

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twyning

Councillors Present: Chairman Cllr P Hadley, Ferguson, Horsfall, Lockett, Murray, Nottage

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, County Councillor Cate Cody, Borough Councillors Mike Sztymiak, Philip Worman, 7 members of the public

594	<p><u>Welcome</u> The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting. There were no requests</p>
595	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Councillors are reminded to give their apologies in writing to the clerk prior to any meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Ellis, Cllr Bartlam had resigned prior to the meeting</p>
596	<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>
597	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th September 2022</u> The Minutes were agreed as a true record</p>
598	<p><u>Discuss applying for Funding for VAS Equipment</u> The Clerk advised that VAS equipment would need some hands on maintenance. Cllr. Cate Cody offered to assist with the application. Community Engagement Working Group to take forward as a project.</p>
599	<p><u>Discuss Footpath Improvements and other CIL Projects</u> Research undertaken on footpath accessibility previously by other interested parties was shared with the Council and would be taken forward as a project by the Recreation Working Group.</p>
600	<p><u>Progress on Matters from Previous Minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste Bins – awaiting installation by TBC – TBC awaiting stock of the ones for Hillend and Bockeridge. 2. S106 – awaiting response from TBC
601	<p><u>Receive and request reports from Borough/County Councillors</u> Reports will be recorded in the Minutes and not read out Gloucestershire County Council Report - Cate Cody - 10th October 2022</p> <p>Have your say - Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership Consultation (a partnership between the County and District Councils of Gloucestershire) has launched a consultation on the adoption of a revised Resources and Waste Strategy for Gloucestershire. The partnership works to optimise waste management services across the county and is committed to the development and implementation of a Strategy. This will identify key priorities and objectives that will address future challenges, including continual improvement and step changes in waste policy and the wider sustainability agenda. We are seeking your feedback on this revised strategy, which can be viewed here along with the consultation questions https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/gloucestershire-resources-and-waste-partnership-consultation The closing date for responses is Friday 9th December 2022.</p> <p>Have your say on new Council powers to enforce moving traffic restrictions. GCC wants to hear your views on proposals to introduce new measures to improve road safety and cut congestion in the county. Local authorities in England are now able to apply to the Department for Transport (DfT) for new powers to enforce moving traffic restrictions by issuing fines to motorists that contravene the rules. These powers in Gloucestershire were previously held by the police. The statutory six week consultation begins 29th September and runs until 12pm on 10th November.</p> <p>Enforcement of these moving traffic contraventions aim to improve road safety, reduce congestion and improve traffic flow. The contraventions include stopping in a yellow box junction, banned turns, going the wrong way in a one-way street or accessing a street where there is a prohibition of driving in place. They would be enforced in various locations using Automatic Number Plate</p>

Recognition (ANPR) cameras. Traffic surveys were carried out at a number of sites around the county between November 2021 and March 2022 where safety concerns and non-compliance were identified. The council will listen to feedback from residents to take action to make roads safer.

Enforcing traffic regulations at these sites could reduce the risk of collisions and improve road safety for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, as well as improve the efficiency of public transport services. Any surplus funds raised through enforcement would be reinvested in parking services, environmental schemes, highways improvements or public transport, as set out in legislation. The council will be hosting online drop-in sessions on Microsoft Teams to find out more about the changes. These sessions will be held on: Tuesdays: 11th October, from 9am to 10am, 18th October, from 12pm to 1pm and 25th October, from 4pm to 5pm.

There will be five initial locations to begin with (all in Cheltenham and Gloucester), further information and the link for the consultation:

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/moving-traffic-enforcement>

Gloucestershire Homes for Ukraine scheme. There will be increased financial support for Ukrainian guests and their sponsors from November regarding the impact of the increase in the cost-of-living. GCC will be offering all sponsors £375 per household (split into three payments of £125, per month, for November and December 2022 and January 2023) to help towards their energy costs. This will be paid to every sponsor in the county, regardless of how long they have been hosting their guests. Any guest who has moved out into the private rented sector will also be eligible to receive this payment (conditions apply). Additionally, those sponsors who have offered to continue to provide accommodation beyond the first six months will also receive an additional £100 per month for months seven to twelve of their hosting arrangements, and this in addition to the existing monthly £350 'thank you' payment already offered to all sponsors. This means the total monthly payment a sponsor could receive over the winter if they have been hosting a Ukrainian guest for seven months or more is £575. Sponsors do not need to do anything extra to receive these payments. The county council Homes for Ukraine team will work with district council teams to make sure the correct payments are processed and passed on to the right Sponsors.

Anti-Slavery Week 17th to 24th October. To mark Anti-Slavery Week, Gloucestershire Anti-Slavery partnership (GASP) has teamed up with Escapeline, a child exploitation charity who provides training on how to spot the signs and take action to protect children and young people from enslavement and exploitation, www.escapeline.org.uk/ Further information about modern day slavery here: <https://www.gla.gov.uk/media/8587/anti-slavery-week-brief-for-businesses.pdf>

Tewkesbury Repair Cafe. Next sessions are planned 22nd October and 19th November 2-5pm at the Baptist Church. They are looking for volunteers to help with the repairs. If you have the skills, please get in touch.

Cate Cody - October 2022

Tewkesbury Borough Report for Twyning Parish Council.

10th October 2022

The Borough has recently received the results of a survey of customer satisfaction. This was sent to 5000 residents and 781 responded.

For those interested the results can be found on the Borough web page.

The planning application for the land south of the Geston Place is due to be discussed at the Borough planning committee on Tuesday 18th October.

The reserved matters application is in for the Parcel 2917 Downfield Lane, 47 dwellings. This follows the application won on appeal and covers more detail like layout and landscaping.

