

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting)
Of A MEETING of Twynning Parish Council
held in Twynning Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 11th October 2021

Councillors Present: Cllr Ellis, Ferguson, Hadley, Holden, Horsfall (Chair), Murray, Nottage, Wardrop
Also Present: Clerk/RFO, County Councillor Cate Cody, Borough Councillor Philip Workman, 5 members of the public

433	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting. There were no requests</p>
434	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors are reminded to give their apologies in writing to the clerk prior to any meeting. Cllr Bartlam's apologies were accepted</p>
435	<p><u>Declaration of interest/Requests for Dispensation</u> Councillors are reminded to update their interests with any relevant change of personal circumstances There were no declarations or requests</p>
436	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021</u> The Minutes were agreed as a true record</p>
437	<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 – TBC have been asked to commence planning enforcement action/police contacted for assistance. Further encroachment has been reported by members of the public i.e. a new access track, erection of a shed, hedge planting and enclosure of a pony paddock 2. Common Land Management – plans of parish owned land awaited/Open Spaces Society contacted for advice & training but too expensive – no progress – Clerk to ask Open Spaces Society for advice re: leylandii hedge planting 3. Footpath gang to look at improving drainage/possibility of using wood chip from tree felling on footpath next to TRAC – Cllr Nottage to progress for next meeting 4. Community Right to Bid – Nut Orchard (the landslip) pending a decision & first registration at Land Registry 5. Abandoned vehicles – Kilmore carpark – awaiting photographs and reg. nos. 6. Broadband Service in Twynning – See response under next item
438	<p>PLEASE NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS ARE INVITED IN WRITING AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE MINUTES</p> <p>County Councillor Report:</p> <p><u>"Fibre Optic update</u></p> <p>I organised a meeting with a representative from Gigaclear to find out about fibre optic provision being made in the Tewkesbury County Division. Here is the information relevant to the Twynning area from my meeting. The Government have pledged via a public subsidy, to include fibre optic across the UK under the Project Gigabit scheme. This is in order to get 80% of UK properties covered by Gigabit - capable Fibre by 2025. This replaces Superfast which was to provide between 30-80Mbps across the UK. Fastershire's aim is to try to reach areas that would not be covered by a commercial investment or an upgrade, such as rural or harder to reach areas which often also include areas of deprivation. Superfast broadband is different to fibre optic. Superfast has a fibre connection to a local distribution cabinet and then uses traditional copper from the cabinet to the property. Fibre connecting to the cabinet cannot be reused or repurposed to connect full fibre so Gigabit (1000 Mbps and upwards) has to be provided as a separate, new network to one already in place, you can't simply replace the copper with fibre. As Twynning and Twynning Green are already covered by Superfast via BT, there are no current plans for Gigaclear to extend here. Superfast means that the area should be within the 30-80 Mbps Download, (anything above 30Mbps is classed as Superfast). The village will have benefitted from public subsidy under the superfast scheme or as a commercial build by BT Openreach. Instead, residents need to contact their broadband providers directly and ask them. There is however full fibre in a nearby area covering Church End and its surroundings. This is for Full Fibre under the Gigaclear contracts as these areas were not included under the BT</p>

Openreach Superfast schemes. New developments typically have Superfast and sometimes even Gigabit Fibre. Modern developments usually have planning regulations that mean they have ducting installed for telecommunications as part of the build. Older developments will sometimes have ducting, but this can often be 'direct bury of cable' therefore it is impossible to reuse or use overhead poles. Typically Developers have their own arrangements with ISPs (Internet Service Providers) and Network Providers. Tewkesbury (including Twynning) has 98.4% domestic properties covered at at least 30 mega bits per second and 26.5% have fibre optic. Residents can check their own broadband / fibre by putting their postcode into: www.thinkbroadband.com or by asking the provider they currently use. www.fastershire.com has an address checker <https://www.broadbandchecker.btwholesale.com> This will enable you to check what your address or number has in terms of services from BT Openreach. <https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/> Think Broadband is a really useful independent

Open call for land – trees need you!

