

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twynning

Councillors Present: Cllr P Hadley, Clayson, Lockett

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, Borough Councillor Philip Workman, 5 members of the public

736	<p><u>Appointment of a Council Chairman</u> Councillors present signed their declarations of acceptance of office. Cllr Hadley indicated that he would not want to continue as Council Chairman and nominated Cllr Lockett, seconded by Cllr. Clayson. Cllr Lockett accepted the role and signed a declaration of acceptance. Councillor Lockett conveyed the Council's thanks to retiring councillors Jeremy Horsfall and Denis Murray. Jeremy had chaired the Council skilfully for a number of years and had given sound legal advice when needed. Denis had also chaired the Council and had carefully managed a number of controversial meetings i.e. debate of the JCS.</p>
737	<p><u>Appointment of a Vice Chairman</u> Deferred to next meeting</p>
738	<p><u>Receive Apologies</u> Apologies accepted from Cllr. Davies, Ellis, Ferguson, Holden Apologies also received from Cllr. Syzmiak</p>
739	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation</u> None received</p>
740	<p><u>To receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 17th April 2023 and consider whether suggestions made need further investigation</u> Minutes received. Discussion on further action deferred</p>
741	<p><u>To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the 17th April 2023</u> Minutes received and noted.</p>
742	<p><u>To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th April 2023</u> The Minutes were approved as a true record</p>
743	<p><u>To appoint Members as follows:</u> Item Deferred Planning Committee (5) Staffing Committee (3) Bank signatories (2) Internal audit checks (1) TRAC representatives (2) Village Hall Committee (1) Facebook Moderator (2) Speed Watch Team (2) Tree Warden/Risk Assessor (1) Consider any other working groups required.</p>
744	<p><u>Confirm that existing Policies are up to date:</u> Item Deferred until all councillors confirm they have read the policies. Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Publication Scheme/Grants Policy/Communications Policy /Code of Conduct/Co-option Policy/Retentions & Disposals Policy/Privacy Notices/Field Hire Policy/Dignity at Work Policy</p>
745	<p><u>Finance</u> 1. Agree the Year End Accounts including the Variations statement – The Accounts and Variations Statement were approved by unanimous vote and signed by the Chairman 2. Agree the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-23 to be signed by the Chairman – The Annual</p>

Governance Statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman

3. Agree the Accounting Statement for 2022-23 to be signed by the Chairman – **The Accounting Statements were agreed and signed by the Chairman**

4. Receive and consider the insurance quote for 2023-24 (£955.92) and confirm that cover is adequate – **Agreed to renew at £955.92 and cover adequate**

5. Receive budget report to end of April 23 – **The budget report was noted. Income £17430 (including 50% precept) Expenditure £4282.77. Bank as at 31st April £26528.39. The bank statement and vouchers were checked by Cllr Clayson.**

6. Agree payments for May – Payments were agreed as follows:

May Payments	Total	Net	Vat
J Brookes	830	830	0
Village Hall (hire)	16	16	0
Administration	1009.8	1009.8	0
Expenses	57.7	57.7	0
Bank Charges	8	8	0
Microsoft	11.28	11.28	0
Website Admin Apr/May	283.32	283.32	0
GAPTC subscription	480.66	480.66	0

7. Minibus Handover – discuss the debt held by the Minibus Group £517.86 – The Council received notification that the Minibus Group had allowed a debt to accrue for petrol. This meant the Group had not covered their expenses with hire charges. They would be asked to provide an explanation of this but the Council considered there was no other choice but to cover the debt. **The payment of £517.86 was agreed.**

8. Agree to felling of silver birch (£190)

The cost of employing a tree surgeon was agreed at £190.

746 Confirm the Council will adopt the General Power of Competence having two thirds of the Council elected and a qualified Clerk

The Council agreed that it was eligible and adopted the GPC.

747 General Business

1. Completion of the Licence Agreement for a Compound – **The terms were agreed by unanimous vote. The Clerk signed the agreement.**

2. Review of the Website and Facebook – the Clerk requests that the Council considers having a new website to bring control inhouse (details circulated) **Item Deferred**

3. Consider purchasing a new noticeboard for Church End (cost approx. £1700) due to it being an open style noticeboard at present and complaints by residents – **Cllr Luckett proposed that the Men's Shed be asked to look at making improvements to all the noticeboards. Quote to be obtained. This action was agreed.**

4. Quotes for driveway repairs and discuss portion payable by the Council – Quotes not available

5. Receive suggestions of locations for EV charging points – List of locations to be sent to GCC for consideration

6. Unauthorised encampment on the common – appoint a representative to attend meeting – **Cllr Luckett offered to attend**

7. Bins on the Quay – remove and dispose of red dog bin, move black bin from the Quay and place on verge with one additional black bin (approx. £650) **Agreed to proceed with the purchase of 1 new black bin**

8. Storage of council documents – **Cllr Luckett and Clerk to meet to decide which items could be sent to County Archives. The Village Hall Committee would be asked if space available for one filing cabinet for any items which might be retained.**

9. Receive Tree Warden Report – Noted – trees on TRAC to be included in Tree Inspection and in the meantime TRAC asked to remove basal suckers.

