) Summary provides an 'at a glance' view of the transport strategy for Gloucestershire to 2041. The full Local Transport Plan and supporting documents can be found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltp. I can request a printed copy for the Parish Council if you wish. I am particularly interested in hearing from councillors and residents about potential safer cycling route options. If you have any ideas, please get in touch.

Metal packaging recycling

Metal can be recycled endlessly; the county and all six district councils have teamed up with MetalMatters to highlight the benefits of recycling our metal packaging to inspire everyone to get involved and do their bit. With more than 12 billion items of aluminium packaging alone sold every year in the UK, householders are being encouraged to recycle their cans, foil, empty aerosols, trays, tubes and metal screw tops. Every district in the county provides a frequent and convenient door-to-door recycling service so it's never been easier to recycle the metal packaging; and once recycled, it takes around 60 days for a drinks can to return to the supermarket shelf.

Borough report to Twyning Parish Council 12/7/21

The Borough has been awarded £1,000,000 towards the Tewkesbury High Street Heritage Action Zone. Plans are now being worked up which include grants for traditional shop fronts, enabling upper floors to be used for residential use, public space improvements, encouraging the regeneration of Healings Mill and the promotion of traditional skills and materials.

A new discretionary fund is now available and open until the 25th July to support, mainly, hospitality businesses affected by covid. This is, as before, administered by the Borough.

23rd September is earmarked for a town and parish seminar organised by the Borough.

Much work has recently been done to improve the digital platform at TBC. You should notice an improvement when reporting missed bins, asking about assisted collections, reporting problems, bin ordering and complaints.

The Secretary of State has now received an appeal for the 36 houses, refused permission by TBC, opposite Cherry Orchard Lane. Any comments previously sent regarding the application will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate however if you want to make additional or modified comments this should be done before the 11th August. Please see Mike or I for the relevant addresses.

Philip Workman and Mike Sztymiak.
12/7/21

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Public Participation

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

Public Question: Are the Borough going to progress plans for Spring Gardens/Healing Mill?

Borough Answer: Shelved at present.

Public Question: Will cones now be removed from the High Street in Tewkesbury?

Borough Answer: As soon as possible

Public Question: Will the village fete go ahead?

Parish Answer: The Committee are trying to put together something smaller scale than usual as still cautious about spread of covid

Public Question: When will verges be cut in Pages Lane?

County Answer: Action taken by County Councillor to progress

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the new benches on the village green and reinstatement of the grass.

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Working Group/Councillor Reports:

- a. Minibus – (Cllr Holden) “ Committee taking over lease payments from this month. Delta Ferguson and her husband have now taken over the ongoing maintenance and we recently met to further the plans for weekly trips between the Parish and Tewkesbury for the elderly – this is being led by Hywel Griffiths. For this we will need more volunteer drivers and helpers - suggestions welcome! We currently only have 1 booking for

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the summer, so it will be a quiet time for the minibus before resuming school runs in September. The minibus should be fully booked from September. Fergie (Delta's husband) is seeking sponsorship for the minibus from local companies, which will help both financially and to gain further exposure.

- b. Village Hall - (Cllr Holden) – The annual meeting of the VHMC was held last month where we re-elected our Trustees, Officers, Representative Members and Chair. In other matters, some meetings are now being held at the Hall, we have agreed a new, simplified pricing structure (to be adopted 1st September), will shortly be replacing the perimeter fencing and the roof of one of the outbuildings. as well as taking on the services of a gardener.
- c. Emergency Committee – (Cllr Horsfall) – The Committee have met but nothing to report.
- d. Recreation Working Group – (Cllr Bartlam) Over the last month it has become clear there are some new and exciting ideas from the TRAC committee. It was good to see so many members of the committee at the playground tidying up and the site looks much better for it. Ian O'Hanlon and Paul MacDonald have recently been working on ideas for opening up access to the MUGA and while they have not had the opportunity to present them yet, shows a really positive direction. Tennis have taken over running the 3rd court and are now providing access at a much more affordable rate. There still exists an issue where tennis would like a direct lease with TPC to help them with loans and funding to grow the club, but hopefully that can be addressed further down the line. The key issue of the Kilmore site is still unresolved, however, TRAC recently have been made aware playgroup plan to seek a lease directly off the TPC for an area the TRAC committee agreed suitable a little while ago. Progress here has slowed considerably due to difficulties organising committee meetings and differing opinions on the exact structure of a build. So far TRAC have been really supportive but we are now over one year on from our initial open air meeting, and so while time is of the essence it would seem sensible for TPC to listen to any playgroup proposal.
- e. Village Green Working Group – (Cllr Nottage) Work now complete although a resident has written to suggest that No Parking Signs are erected the Working Group will monitor the success of the reinstatement. It was suggested that if necessary more bollards are purchased. The bench on the quay will be re-painted
- f. Tree Warden Report – “All trees on the Parish Council estate have been inspected and there is nothing to report. I asked for advice on the Sessile Oak and have taken the action recommended. This was very minor and has given the tree a better shape. Comments last month in regards TRAC and the TRAC Footpath remain extant. I'm pleased to report that the dangerous willow on the Quay has been removed and the company also pollarded two willows on The Fleet side of the fence. It has opened up the area and now looks much better”. D J Luckett Tree Warden

419 Finance & Governance

1. To agree payments in July and bank reconciliation June

Payments were authorised as follows:

Payments July	Total	Net	Vat
Administration	1033.39	1033.39	0
Office Expenses & Mileage	37.7	37.7	0
HMRC PAYE/NIC	387.95	387.95	0
Website & Bulletin	140	140	0
Sinclair (minibus lease)	456	380	76
D Jeynes (green reinstatement/benches)	4163.57	3469.64	693.93
Jeremy Brookes (grasscutting)	880	880	0
Adrian Hale (Tree surgery Quay/TRAC)	360	360	0
P Hadley (printing flyers)	85	85	0
	7543.61	6773.68	769.93

Payments by the Clerk in June were also authorised:

Website & Bulletin (May & June)	280
Land Registry (Searches for Right to Bid)	29.90
Files & File Dividers	2.75

The Bank Reconciliation for the current account to end of June £22846.97 was checked against the bank statement and signed by Cllr Murray

2. To receive the budget analysis to end of June

Expenditure £11421.58 Receipts £17516.08 were noted

3. Ashchurch Rural Parish Council are forming a Parish Council Association to inform and discuss the many issues which may arise from the Garden Town Development. It is likely to be crowdfunded but subscriptions may be required. Council to discuss whether to join the Association

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	<p>Proposed to join by Cllr Hadley, seconded by Cllr Horsfall, all in favour</p> <p>4. To consider defibrillator training event for up to 29 people £172 Proposed Cllr Horsfall, seconded by Cllr Murray, all in favour. Cllr Bartlam volunteered to offer certificated training to sports coaches in a separate session.</p> <p>5. Repairs or replacement of the Village Noticeboards (please see costs) – Cllr Horsfall suggested not necessary to replace but asked that someone was found to repair/restain the noticeboard outside the shop</p> <p>6. Parish Council Action Plan – B/F</p>
420	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting/Venue & Format</u> 13th September 2021 7.30pm in the village hall</p>