The Borough planning service continues to have staff shortages and we are aware a number of residents are experiencing much longer times than they should. The Borough have made and continues to make changes to resolve this but it may take some time.

The Borough have funds available for organisations that open their premises for residents to keep warm and maybe provide a meal/entertainment. They have grants available of £500. Please contact Andy Sanders at the Borough for more information.

The Borough has tightened up regarding the offence of dog fouling and although the vast majority of people pick up after their dog it is still a blight on our communities.

Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman.

602 Working Group/Councillor Reports:
Reports must be received in writing by the clerk 9 days before a meeting so that any decision requests can be included on the agenda. Reports will be taken as read.
 Village Hall – No report
 Minibus – No report
 Emergency Committee – No report
 Recreation Working Group – No report
 Village Green Working Group – No report
 Tree Warden – No report
 Footpath Gang – No report
 Planning Committee – to appoint a Council representative to the ACV Tribunal – Cllr Horsfall volunteered to attend Nut Orchard Planning Inquiry postponed to 10th January, React Group are likely to attend Worcs County Council Planning Meeting which will discuss Bow Lane application with regards to extraction. Glos County Council to set a date for their meeting. Newlands have invited parish councillors to attend a meeting with them to discuss reserved matters.
 Community Engagement Group – No report

603 Receive reports from any external meetings attended by Parish Councillors
 None attended

604 Finance & Governance

1. Agree bank reconciliation September and updated budget report.
The Bank Reconciliation was agreed at £35498.76 as at 30th September. Expenditure to end of September £22853.38 and Income £34590 was noted. Income running below budget.

2. Agree payments in October
Payments were agreed as follows:

October Payments	Total	Net	Vat
HMRC PAYE	848.78	848.78	0
J Brookes (Grasscutting)	880	880	0
Village Hall Hire	16	16	0
Administration	925.49	925.49	0
Office Allowance/Mile/Broadband	57.7	57.7	0
RBL Poppy Appeal 2031	120	120	0
Sinclair Mini Bus Lease	456	380	76
Community Action (mini-bus)	100	100	0
Sarah Don Bramah (September)	141.66	141.66	0
	<u>3545.63</u>	<u>3469.63</u>	<u>76</u>

3. Receive an update on Playgroup plans, discuss plans for changing rooms – is there an identified need or should funding be put back?
Cllr Hadley reported that Playgroup would not be proceeding with a new building therefore the plans for the changing rooms would be taken forward by the Parish Council and modified.

4. Consider a funding request from the Tennis Club
A fully costed grant application was received and considered. Funding was requested in the sum of £3200 towards new floodlighting costing £17897.50 net. The Council agreed to provide funding and to make payments on behalf of the Tennis Club.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Costs for new signage (polypropylene 14" x 14") £79.96 / waste wheeler bin hire for the Quay – Cost of signs agreed 6. Cost of Memorial Tree and Plaque – B/F 7. Review Savings Account interest rates – The RFO advised the Council that it could achieve 2.75% instead of 1.50% by switching accounts to a 1 year Fixed Term Deposit. The Council agreed to proceed with this investment. 8. Review the Bank Mandates – The Council agreed to add Cllr Nottage to the bank mandates 9. Discuss transport issues following minibus lease expiry and find a solution if possible – Cllr Ellis had negotiated with the leasing company and obtained their assurance that they would renew the lease for a period of 8 months. Proposed Cllr Nottage, seconded Cllr Horsfall The Council agreed by unanimous vote to proceed with a renewal on the basis of £380 net per month for a further 8 months. 10. Receive a revised quotation for footpath surfacing – B/F 11. The Council will vote on a resolution to bid for the "Nut Orchard" land to market value for woodland determined by an independent valuer should the land become available with funding raised by way of reserves and HM Treasury loan. Proposed Cllr. Hadley, seconded Cllr Luckett, all in favour
605	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>A member of the Vacancy Profile Group that is working towards the creation of a parish profile for the Benefice of St Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury with Walton Cardiff and St Mary Magdalene, Twyning was present to ask for views on what the next Vicar of the Abbey should be like.</p> <p>Cllr Luckett read out the Parish Council response:</p> <p>What kind of character do you think the new vicar should have? A warm outgoing personality who feels comfortable mixing with all areas of society. A person of faith without too much piety.</p> <p>What skills do you think the new vicar should have? A good communicator both in speech and writing. Has an understanding of all ways to use contemporary media. Is able to communicate that faith has an essential and relevant role in contemporary society. A sense of humour. An understanding of the Benedictine Rule of Life that underpins the ministry of the Abbey.</p> <p>Do you have any specific areas of concern or feedback which you think the Abbey should consider for the appointment of a new vicar? The Abbey has a large team of clergy and laity who need somebody who can lead but without too heavy a hand. As a multi-functional organisation it will benefit from somebody with a feeling for business and administration,</p> <p>Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Tewkesbury Abbey? The Abbey's sphere of ministry includes the surrounding communities outside the town centre, such as Twyning and Walton Cardiff and as such, the new vicar should have experience of life in rural communities. The new vicar needs to form a vision of how those communities may be served at a time when clergy numbers are reducing.</p> <p>A resident commented that the Vicar should be a country person.</p>
606	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting/Venue & Format</u> 14th November 2022</p>
607	<p>A resolution was passed to exclude members of the public from discussions about a confidential legal matter if necessary</p> <p>Update on Land Transfers/Lease – Cllr Horsfall reported that the matter has been chased.</p> <p>Notice to quit on Commonland has now expired – complaint received from GCC regarding the use of electricity from their official site by the unauthorised encampment. Complaint received from resident regarding ongoing fencing – Cllr Horsfall to set up site inspection – Awaiting action</p>

