

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twyning.

Councillors Present: Cllr. Clayson (Vice Chairman), Davies, Ellis, Ferguson, Holden, Lockett (Chairman)

Also Present: Clerk/RFO Borough Councillor Philip Workman, 12 members of the public

816	<p><u>To Receive Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Hadley. Cllrs. Cody and Sztymiak gave their apologies.</p>																												
817	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation</u> There were no declarations or requests</p>																												
818	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 17th July 2023</u> <u>To agree the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 18th September 2023</u> Both sets of minutes were proposed for agreement Cllr Davies/seconded Cllr. Holden, all in favour</p>																												
819	<p><u>Receive applications for Co-option to the Council</u> There were no applications</p>																												
820	<p><u>Finance</u> 1. Receive report of interim payments, the budget report and bank reconciliation to end of September An interim payment to the ICO for £35.00 was agreed, expenditure to date £28466.89, receipts £43520.31 were as expected. The bank reconciled at £28434.58, checked by Cllr Clayson. 2. Receive list of payments for October Anticipated payments were agreed:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>October Payments</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Vat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Microsoft</td> <td>11.28</td> <td>9.4</td> <td>1.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twyning Village Hall</td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Brookes Grasscutting</td> <td>930</td> <td>930</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>1007.07</td> <td>1007.07</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>983.81</td> <td>983.81</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>3. Approve costs of hedging (£200) This cost was agreed and quotations for ditching would be brought to the next meeting 4. Consider request to add councillor expenses to the April 2024 budget and agree scope – a sum of £400 would be entered into the next year's budget to cover printing and mileage costs 5. Choose maturity option for Business Savings Account – the Council were given 3 options to consider and chose to move the funds to a 95 day notice account</p>	October Payments	Total	Net	Vat	Microsoft	11.28	9.4	1.88	Bank Charges	8	8	0	Twyning Village Hall	16	16	0	J Brookes Grasscutting	930	930	0	HMRC	1007.07	1007.07	0	Administration	983.81	983.81	0
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821	<p><u>General Business</u> 1. Village Green Protection – receive costs for barrier protection – costs for supply and installation of hoop barriers, rocks, reseeding were estimated at £4000. It was agreed to enter this into next year's budget by majority vote (2 abstentions – Cllr Clayson/Ellis). 2. Repairs to drainage channel (The Pound) – receive quote for filling in the channel – no quote available 3. Discuss removing redundant noticeboards Hillend and Lynworth – the Council agreed to refurbish the Hillend noticeboard 4. Receive an update on TRAC toilet facilities project and provide authorisation subject to planning consent and proof that TRAC can cover any contingency sum – the contractor was ready to start work and the clerk had been asked to accept an invoice. It was pointed out to TRAC that they should confirm whether they needed planning permission or not and to provide evidence that they could cover any</p>																												

	<p>contingency sum. An omission in the drawing to be investigated. Cllr Ellis proposed/Cllr Luckett seconded that TRAC proceed subject to planning consent and evidence of the necessary funding. All in favour.</p> <p>5. Receive correspondence from the OPCC – Councillor Advocacy Scheme – Cllr Davies offered to participate</p> <p>6. Receive invitation re Tewkesbury Garden Town – no volunteers</p>
822	<p><u>To receive and request reports from Borough/County Councillors</u> Gloucestershire County Council Report - Cate Cody - 16th October 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tewkesbury Repair Cafe Next session Sat 18th November, 2-5pm at the Baptist Church. • Daytime Discos Free events, all are welcome – you can enjoy a cup of tea, a chat and some happy swing music, or even join in with some dancing if you like. Next event Tuesday 31st Oct, 1-4pm, Watson Hall. • Any Of Us – A National Fostering Film Gloucestershire County Council joined over 80 fostering services across the country to produce ‘Any Of Us’, a short film which aims to raise awareness of the urgent need for more people to become foster carers for their local council and provide nurturing, safe homes for children and young people who need them. ‘Any Of Us’ follows the journey of Chloe, a young person who is entering fostering, and features three very different people she comes into contact with, who all show some of the attributes needed to be a foster carer. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCNmSgIVZ7w&t=6s • Gloucestershire County Council helping people aged 50+ back into employment. The project aims to tackle high numbers over 50 who are not currently employed. The scheme will also help to solve some of the recruitment issues across the county, where currently there are three times more job vacancies than unemployed people. Thirty-five employers have pledged a work placement opportunity and more than 70 people who are not currently employed have expressed an interest in taking part so far. Later this month, the county council’s Employment and Skills Hub will be working with people who have registered, to identify suitable roles for them and support them to contact host employers. To sign up for the 50/50 Challenge or for more information, please contact employers@gloucestershire.gov.uk • Lots going on in Libraries The summer Library Challenge ran mid July to mid September and around 8,000 children signed up. They explored what their library means to them by completing a range of tasks including reading any books they chose, taking part in events and getting into nature. Participants also received incentives and prizes along the way. About 6,000 people registered for musical-themed events across the county, including interactive theatre performances, instrument crafts and workshops and silent discos. The Library Challenge took place in all 40 libraries across the county and was free to take part with a library membership. Library membership is free to any resident in Gloucestershire or neighbouring county. Halloween Costume Swaps are taking place between 9th October and 1st November to help reduce waste and costs for families. They are currently appealing for costume donations and anyone who can help is encouraged to get in touch with their local library. A range of free events are also being held during Green Libraries Week, including animal encounters with ZooLab, an Outdoor Learning Session with Wild & Green, Junk Journal Modelling and waste and recycling talks. You can browse and book events at gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk Saturday clubs to launch across Gloucestershire Libraries; Free activities for young children and their families are to be held as part of a new initiative called Family Focus. This will be available to families on selected Saturdays all year round and will be open to all Gloucestershire children and their parents or carers. The project will include a range of free creative activities, workshops and opportunities for children of all ages and their families, with a strong focus on Early Years, hard to reach communities and non-traditional library users. This non-digital project will focus on increasing creativity, dexterity, learning, literacy, and interaction with others, helping to combat some of the effects left on children and families since 2020. Free tickets will be available soon via the Library catalogue and released throughout the year for individual library events. • Have your say on school admissions The county council has launched a consultation to gather feedback on the admissions arrangements for both county council run schools and some academies from 2025/26 onwards. The council is not proposing to make any changes to the admissions arrangements for council run schools, however, it has a legal duty to consult every seven years. View the list of county council run schools here

