

M I N U T E S of the
Annual Parish Meeting for Twyning Village

Held at 7.30pm on 9th May 2022 in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr J Horsfall, Vice Chairman P Hadley, Councillors Ellis, Ferguson, Murray, Nottage, Wardrop, 5 members of the public, Clerk/RFO



1. Welcome from the Parish Council Chairman & Report

Welcome all to this Parish Assembly. Great to be able once more to meet face to face . Since our last report we have lost two more Councillors, both due to pressure of business. First Ray Edes and then Sarah Holden. Thank you Ray for long term of office, your constant contributions to meetings and service on our Green Committee. Thanks also to Sarah for her detailed service on the Minibus Committee and on the Village Hall Committee. We miss you both.

Following these resignations I am pleased to say we have co-opted Delta Ferguson and Alan Waldrop who have already settled in and are making excellent contributions to the wellbeing of the Village, supporting the Minibus, the Village Hall, the Emergency Committee to name but a few. We still have one vacancy on the Council and would like to hear from anyone interested in joining us using our power of co-option.

Many people and Organisations have given their all to get us through the Covid problems (although of course the problem still exists) to name a few (with profound apologies for any omissions) The Village Shop, our two Pubs, the Church, the Chapel. Our Borough and County Councillors, the Members of our Emergency Committee and of course you our Parishioners.

Turning to Planning Matters and the "Siege of Twyning". Following the success with refusals by Tewkesbury Borough Planning Committee both the application for thirty homes for over 55's Opposite Cherry Orchard Lane and forty seven houses on Land North of Fleet Lane were allowed on appeal by Government Inspectors mainly due to the lack of Tewkesbury Borough's Housing Supply.

In the pipeline are several projects, the major ones being Fifty Houses at Hillend Road (also known as the Landslip and Nut Orchard), a large Distribution park at Bockeridge Paddocks (close to the Cattle Grid and and the proposal to use Twyning for the Processing Plant (including a Cement making Plant) and access to the Sand and Gravel Extraction in Worcestershire.

Looking at the Hillend Road application in more detail. Due to an alleged oversight by TBC Planners this has gone straight to Appeal and TBC are in effect now Consultees The Tewkesbury Borough Tree Officer proposed a Tree Preservation Order be made to protect the Two Thousand Trees planted about ten years ago and gifted to the Village. Tewkesbury Borough Council confirmed the making of this order, in respect of which no appeal has been made. The Parish Council applied to Register the Site as an Asset of Community Value which gives the right to be informed if the site is up for sale and the

right to make a bid to purchase it . Tewkesbury Borough accepted the registration. However the Owners have applied for a Review, a hearing has taken place and as I type this report I have received notification that the Reviewer has decided the site should continue to be included in the Authorities List of Assets of Community Value.

The Village first heard about the proposed site visit by members of TBC Planning Committee late on a Monday evening but due to excellent groundwork when the coach arrived at the site over One Hundred Villagers, many with dogs were waiting for them. Well done Twyning. We await the date for the hearing of the Appeal from the Planning Inspectorate. During our opposition to the Planning matters we have had support from interalia CPRE, volunteers distributing leaflets Stage Coach on rural congestion, Thank you all.

Moving on to a happier note. There has been real momentum with locally led sports clubs. On Kilmore Field we have seen:- Twyning Tigers with Fifty member aged between Three and Eleven who have played two matches already and practice nearly every Saturday morning not to mention the masses of Parents viewing A hardy grouping Rugby training every week. A positive increase in Tennis Club Members, with I understand improved success on Leagues. The opening up of the MUGA court and Court three.

I understand we expect to Welcome our first families from Ukraine shortly. We look forward to our well planned and advertised Jubilee celebrations and of course Twyning Fete on August Bank Holiday weekend. In conclusion I thank my Colleagues both past and present for all their knowledge, help and support while I have been Chairman. Also my thanks to our Clerk Gill Jennings for her guidance and expertise, to Dave Lockett for all he does for our Village to Bob Beetham for running the Footpath Gang and all those who support our Community , keeping themselves out of the headlights.