Gloucestershire County Council is looking for land in the county to help plant trees, to increase woodland and tackle climate change. The county council has recently been awarded £300k from the Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund Grant Scheme for planting trees in the county and developing a programme to maintain them. Are you a landowner who can help? Contact the county council's climate change team by emailing glosclimate@gloucestershire.gov.uk To read more about GCC's approach for trees please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/climate-change/climate-change-what-is-the-councils-approach/trees/>

(Note from Cate: I am aware of the irony of this request in terms of Nut Orchard (Landslip), where there is a planning application which would flatten an existing woodland and I have already emailed the GCC Climate Change team to make them aware of the residents' (and my) feelings regarding the application).

Greener Gloucestershire

You can sign up to receive the new 'Greener Gloucestershire' newsletter to keep up to date on local activity and receive hints and tips on how you can reduce carbon emissions and take action to protect the future of our environment.

Gloucestershire launches employment and skills hub to support furloughed residents Gloucestershire's new employment and skills hub has been launched in a bid to support the county's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. A tailored package and ongoing support will be made available whether the resident needs training, a new career, advice, support, or an apprenticeship. The only criteria to access the service is to be a Gloucestershire resident. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/employment-and-skills-hub/>

Survey launched asking for views on Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service A survey has been launched asking residents in the county to help shape the future of Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS). Consultation has begun on the Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-2025, which takes place over an eight-week period ending on 26th November 2021. The CRMP is an assessment of risks and how effectively resources are used to address those risks. All fire and rescue services have to produce a CRMP every three years as a minimum. You can take part in the survey here: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glos-fire-crm/

Gloucestershire residents urged to get their winter vaccinations as soon as possible

The NHS in Gloucestershire is urging people to come forward for their seasonal vaccinations as soon as they are invited to ensure they are protected from potentially serious illness this winter. GPs and community NHS teams across the county are offering the COVID-19 and flu vaccines to people who are most at risk of getting very ill.

Reminder - Funding to help communities tackle climate change

The National Lottery Community Fund is offering grants between £1,000 to £10,000 to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change. Projects should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. They could cover an area like: Food, Transport, Energy, Waste and consumption and / or The natural environment. Voluntary and community groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations, schools, and town

and parish councils can all apply. The closing date is 18th November 2021. See Together for Our Planet | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk) for more details.

Reminder COVID-recovery grant scheme for community projects

As your county councillor, I have also been made responsible for a new COVID-recovery grant scheme for community projects launched by GCC, with £40,000 (total) available across our division over the next four years. Please get in touch with me by 15th November 2021 to discuss small grants of £50 upwards for projects based in the Tewkesbury Division (which includes Twynning). Applicants may be community / voluntary / sports / faith groups, schools, CICs or local councils.”

Borough Councillor Report:

Borough report to Twynning Parish Council 11/10/21

New Car Parking machines have been installed in all the Borough Car Parks. Where possible they are solar powered and payment can be made either by card, mobile phone or cash.

You can now recycle small electrical items on the usual bin days. Basically this applies to electricals that have either a plug, battery or cable and about 75% of these items can be recycled so a good facility for us all to use.

The National Lottery Community Fund has grants available for climate change ideas from local groups. Amounts available are between £1000 and £10,000. Any bids need to be in by 18th November 2021.

The high court hearing regarding the proposed bridge at Northway is to due to take place on the 21st Oct.

Committee determination for the land at Nut Orchard has been delayed pending some outstanding landscape reports.

You will have heard the application at Fleet/Downfield Lane is going to appeal but the developers have also put in another planing application virtually the same as before. This is very unusual set of circumstances and the reasons for this are unclear. Residents should be encouraged however to submit their comments again as it is a new application and previous comments don't count.

Planning Development Manager, Paul Skelton, has tendered his resignation and will leave the Borough at the end of the year after 22 years service.

The developers for the Mythe application for 235 houses will be doing a presentation at Tewkesbury Town Hall this Wednesday at 6 pm.

Enquiries are ongoing by both the County and Borough Councillors into a possible bus service for Twynning Attendees were reminded that the Borough now collect small discarded electrical items at the kerbside

439 Receive reports from any external meetings attended by Parish Councillors

1. Town & Parish Seminar (23 Sept) – notes circulated to councillors
2. Pre-application consultations – Mythe/Brockridge -

440 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.

