

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twyning.

Councillors Present: Cllr. Clayson (Vice Chairman), Davies, Ellis, Hadley, Holden, Lockett (Chairman)
Also Present: 3 members of the public, Borough Councillors Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman, Clerk/RFO

854	<p><u>Welcome and To Receive Apologies</u> (if anyone wishes to film or record the meeting they should make the Chairman aware please at the start of the meeting) No apologies received</p>
855	<p><u>Receive Councillor Resignation and discuss recruitment problems</u> Cllr Ferguson had resigned following the last meeting. Recruitment of new councillors still difficult</p>
856	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation</u> There were no declarations or requests</p>
857	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 20th November 2023</u> The Minutes were agreed as a true record</p>
858	<p><u>Receive and request reports from Borough/County Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request update on MVAS programme from County Councillor – apologies were received from Cate Cody Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Report: Cate Cody: Dec 2023 Views wanted on proposed 2024/25 budget for Gloucestershire. GCC has released details of its budget for 2024/25. Proposals for 2024/25 include spending which will reach £609 million. For more information and details on how to have your say, visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2024-25 Consultation runs to 5pm on Thursday 11th Jan 2024. <p>Wingmoor Farm Household Recycling Centre: temporary closure. The site will be closed for essentials repairs and improvements from 22nd Jan until mid-March (subject to weather conditions). The work includes new drainage to prevent flooding issues, a new efficient lighting system, resurfacing and a new access road to separate customers from waste service vehicles improving safety and congestion. The site will reopen with a new reuse shop selling items that would otherwise be disposed of. This will be managed by Ubico during opening hours. Items can be donated and some may be intercepted before disposal if they could be reused. The sales will support the costs of running the Household Recycling Centre service. Please plan visits before the closure or use alternative sites at Hempsted or Fosse Cross. For more information and bookings see www.gloucestershirerecycles.com</p> <p>Mistletoe Survey. The last was in the 1990s and an update is needed to see: if mistletoe is spreading, where and why. Volunteers are being asked to record sightings via the MistleGo! Tree Council's app. Spot the mistletoe, photograph the tree, record the number of clumps in the tree and its location. For more info see: https://rb.gy/tff9bn</p> <p>Safety tips at Christmas: Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service and Trading Standards are encouraging residents to take extra care over the festive season to ensure families and loved ones are protected from fire For advice specific to you and your home, see www.ohfsc.co.uk or visit GlosFire gloucestershire.gov.uk</p> <p>Trading Standards advice: With the pressure of buying Christmas presents, it can be tempting to save money buying cheaper versions of the 'must have' gift. Cheap copies of popular electrical toys and gifts are often made without regard to safety standards carrying risk of injury or fire. The Office for Product safety and Standards has consumer product safety advice, see www.gov.uk</p> <p>Selling vapes to those under 18 is illegal. A shop owner from Gloucester has been fined after selling an e-cigarette (vape) to underage children. GCC's trading standards service carried out an underage sales test purchase exercise. The store had previously been advised on several occasions in relation to underage sales and had been offered free access to training materials and guidance.</p>

Could you become a volunteer school appeals panel member? As a panel member you'll be sitting on independent admission appeal panels and ensuring parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing. Find out more and apply <https://orlo.uk/77pcW>

Plastic-free Christmas campaign. Encouraging a reduction in plastic used over the festive period. Gloucestershire Recycles which represents the county and district councils, aims to show how you can help the environment and save money with the 'plastic-free festivities' campaign. For more see: <https://shorturl.at/rCIOT> plus Plastic-free Christmas dinner tips: <https://tinyurl.com/edr7rjux>

Parking on Mythe Bridge After far too many conversations, meetings and emails, I'm pleased to say that the parking on Mythe Bridge is finally being tackled. Those parking on Mythe Bridge have now started to receive parking tickets as it is an offence to park on a causeway. The reason for the delay was due to legalities to check who was responsible for this type of monitoring as it is different to the GCC wardens who patrol parking on the streets.

Flooding information and guidance – here is some helpful information <https://tinyurl.com/yeuadnts>

Tewkesbury Repair Café Next session: Sat 20th Jan, 2-5pm at the Baptist Church.

Daytime 'Disco' 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 Monday 16th Jan, 1-4pm, Watson Hall.

Seasons Greetings to everyone from me. I hope to see you next year.

Borough Report for Twyning Parish Council 18th December 2023.

The Council has been successful in a bid from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund. The is to support tree planting across the UK as part of the King's Coronation. It is hoped a micro wood and at least 5 new or improved community orchards will be planted by March 2025.