Best wishes to you all and Stay Safe

Jeremy Horsfall. Chairman Twyning Parish Council 5th May 2022

RFO Financial Report

Year End Accounts were approved as follows:

Twyning Parish Council

Income & Expenditure	2021	2022	Balance Sheet	2021	2022
Income			Current Assets		
Precept	22950	29540	VAT Control	1956	2155
S106/CIL	9814	0	HSBC Current	16752	12670
Minibus	1900	3420	HSBC Deposit	4362	4362
Grants & Donations	2000	500	Nationwide	35076	35146
General Income	2410	3085		<u>58146</u>	<u>54333</u>
	<u>39074</u>	<u>36545</u>			
Expenditure			Current Liabilities		
General Expenditure	14103	14383	Creditors (PAYE)	348	688
Council Activity	20968	17018	Assets minus Liabilities	57798	53645
Minibus Hire	4560	4560			
Grants & Donations	765	1268	Represented by:		
CIL	0	3469	General Reserve	17699	17015
	<u>40396</u>	<u>40698</u>	Emergency Committee	1200	1200
			Minibus	8465	8465

General Fund Analysis			Capital Projects	25000	25000
Opening Balance	3224	1902	CIL	5434	1965
Add Income	39074	36545		<u>57798</u>	<u>53645</u>
	<u>42298</u>	<u>38447</u>			
less expenditure	-40396	-40698			
	<u>1902</u>	<u>-2251</u>			

The Year End Financial reports will be published on the website in June. The Council provided grants to TRAC £1000 and Royal British Legion £268 in the year. The Council arranged for maintenance work to the Village Green and the installation of new seats on the Village Green to mark the end of lockdown and funded the minibus through the covid void. The Council plans to make improvements to footpaths in the next financial year.

2. Receive reports from Community Groups and Local Authorities



Minibus report, 2021-2022

The school run to Hanley Castle High School continues to be the minibus' chief activity with a fully booked minibus until the Easter term. Now 15 of the 16 seats are occupied but it will be full again in September for the new school year. Indeed, we have had to turn down children on the waitlist.

There has been very limited private use of the minibus; unfortunate website errors which have not yet been resolved have resulted in the loss of the hire information therefore it is difficult to find out about the minibus service. There were also incorrect details for the minibus booking contact on the website as his email address has changed.

The committee has seen some changes with Cllr. Wardrop taking over the finances from Bill O'Dell. Our grateful thanks to Bill for all his continued support who remains on hand to help when needed..

The Friday volunteer service is a smoothly oiled machine now, ably coordinated by Maggie Coleman. However, we now only have 2 regular people who use this service for the Luncheon Club, so we frequently simply use our personal cars rather than the minibus.

The minibus is not due its next service until November this year, although there are some maintenance requirements which we are dealing with.

The lease is due to expire in November and a meeting is scheduled this month for us to review the options and Cllr Wardrop's recommendations.

In all, we continue to see the minibus as a vital service for the community – namely as a school service for Hanley students. We are uncertain whether it remains viable for other use and continue to be frustrated by the Parish website which is no longer a resource for the minibus.

Twyning School

We have had a great year at Twyning School and we would love to share what we have been up to with you all. It has been so good to finally have the children back in school following the various Lockdowns!

We have been so grateful to have been able to use the village TRAK facility this year, in particular, to enjoy orienteering with Owls class. Last summer, Mrs Leggett and Liz Orchard ran an after school nature club where they walked around Twyning, to the duck ponds, the river and enjoyed the fresh air. Other outdoor activities included visits to Twyning Park.

In July, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an outdoor activity residential experience at Oakraven in the Forest of Dean, whilst years 5 and 6 enjoyed their PGL activity trip to Liddington. Our infant children enjoyed a trip out to the Cotswold Farm Park.

We were so happy to have been able to finally hold a whole school sports day, albeit in the school grounds instead of on the green.

In November we were able to fundraise with a non-uniform day, raising much needed funds for Children in Need.

In December we enjoyed a whole school trip to the Pantomime – Oh Yes we did! – the children all enjoyed watching the performance of King Arthur. We also managed to hold an outdoor Christmas Fair, which was absolutely amazing, and we even had a visit from Father Christmas himself.