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation> When schools are oversubscribed, the current arrangements give priority in the following order: A ‘looked after child’ or a child who was ‘looked after’ but has recently been adopted. Children who have siblings at the school. Children who live closest to the school. The council is also running the consultation on behalf of several academies including Carrant Brook Junior. The consultations will run for seven weeks to 17th Nov 2023.

- Call for carers to complete national survey Gloucestershire County Council is inviting carers to take part in a national survey to find out more about the vital role they play. National carers surveys were started in 2012 and take place every two years. The survey is nationwide and organised by the Department of Health and Social Care. There are more than 51,500 carers in Gloucestershire, providing unpaid support to family members or friends who need help due to a variety of reasons, including age, substance misuse, physical or mental illness and disability. This year’s survey of adult carers in England (SACE) will inform local and national work to find out what support carers need. The county council and NHS jointly fund and promote a range of services to support carers in Gloucestershire. The purpose of the survey is to find out whether these services are helping carers in their caring roles and in their lives outside of caring. All councils are gathering their own local responses which then feed back into the national survey.

Borough Report for Twyning Parish Council 16th October 2023.

Cotswold Grange – There have been concerns over planning issues at Cotswold Grange however planning enforcement have confirmed they are not aware of any breaches at present.

Every 5-10 years an authority has to conduct a housing condition survey. Over the next 3 months a 1000 houses at random will be surveyed but participation is voluntary.

The Warm spaces grants of up to £1000 are available from the Borough for this winter to provide a venue for the public to keep warm and socialise.

Work has started on installing an air source heat pump to replace the ageing gas boiler at the Tewkesbury Borough Council offices. The work should be completed by the spring next year. About half the cost was secured from an external grant. Of course the ultimate reduction in CO2 will be significant.

Some of you may have noticed the Borough has a new website which should improve any searches and also have a more integrated feel. Any feedback would be welcome.

The Borough recently passed a motion for it to promote the option of families to fostering children. There is a shortage in Gloucestershire and some children have to go to other Counties to find a suitable home.

Some will have noticed the illegal parking along the clearway at the Black Bear. Amazingly neither the Police or parking enforcement feel its their job to issue tickets so it has been batted back and forth. The legal advisers for the Police are now involved!

The Brockridge Business Park application is still being assessed by planning officers and there is a feeling it could come before the planning committee before the end of the year.

Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman

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To receive reports from Parish Councillors

- Severn Trent bore hole tests (Cllr Lockett) – Cllr Lockett was in contact with the contractors about a new sewer connection from Church End which might run alongside TRAC site. There will be a public meeting to inform the parish arranged by Severn Trent
- Tree Warden Cllr Lockett reported that he will draw up a list of priority actions following the recent tree inspection
- Sand & Gravel Appeal – Planning Committee to object

824	<u>Public Participation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residents present supported the plans to protect the verges and green - A resident offered to maintain the Lynworth Lane noticeboard - A resident was keen to put on Age UK notices on the public noticeboards and this was agreed - A resident asked when the pub benches would be removed from the Green
825	<u>Progress on Matters from Previous Meetings</u> MVAS – waiting for installation and training - GCC Bins at the Quay – waiting for installation TBC Horse Signs – waiting for installation - GCC
826	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> 20 th November 2023
827	<u>The Council will call for an adjournment to exclude the public to discuss a legal matter</u> The Council adjourned the meeting and discussed instructions to the Council’s solicitors re: encroachment on the common