You are encouraged to have your say on the Draft Charter setting out expectations of the Garden Communities (formally referred to as the Garden Town programme). Details are available on the borough web page and closes on the 31st Jan 2024.

Last free parking is available in the Borough owned car parks on the 23rd of December 2023 for Christmas shopping.

At the Council meeting 12th December it was decided to ban pets as prizes on Council owned land. It was also decided to write to the Secretary of State to revive the Kept Animal Bill to make it more difficult for puppy farms to operate.

Council decided the Standards Board should be strengthened and to include 3 Parish Councillors so if you would like Twyning to be involved please make it known.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful 2024.

Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman

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Receive reports from Parish Councillors/Working Groups

Tree Report – London Plane inspection scheduled for this week

Councillor Advocacy Scheme – no meeting

Village Hall – Cllr. Clayson volunteered to take Cllr Ferguson's place as representative of the PC

Village Green/Quay – Cllr Holden had nothing to report. Cllr. Ellis mentioned that 4x4s had been driving over the green following a party in the centre of the village

TRAC – Twyning Tigers finding it difficult to have training sessions on Kilmore field and had approached Twyning Sports Club without success

860	<u>Village Matters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severn Trent Works – an update – Cllr Luckett has been liaising with ST regarding damage to the green. ST will analyse data over the next year following installation of the lining and seem confident that this will prevent sewage flooding Cubs request to install bird boxes – Cllr Luckett to contact them 																																								
861	<u>Public Participation (The public may raise questions or comments on any item on this agenda. Any other matter should be referred to the clerk clerk@twyningcouncil.co.uk)</u> A resident asked for an update on installation of the mobile activated speed signs																																								
862	<u>Finance & Governance</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Receive report of interim payments, the budget report and bank reconciliation to end of November All payments were agreed. Expenditure £35561.31 Income £45063.90 was noted. The bank statement and vouchers were checked by Cllr Clayson and the balance of the current account agreed at £28178.95 Receive list of payments for December – to date the following demands were agreed: <table border="1" data-bbox="172 607 1110 981"> <thead> <tr> <th>December Payments</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Vat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PATA</td> <td>2.55</td> <td>2.55</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>950.21</td> <td>950.21</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twyning Village Hall (hire)</td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Brookes (ditch clearance)</td> <td>1180</td> <td>1180</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smith of Derby (clock maintenance)</td> <td>343.2</td> <td>343.2</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBL</td> <td>120</td> <td>120</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Costs - November</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Costs - December</td> <td>78.44</td> <td>78.44</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>2759.8</u></td> <td><u>2759.8</u></td> <td><u>0</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Council also agreed to settle S106 payments Fitness Superstore £143.80, B & M Garden Buildings £529.98 (this was money owed due to an over-claim of S106 by the Council in 2017)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updated salary scales following the National Pay Agreement and agree implementation from April 2023 of the flat rate £1925 pro rata increase (£1 per hour) The Council agreed implementation Consider the purchase of two replacement grit bins £105 each – It was agreed to proceed with this purchase in the next financial year Receive the re-drafted budget for 24-25 and consider whether to proceed with the Village Green project in the current financial year or wait for CIL – The re-drafted budget was discussed and after some alteration anticipated expenditure in the year would amount to £41440 with a precept requirement of £37635. Splitting the project meant a reduction in the previously drafted budget with a precept requirement of £38735. Proposed Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr Davies and agreed by majority vote to split the Village Green project over 2 years. The first part being the installation of rocks to one section of verge in the current financial year. The second part being the installation of posts or barrier hoops in the next financial year 24/25. Proposed Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr Davies and agreed by majority vote to accept the budget with the precept requirement of £37635 Agree to order the tennis court cleaning at £980 (tennis club to donate £980) and £400 for muga cleaning The Council agreed to proceed with an order to Fosse Contracting on the basis that the Tennis Club and TRAC would contribute the total cost. 	December Payments	Total	Net	Vat	PATA	2.55	2.55	0	Administration	950.21	950.21	0	Twyning Village Hall (hire)	16	16	0	J Brookes (ditch clearance)	1180	1180	0	Smith of Derby (clock maintenance)	343.2	343.2	0	RBL	120	120	0	Office Costs - November	69.4	69.4	0	Office Costs - December	78.44	78.44	0		<u>2759.8</u>	<u>2759.8</u>	<u>0</u>
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863	<u>Progress on Matters from Previous Meetings</u> MVAS – waiting for installation and training - GCC Horse Signs – waiting for installation – GCC – Councillor Cody had reported that these signs would not now be provided due to GCC wanting to reduce roadside clutter.																																								
864	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> 15 th January 2024																																								