A resident has requested consideration of installation of a defibrillator at Puckrup sports pavilion – Clerk to obtain prices and seek grants for equipment at 3 locations but volunteers will be required to look after it.

Q Do County Council departments talk to each other. It seems that they act at cross purposes without a shared strategy

A County Cllr put question to full Council

Q Could the Village Green Working Group remove the hazel which is growing next to the kerb

A Cllr Nottage to action

Q When will reseeded of the Village Green be progressed

A Cllr Nottage to action

441 Working Group/Councillor Reports:

- a. Minibus – (Cllr Holden) – “The minibus started the Luncheon Club run between Tewkesbury, Ripple and Twynning on the 17th September and it is going really well. We have recruited enough people to help run the service and their DBS checks are all being processed/completed. Almost all have had a familiarisation drive of the route. Hywel Griffiths is really helping out liaising between ourselves and the Luncheon Club to take

- note of the weekly changes of people using the service and subsequent changes to the timetable. Cllr Alan Wardrop has also kindly agreed to join the committee and take over the minibus finances from Bill O'Dell. We have renewed the minibus insurance".
- b. Village Hall - (Cllr Holden) – No report
 - c. Emergency Committee – (Cllr Horsfall) – Cllr Ferguson reported that the AGM will be held soon and an emergency response exercise is planned in the Spring
 - d. Recreation Working Group – (Cllr Bartlam) - TBC response to S106 request has been passed on to Cllr Bartlam and it appears that the planned expenditure needs to fit the criteria of improvements to the MUGA
 - e. Village Green Working Group – (Cllr Nottage) – No report
 - f. Tree Warden Report – (Dave Lockett) – a bough has been broken down from a tree on the Green and this has been removed by Mr Lockett
 - g. GWPCA – no report

442 Finance & Governance

- 1. To agree payments in September and bank reconciliation September

The following payments and bank reconciliation were agreed and paperwork signed by Cllr Murray.

September	Payments for authorisation and bank balance			
Opening Bank Balance	12595.17			
Payments	Total	Net	Vat	
Sarah Don Bramah website editor/bulletin	140	140	0	
ICO - data protection registration	35	35	0	
Sinclair - minibus lease hire	456	380	76	
PATA - payroll services	23.85	23.85	0	
Clerk - salary	1033.39	1033.59	0	
Office Allowance	26	26	0	
Jeremy Brookes grasscutting	880	880	0	
PKF Littlejohn - External Audit	240	200	40	
Reconciled Bank Balance	24580.93	<u>2834.24</u>	<u>2718.44</u>	<u>116</u>

- 2. To receive the budget analysis to end of September

Expenditure to date of £34065 and income of £24927 was noted without comment

- 3. To note the External Audit report which satisfactorily concludes the 2020-21 accounts

Noted

- 4. Website Accessibility Compliance – receive feedback from audit

No report (B/F)

- 5. Discuss replacement of the noticeboard by the shop

Some carpentry work required and no one has been found to quote for the work. A message on Facebook might assist.

- 6. Note new risks admitted to the risk register :

Common Land unauthorised development (cost of removal & cleanup)

Carpark misuse and maintenance issues (cost of removals/cleanup and general maintenance)

Noted

- 7. Agree subscriptions for 21/22 – Open Spaces Society £45, CPRE £36

Agreed by majority vote

- 8. Discuss arrangements for Remembrance Day and support for RBL

Cllr Ellis proposed a grant of £250 and cost of a wreath at £18/seconded by Cllr Holden, all in favour

- 9. Re: 437.1 Council to agree to engage a solicitor to carry out court action for eviction

Will await outcome of first notice to quit.

443 Traffic Monitoring

Agree traffic management data costs £464 net, and agree locations of 4 speed counters – **Proposed for hire and installation in April 2022 Cllr Holden, seconded Cllr.Ferguson, agreed by majority vote (1 abstention Cllr Ellis)**

Note results of Pages Lane/Church End Lane monitoring from Feb 2019 – these indicate there were about 1000 vehicle movements per week and no extensive speeding

444 Date of Next Meeting/Venue & Format

8th November 2021

The meeting will be adjourned so that the Staffing Committee can meet in private for annual pay review. – Quorum not present.