We are now looking forward to a full year of activities from now on!

Kind Regards, Lucy Halling Headteacher Twyning School

Twyning Footpath Team report 25th April 2022

Yet another year disrupted due to coronavirus. The full team of volunteers never met during the past twelve months. Although teams of two went to various locations where footpaths were reported to be over grown and other teams managed to attend to reports of damaged stiles along the Shakespeare Avon way between Twyning and Tewkesbury .

I am in contact with the Public Rights of way officer regarding yet another hole in the floor of the footbridge situated near The Fleet Inn which their department will be repairing.

I would like to thank all the team for volunteering their support and time and hope that this year will be a better year for the team to get together.

Bob Beetham Twyning Parish footpath coordinator

PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT TWYNING VILLAGE HALL

Activities in the Village Hall have been slowly returning to near normal activity levels following a relaxation in the Covid-19 regulations.

The Play Group have managed to maintain their classes throughout the period and this has helped us financially after we lost revenue from our other groups.

It has been a period of consolidation in regards the maintenance of the building. This year has seen the rear canopy supports repainted by Colin Dukes who as usual, is a good friend of

the Charity. J C Lloyd reacted swiftly to our concerns about a small leak from the flat roof and renewed all the guttering on the rear side of the hall.

The hall was bequeathed to the Parish some 97 years ago and the infrastructure is in need of regular maintenance. A blocked toilet was seen to be caused by tree roots and so a survey is on order. The central heating and hot water system failed during the year and we discovered that our regular service engineer company had ceased trading. County Boilers came to our aid, but owing to the age of the system would not undertake a contract with us. Instead they will respond to individual requests for assistance and have made some suggestions in regards updating the system.

Our outside area is now maintained by Kyle Adams and this has reduced the amount of work undertaken by the Committee.

Additionally, a full structural survey with report has been commissioned on the roof and early indications are that there are no particular issues with the structure.

We continue to enjoy the support of our traditional clubs and activities and the winter months have seen an uptake in private parties at the weekend.

We were sorry to lose one of our long serving and valued trustees recently and we are now actively seeking a replacement. We have also had a change round in some of the representative members of the Committee. As Chairman I have given the Committee a year's notice that I will be resigning at next year's AGM.

A special word of thanks to our Treasurer who has taken on the additional task of Booking Clerk as we move to adopt an IT system called Hallmaster. In due course we will be advertising for a volunteer to take on this task.

In summary, we need a new Trustee to come forward to assist in the running of the Hall, an IT literate volunteer to take on the Booking Clerk role and early in 2023, a volunteer to assume the role of Chairman.

D J Lockett
Chairman

Twynning Parish Church.

Short report for the Parish Council Annual Meeting May 2022.

The past year has seen ups and downs. **Services continue each week** on Sunday at 9:30am. The numbers have crept back up with an average of 30 people and some children. We recorded 45 people for Easter Sunday and six children. The Easter Egg hunt was well attended, lots of children over the week this was run. We have also had several baptisms over the year and a few funerals - hosting people from the village and far and wide.

The **church is open** for private prayer every day and we thank the volunteers who unlock the Church each morning and lock up every evening. There are leaflets at church with the daily prayers. Other volunteer groups are the flower arrangers and the bellringers. During the last year a new sound system has been installed, which enhances the range of music available. We also have the benefit of our experienced volunteer organist and a teenage Organ Scholar.

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, when publishing and distribution of the Parish magazine was cancelled, Ron began writing a **Newsletter** each month. This has continued and is very successful indeed, being at the same time spiritual, informative, and very humorous. Most people receive it by email.

In March we held a very successful **Churchyard** Working party. We thank all the kind volunteers for their time and expertise in keeping the Churchyard in good condition for the benefit of visitors and as a credit to our Twyning Parish.

As you know, our Church has to be self sufficient year on year to enable us to

WORSHIP TOGETHER SUPPORT PAID AND RETIRED PRIESTS

SERVE THE COMMUNITY and MAINTAIN & IMPROVE OUR CHURCH BUILDING

Many Parishioners contribute regularly through a Parish Giving Scheme.