748 County, Borough, Parish Councillor reports

County report received following the meeting:

Gloucestershire County Council Report - Cate Cody - 15th May 2023

GCC sponsors Malvern show garden for hospital patients:

The council will sponsor a garden at the RHS Malvern show that will become a therapeutic escape for hospital patients. Once the annual Malvern show is completed, the 'Greener Gloucestershire NHS Garden' will be transported from the Three Counties Showground to Gloucestershire Royal Hospital

where it will be permanently placed for patients and staff at the hospital to enjoy. The garden celebrates native species in Gloucestershire and ways to create beautiful gardens organically.

Gloucestershire Tree Planting

If you have a possible planting project, or have land that could be used to plant trees or hedgerows, please let me know.

Greener Gloucestershire

You can support by taking part in the National 'No Mow May' or '30 Days Wild' campaigns, grow your own fruit and veg at home or grow pollinator friendly flowers in your garden. For more ideas, visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/climate-change/greener-gloucestershire-climatedashboard/what-can-you-do/act-for-wildlife-and-biodiversity>.

Gloucestershire Recycles campaign encourages residents to get composting. A new campaign will encourage residents to make and use compost. It's easy, can save money, help the environment and boosts flowers and vegetables. Home composting also reduces carbon emissions, both from the breakdown of organic matter and from waste vehicle transportation. The campaign gives tips and includes a competition; free training courses; free information for school composting and a self-guided learning module. Email waste@gloucestershire.gov.uk. or see <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/composting>

From displaced to safe – celebrating resettlement in Gloucestershire

It's a year since the county began welcoming Ukrainians as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and Gloucestershire has welcomed over 1,400 including more than 280 children. While some have chosen to move on or go back to Ukraine, others have stayed and settled in the county. Currently there are 380 household hosts opening their family homes to those displaced by war. Gloucestershire is also committed to resettling 35 Afghan families under the governments Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and a further 89 families from Syrian have also been supported to resettle under the Gloucestershire Refugee Resettlement Programme (GRRP). Could you become a host? Gloucestershire Homes for Ukraine team is looking for people who can offer Ukrainian's a safe place to stay. The team are looking for people who might have a second home, rental property, annex, or spare rooms anywhere in Gloucestershire. If you would be interested in supporting someone fleeing war for at least six months, please get in touch with the Homes for Ukraine team via hfuteam@gloucestershire.gov.uk. Currently for the first six months of sponsorship, hosts can claim a £350 monthly payment. This rises to £450 after six months and up to £500 after one year. An optional tax-free 'thank you' payment per sponsoring household, per month is also available to hosts who can accommodate one or more guests for up to two years.

Tewkesbury Repair Cafe

Next session Sat 20th May, 2-5pm at the Baptist Church.

Daytime Discos

Our monthly 'daytime discos' have been going so well, we've decided to continue them. These are 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 is Tuesday 23rd May, 1-4pm, Watson Hall.

A38 Road sign cleaned Following a request at the TPC AGM.

VAS The equipment has been signed off and is with the Highways team who will be in touch to install.

Borough Report for Parish Council 15th May 2023.

As you can imagine the last month the Borough has been preoccupied with elections!

We are pleased to report, however, we both were re-elected to the Tewkesbury North and Twynning Ward and are very grateful for the strong support we received from the village.

	<p>The make-up of the Council post election is very different with no overall control. Lib Dems are the largest group with 16 Councillors. Cons have 9, Independents 9 and Greens 4. The leader of the Council will lightly be Lib Dem Richard Stanley.</p> <p>We have Mayor Making tomorrow and the adjourned meeting on Wednesday when the committee positions will be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman</p>
749	<p><u>Public Participation</u> Resident complained about a trailer which has been parked outside the chapel for a number of months, perhaps year – possibly abandoned – advised to report online to TBC</p>
750	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> 23/00314/FUL Removal/Variation of condition 2 of the planning application ref number 21/00854/FUL. Granary Cottage, Hillend, Twyning – No Comment 22/01194/FUL A38 Access (modifications submitted to GCC Highways) Cllr Luckett and Clayson had made a site visit. Suggested objections were read out and agreed. 23/00002/SCR - Bockeridge Park – Clerk to write to request Environmental Impact Statement 23/00365/FUL S73 Variation of Condition, of planning permission 22/00848/FUL, in order to permit commercial equestrian use (by the removal of Condition 4) and the burning of stable waste or other materials (by the removal of Condition 6) Springfields, Shuthonger Cllr Luckett to arrange site visit. 23/00166/FUL Replacement dwelling. Dawleys Caravan Site Owls End Lane Twyning – following refusal by the Planning Authority and Inspector the applicant has submitted a Landscape and Visual Impact Appraisal with changes to the height and profile of the building. Cllr. Luckett proposed No objection, all agreed.</p> <p><u>Planning Decisions by TBC and Others</u> 22/01380/FUL Installation of 188 solar panels to existing pitched roofs of office buildings Bockeridge Park Permit 22/00977/LBC & 976/FUL Conversion of an agricultural barn to a residential dwelling including associated operational works and erection of detached garage. Barn North East Of Bowbridge Cottage Permit 23/00093/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing kitchen. Kiftsgate Church End Twyning Permit 20/01206/FUL Demolition of an existing agricultural building and the construction of a single dwelling Twitlocks Farm Twyning Refuse</p> <p>Commons Act 2006, s16: Application to deregister and exchange land at Bockeridge Common, Gloucestershire Permitted</p>
751	<p><u>Agree frequency and dates of future meetings</u> Council meetings - Monthly (as required) on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30PM</p>