

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Twyning.

Councillors Present: Clayson, Cox (arrived at item 953), Davies, Ellis, Hadley, Holden, O'Dell
Also Present: Borough Councillors Philip Workman, Mike Sztymiak, 7 members of the public, Geoff Sallis (SafeAvon), Clerk/RFO

949	To receive apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Westwood
950	To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation There were no declarations or requests
951	To agree the Minutes of the AGM of 20 th May 2024 The Minutes were agreed by unanimous vote
952	To receive and request reports from Glos County Councillor and Tewkesbury Borough Councillors <u>Borough Councillor Report to Twyning Parish Council 17th June 2024</u> Rural Business Grants – There is £160,000 funding available for rural business to strengthen the rural economy and communities. It is for capital funding only and applications for grants can be made from between £3,000 and £24,999 and need to focus on investment in micro and small enterprises. They can include net zero infrastructure projects and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture. Applications for grants close on 22 nd July and more information can be found at https://tewkesbury.gov.uk/services/community/rural-england-prosperity-fund-business-grant-scheme/ Land Adjacent to Greenacres Planning Appeal – the appeal against the decision of Tewkesbury Borough to refuse planning application for 5 dwellings on a site next to Grennaces, Hill End Road, was dismissed by the planning inspector due to the risk of flooding and failure to show adequate means of surface water drainage. Borough Council Name Change Consultation – the Borough Council are minded to change the council name from ‘Tewkesbury Borough Council’ to ‘North Gloucestershire Borough Council’ and are undertaking public consultation on the name change before making a final decision. Anyone wishing to make a comment has until 28 th June. Printed copies of the consultation document can be obtained at the Borough Offices or Leisure Centre or can be done online at Tewkesbury.gov.uk/consultations . Council Plan 2024-2030 – at the last Council meeting the council approved the next Council Plan which outlines the priorities for the next few years. These are Caring for People, Caring for Place and Caring for the Environment. The document includes areas of focus about how the council will support those priorities and can be found by searching for the Council Plan on the Borough’s website. Photo Id required for the General Election – just a reminder that you will need photo id if you vote in person at the polling station. Councillor Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman 17 th June 2024
953	<u>To receive reports from Parish Councillors – Working Groups/External Meetings</u> Staffing Committee no report due Planning Committee no report due Amenities Working Group Cllrs. Westwood, Ellis, Hadley – Cllr Hadley reported a Summer Football Camp would be applying to hold events on the field 1 day per week. Cllr Davies reported that the toilet block building work likely to commence in the next week. He commented on the poor state of the playground equipment and the need for investment. Cllr O’Dell requested a meeting with TBC to discuss CIL/S106. Biodiversity Action Plan Working Group – Cllrs. Cox, O’Dell, Holden – Cllr Holden reported that the WG would set up a meeting with Explorer Scouts once they have formulated a plan of action

	<p>Tree Warden – Dave Lockett – no tree works required Village Hall Rep – Cllr. Clayson – Village Hall doing well with bookings and finances are sound Councillor Advocacy Scheme – Cllr. Cox – no meeting yet Council auditor – Cllr Clayson report due under item 956.7</p>																																
954	<p>Biodiversity Geoff Sallis of SafeAvon is attending to talk about the possibility of a joint project Geoff explained the work of SafeAvon in collecting data about river pollutants to challenge water companies to take action. Difficult to identify farms which contribute to pollution and in any case Severn Trent is publicly funded, making huge profits and paying high dividends whilst not investing in better water treatment plant. Twyning suffered the highest number of sewage spills out of the 7 areas tested. Testing is carried out by volunteers along the Avon and Geoff invited the Council to assist with the purchase of 2 testing kits for the Twyning area and volunteer help. The Council agreed in principle to the purchase of 2 testing kits at £240 each and it was left to the Biodiversity Action Group to follow up on this with a volunteer group.</p>																																
955	<p><u>Adjournment for Public Participation (members of the public are invited to speak on any item on this agenda)</u> Q. A resident queried the cost of TBC's name change. A. £10,000 - £20,000 to include change of logo. Q. What happens to all the stationery, signage etc bearing the old logo? A Not certain about this Comment – that the consultation paper was one-sided and bound to give TBC the go-ahead because of the way the questions were framed – was this fair? A. Resident should write and complain to CEO Q If Twyning collect pollutant data how will it help enforce regulations against Severn Trent? A We have to produce enough data that it cannot be ignored</p>																																
956	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider Quote for annual maintenance of Kilmore Field (£1427) – The Council discussed whether aeration was going to be a thorough enough solution to the drainage problem. The drainage pipes still need investigation and re-aligning with the ditch – Cllr Hadley to discuss with the contractor 2. Consider Quote for annual ditch clearance Kilmore Field (£1300-1500) – as above work on the drainage pipes needs to be investigated before any clearance takes place or the works have to be coordinated – Cllr Hadley to discuss with both contractors 3. Discuss signage on Kilmore Field and the carpark – Cllr Ellis reported that a sign had appeared in the carpark to state it was for residents only. The carpark belonged to the Parish Council and was for use in conjunction with the field. Cllr Hadley to investigate with management committee 4. MVAS – appoint Speedwatch team to move sign and collect data - Cllr Clayson and Davies volunteered to take this on 5. Consider adopting new Financial Regulations as drafted – deferred to next meeting – Clerk to circulate all versions 6. Agree payments for June – Payments were agreed as follows: <p>Anticipated Payments - June 24</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>GAPTC (Training KD & SC)</td> <td>60</td> <td>60</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>1012.74</td> <td>1012.74</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twyning Village Hall</td> <td>24</td> <td>24</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Brookes</td> <td>930</td> <td>930</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PATA Apr May Jun</td> <td>31.05</td> <td>31.05</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Expenses</td> <td>72.1</td> <td>72.1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tewkesbury Pest Control</td> <td>170</td> <td>170</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whatey Recorden Legal Fees</td> <td>300</td> <td>250</td> <td>50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Agree the bank reconciliation for May and receive the budget report – Cllr Clayson reported that he had checked the bank statement and vouchers and the bank reconciled at £22313.34. The budget report was noted 8. To receive confirmation that Public Notice re: the accounts has been given - Noted 	GAPTC (Training KD & SC)	60	60	0	Administration	1012.74	1012.74	0	Twyning Village Hall	24	24	0	J Brookes	930	930	0	PATA Apr May Jun	31.05	31.05	0	Office Expenses	72.1	72.1	0	Tewkesbury Pest Control	170	170	0	Whatey Recorden Legal Fees	300	250	50
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957	Co-option of Councillor There were 2 candidates for co-option – Mike Warner and Katerina Draper – following some discussion Mike Warner was invited to join the Amenities Working Group and Katerina Draper was co-opted onto the Council by unanimous vote.
958	Date of Next Meeting 15 th July 2024
This meeting will be followed by a confidential meeting of the Staffing Committee at 8.30pm – this meeting was postponed due to the Council meeting ending at 8.55pm	