In addition, donations have been given to the Children's Society (from our Christingle Service); Tewkesbury Food Bank; Acorns Children's Hospice (from our monthly stall); Tewkesbury Hospital Friends & Glos MS Society (from the Carol Singers); and recently the Salvation Army Ukraine Appeal.

Chris Cole ~ Churchwarden & Hon. Secretary.
Twyning Parochial Church Council

3 May 2022.

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The Ann Townend Hall at Church End, Twyning.

The Hall, built as a Sunday School was erected in 1881. A group of Trustees run the Hall.

It has seating for 60 people and lots of small and large Go-Pak folding table.

There is enough crockery and cutlery for 60 people too.

There is a drop-down screen for films and the windows have blinds for daylight screen use. There is an instant water heater for tea & coffee. Outside there is a large enclosed garden, much larger than I visible from the road. In the garden are a number of table & seat sets for picnics and we have shade umbrellas too.

Presently a Probus club has a booking on Monday mornings and the Twyning Bridge Club book each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

So, lots of times free to book this hall! We have hosted wakes and children's parties and many other other events. The Parish Council have held meetings in the past as well as the church.

Bookings are by phone with Mr. Bill Chescoe on 295352.

Charges are per hour:-

	Summer	Winter
Children's party	£7	£8
Parish Council / adult party / wakes	£10	£11
Commercial/ one off hire	£11	£12

Chris Cole Trustee/Hon.Sec

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Twyning Tennis Club

As a result of the vaccination programme we were able to get back to some form of normality. We entered 4 ladies teams and two mens teams in the Gloucestershire leagues. The Ladies First team won their league – congratulations to all the players. Everyone else managed to finish around mid table, well done everyone especially the Captains for all their hard work organising the teams.

We entered two mixed double teams in the Winter league, I am pleased to say they managed to paly their matches unlike last year, when the games came to a halt due to Covid. The A teams managed 3rd out of 6 teams which is an excellent result for such a small club. The ther teams did well enough to stay in the same leagues. We managed to run most of our club torunaments. The only one that was not played was The Memorial Cups, otherwise known as John and Sue's tournaments. Our new scoreboard arrived in time for Finals day. Thanks again to Judy for her kind donation to make this possible.

We managed to run two social events, one in November which was a race night and presentation evening. This was a great success enjoyed by many, making £700 for club funds. On the evening of the great storm we held a quiz night at the Fleet. Amazingly it was full. Thanks to Judy for providing quiz questions and to Robert for updating and running the event. Thanks to Ann for organising the refurbishment of two benches, we all enjoy sitting on these to watch matches.

One more thank you goes to Peter Redfearn who very kindly agreed to fix the ladies toilet.

We are welcoming new members, especially children, and we are being inspired by new ways of keeping fit whilst playing tennis.

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TRAC

Covid curbed events and use of the site but maintenance was ongoing, and the Committee increased in size to 18 members and sports teams stayed intact. The AGM was held in April with new appointments, Vicky Walker (Treasurer) Lorna Herold (Secretary) Ian O Hanlan (Chairman) and we have been busy putting together events with the Jubilee on the horizon. The Committee are working on a long term strategy of improvements and ways to support users. Thanks to Shaun

Roberts for his term as Chairman, Lorna Herold for a continued support to the Committee and to Hilary Caudle for her financial guidance.

Ian O'Hanlan (Chairman)

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Twyning Playgroup

2021 has seen much more positivity after the last 2 years due to the pandemic and how it affects our day to day running of Playgroup. We are at capacity of 28 children for the vast majority of our sessions, which makes for busy but creative and fun filled sessions.

The children celebrated Chinese New Year where the team created a pop up cafe and the children had the opportunity to try many different snacks and listened to a variety of different stories to hear about Chinese culture and their celebrations.

We are very fortunate that Madame Aurore comes in every Tuesday afternoon to teach French to the children, We all sing songs and celebrate events such as Shrove Tuesday when the children enjoy Aurore's crepes!

Also on Tuesday's/Thursday's we take the children on Forest school sessions to Twyning Park. Having this amenity so close by to the hall makes it a huge asset to Playgroup and we are very grateful to the Simmons family for the continued use of their grounds. The children went on a fun walk to Down field farm just before Easter to see the farm animals but mainly to see the little lambs, again we are grateful to Graham & Linn Halling for the visit. Since Easter it seems to have been very busy upon our return, with some new children starting and now with School visits for the preschoolers having just started at Twyning School. These are going very well, It's great to see our older children preparing for their next chapter at 'big' school!

Now the weather is warmer the children enjoy more free flow time which works very well here at the Village hall. The team are preparing plans for Sports Day and the Summer outing to Cattle Country and before we know it we will be at the end of term once more.

We do have spaces available for our sessions in September, over the last few years we have seen an overall growth in numbers with the new developments in Twyning. With this in mind we are still striving on with plans for the newbuild. We hope to have news on this for the next Parish council meeting in June.

For up to date information and news please see www.twyningvillageplaygroup.com or please contact twyningplaygroup@gmail.com for any questions.

Lucinda Morgan – Chair

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Tewkesbury Borough Report for Twyning Parish Council Annual Meeting.
9th May 2022.

For a good part of this year covid has impacted the way we have been able to operate but it is so good to now be a lot nearer normality.

Planning has continued relentlessly in Twyning we have had success in getting the Fleet Lane site refused by the Borough along with the land off Cherry Orchard Lane but sadly both to be overturned by the Government Inspector. Nut Orchard has been a site that villagers hold dear and again we managed to secure a tree preservation order and also a recommendation to refuse by the Borough but this will be decided by an Inspector. Planning Committee Councillors were 'impressed' and impacted by the large group of residents that formed an effective protest. The agent for Nut Orchard had challenged the community right to bid but this has been upheld by the Borough just last week. We managed to get the planning application just off Green Acres deferred for a proper drainage assessment. Many of you know this site is prone to flooding. The site for mineral extraction at

Puckrup and the large business park at Brockeridge are, of course, still to be determined.

We continue to be busy with contacts from individual residents and are able to take matters up with Borough Officers or outside agencies and are always pleased to do what we can to help.

We had secured some funding for the riverside walk but there has been reluctance from land owners for this to be actioned. If there are gates/styles that could be made disabled friendly we certainly could look into and aim to progress that.

Twynning has been plagued by a sewerage problem and despite dialogue by ourselves (and it must be said others) with Severn Trent, a solution is still some way off.

The Ukraine War is affecting us all in different ways and the Borough has advice and help available. We know there are those looking to provide accommodation in Twynning and indeed we had an email from a resident just last week about this.

We voted for what is one of the lowest Council Tax rates in the Country.

As we move forward post pandemic it is great to see in Tewkesbury the return of the Big Weekend and Medieval Festival and of course in Twynning the planned events for the Queens Jubilee.

Don't forget we are easily contactable and it continues to be our pleasure to serve this great community in anyway we can.

Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman.

Cate Cody, Gloucestershire County Councillor Annual Report – May 2022

It is a year since I was elected to represent you at Gloucestershire County Council. I have enjoyed the challenges and opportunities it has given me to get to know Tewkesbury's Division from a wider perspective. I am so impressed by everything residents do for their communities, including tackling the climate and biodiversity emergencies at local level. Where ever possible, I have come to Twynning's Parish Meetings, (not always easy as they are on the same night as Tewkesbury Town Council). My Tewkesbury Division runs pretty much from the Odessa to the Worcestershire border at Stratford Bridge, which includes: Odessa Park, Stonehills, Gloucester Road, Prior's Park, Tewkesbury Park, Tewkesbury Town Centre, Mitton, The Mythe, Shuthonger, Church End, Twynning and Stratford Bridge. It has been a very busy year, juggling my new role with my existing roles as a Tewkesbury Town and Borough Councillor, but I have very much enjoyed meeting so many people and groups of all ages and visiting numerous events. For information, I have given a list of all my Councillor roles at the end of the report.

Over the year, my monthly reports have contained the following. If anyone would like the links again, please let me know.

Information and advice regarding:

Covid

Ancestry resources on-line

Requesting landlords for 'New Beginnings' (Afghan families)

Employment skills hub to support furloughed residents

Winter vaccination information

Gloucestershire Fostering

Avian Bird Flu

Tewkesbury Halifax branch closure

Severn Trent pipework on the Severn Ham

Tewkesbury Repair Cafe Dates

Highway Code changes

Tewkesbury Hospital – temporary closures

Tewkesbury Library Innovation Lab

Proud to Care career telephone support service (job seekers interested in care work)

Ukraine – Help and information for people seeking refuge in Gloucestershire and their sponsors

World Book Day Support service for over 18s in Gloucestershire bereaved by suicide

Tour of Britain Various local events

Funding opportunities for the following: Boost to help communities Community recovery from the pandemic Tackle climate change Community projects Wellbeing support for school staff Digital community projects Market Towns Funding Platinum Jubilee Fund Household Support Fund Afghan resettlement Support for young families

My councillor COVID-recovery grant scheme for community projects – I have set aside money for each of the areas in my division. So far I have put money towards the Twyning community bus and set some money aside for a school project.

Environment, sustainability and recycling:

Metal packaging

A Greener Christmas

Green County Budget Amendments: funding for a biodiversity officer and the development of Gloucestershire's first "tip shop" where materials brought to a household recycling centre will be diverted into reuse, helping to building a circular economy and divert material from the incinerator.

Go greener with Gloucestershire Libraries Requesting open land for tree planting Greener

Gloucestershire newsletters <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-andenvironment/climate-change/greener-gloucestershire-climate-action/> Tree Planting Network Group Community Bus Trial

Consultations and Surveys:

Local Transport Plan National Bus Strategy Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service Waste Local Plan Pharmaceutical Services M5 Junction 10 statutory public consultation Tewkesbury Wellbeing Survey

Twyning Casework including:

Fibre Optic update

Getting the trial Community bus to stop at Stratford Bridge and Twyning (it runs until July, so please use it if you would like to see the service continue)

Grass / hedge cutting issues, including getting the footpath cleared from the M5 into Tewkesbury Planning application involvement, most notably Hillend and Bow Farm Numerous individual / personal casework including Bromford issues, Care Home guidance etc etc

My roles as a Tewkesbury Councillor • Tewkesbury Town Councillor – Tewkesbury North Ward Committees: • Full Council • Severn Ham committee • Watson Hall and Anglo American Garden Trustee Working Groups: • Climate Change Action Working group - Chair • Tewkesbury Town Regeneration Project local notice board upkeep (Town Council / Stonehills Community) • Case work • Tewkesbury Borough Councillor – Tewkesbury South Ward Committees: • Full Council • Audit and Governance Committee • Standards committee • Horsford Trust Committee Working Groups: • Climate Change Action and Flood Risk Management Working group - Vice Chair • Planning Policy Reference Panel • Tewkesbury Garden Town Reference Panel • Case work Gloucestershire County Council – Tewkesbury Division

Full Council • Adult Social Care and Communities Committee • Safety and Licensing Committee

Working Groups: • Restoring our Rivers Working Group • Cycling Liaison Working Group •

Stakeholder in the School Streets trial (Tewkesbury C of E) and volunteer coordinator • Case work • Group Leader for the Green Party

I am more than happy to be contacted if you have any questions on this report or to represent you in some way at the County Council.

Cate Cody cate.cody@gloucestershire.gov.uk

3. Workshop Session – “The Future of Village Infrastructure” We will discuss future needs in terms of deliverable projects which might be funded by CIL or S106 funding

The round table discussions came up with the following ideas:

Skatepark

Cycle Path

Fitness Equipment

Noticeboards

Cricket Pavilion & Club

Refurbishment of Play area surface and equipment

Outside toilets at TRAC

Pavilion refurbishment

Extra tennis/padel court

Rebo wall/Climbing wall

All weather play area for play group

Bike Racks/Dog Rail

Solid paths to courts and field

BMX track

CCTV upgrade

Safety measures/fencing at the Quay

Vehicle activated signs

Bollards around the Green

Mower

Minibus

Kissing gates to replace stiles

Defibrillators

Road signage (safety signs i.e. hedgehogs/horses)

4. Receive any other public comments or suggestions

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm for the AGM of the Parish Council