

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twyning.

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

Also Present: Borough Councillor Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman, Clerk/RFO 8 members of the public

872	<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) Cllr Davies was absent.</p>
873	<p><u>Discuss Councillor Recruitment Problems</u> Cllr Lockett would write an article for the Bulletin. Notices put out. Cllr Hadley indicated that people expressed concern about the time required for councillor duties.</p>
874	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation</u> No declarations or requests</p>
875	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 18th December 2023</u> The minutes were proposed for agreement by Cllr Clayson, seconded by Cllr Hadley, all in favour</p>
876	<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 – ongoing Gloucestershire County Council Report - Cate Cody - 15th January 2024 Flooding information and guidance – Via the Borough, but I'd like to thank to Richard and Brent from Twyning, who helped me with a family to completely clear their flood damaged home on Saturday. Daytime 'Disco' Free event, 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 16th Jan, 1-4pm, Watson Hall. Tewkesbury Repair Café Next session: Sat 20th Jan, 2-5pm at the Baptist Church. Animal Moves and Grooves - Tewkesbury Library 10th February 2-3pm. Part of the Gloucestershire libraries new Saturday Clubs for children of all ages - pre-booking essential: https://rb.gy/6ktgyb Libraries are also Warm and Well spaces Did you know that as well as lending you free, amazing books, your local library offers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm, dry buildings with spaces to sit and keep warm • Free access to the internet and Wi-Fi • Places to charge your devices • Signposting to advice and support • Free activities such as homework help, knit and natter, library clubs Road user Horse Warning Signs On chasing this, I have been told that there is a National Highways policy to reduce sign clutter and there are Highway Code rules that road users should follow regarding horses. However, I have argued that despite the fact that road users should always be aware of horses, cyclists, pedestrians etc, I think that warning signs to make drivers aware of horse riders in a village like Twyning where there is likeliness of them on the road is important. Presently there needs to be more data to show that signs are needed, so I would urge every rider to report all occasions of vehicles going too fast, too close etc. Incidents should be reported to the police and also to the British Horse Society https://www.bhs.org.uk/go-riding/record-an-incident/ The world is coming to Tewkesbury Abbey – The Abbey is looking for volunteers to help with the splendid forthcoming Gaia exhibition 2nd to 20th February. For information on volunteering, contact 01684 850959 or email volunteering@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk or book tickets here https://shorturl.at/aMX09 Wingmoor Farm Household Recycling Centre: temporary closure. Reminder - The site will be closed for essentials repairs and improvements from 22nd Jan until mid-March (subject to weather conditions). Please plan visits before the closure or use alternative sites. Information and bookings www.gloucestershirerecycles.co <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Borough Council Report to Twyning Parish Council 15.01.2024</u></p> <p>1) At the start of the year Tewkesbury experienced its worst flooding since 2007 and while the levels were about were about 60 cm below the 2007 levels some properties were flooded and many roads closed.</p>

	<p>The Borough were busy dealing with the flooding (providing sand bags, establishing a rescue centre and accommodation for those who had to leave their properties) and have now moved into recovery mode.</p> <p>They are collecting bulky waste from flooded properties and grants are available for flooded residential properties of £500. There is also a Business Recovery Grant which is available to small and medium sized businesses of up to £2,500 to help them return to business. Shortly, they will be producing details of a property flood resilience repair grant scheme and the farming recovery fund.</p> <p>On Tuesday 16th January between 6 pm and 7.30 pm at the Holy Trinity Church , Oldbury Road, Tewkesbury, there will be a drop-in and advice session for those affected by flooding.</p> <p>For those requiring more information contact Tewkesbury Borough on 01684 295010.</p> <p>2) The borough council have produced a draft charter for the proposed Garden Town at Aschurch which is open for public consultation up to the 31st January 2024 . The latest idea is to present it as a series of Garden Communities based on sustainable development principles.</p> <p>The charter can be found online by searching for ‘Tewkesbury Borough Garden Town Charter’ and feedback can be sent to gardencommunities@tewkesbury.gov.uk</p> <p>Councillor Mike Sztymiak and Councillor Philip Workman 15.01.2024</p>																																								
877	<p><u>Receive reports from Parish Councillors/Working Groups</u> Tree Report – the report on the London Plane circulated. The Plane was showing signs of stress in some branches. Village Hall – no report Village Green/Quay – no report TRAC – no report</p>																																								
878	<p><u>Common Land</u> Consider responses from landowners – responses received from 2 landowners which indicated that they had planted trees and hedges to improve the land and had no intention of restricting access. Clerk will invite them to the Annual Parish meeting to discuss improving biodiversity.</p>																																								
879	<p><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@twynningcouncil.co.uk)</u> Concern was expressed about the school defibrillator not being registered with emergency services.</p>																																								
880	<p><u>Finance & Governance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive report of interim payments, the budget report and bank reconciliation to end of December Proposed for agreement Cllr Ellis/seconded Cllr Hadley, all in favour Income to Dec £46553.90 Expenditure £43999.25 Bank Balance £21231.01 2. Receive list of payments for January including payment of a grant to TRAC of £1000 A list of payments due was presented together with 2 invoices received before the meeting: TBC installation of bins £482.40 and Fitness Superstore £214.89. Proposed for agreement Cllr Ellis/seconded Cllr Hadley, all in favour <table border="1" data-bbox="172 1783 1098 2154"> <thead> <tr> <th>January Payments</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Net</th> <th>VAT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Village Hall - Hire Nov & Dec</td> <td>32</td> <td>32</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meeting refreshments</td> <td>32.9</td> <td>32.9</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>1504.94</td> <td>1504.94</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE (Oct/Nov/Dec)</td> <td>1040.67</td> <td>1040.67</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRAC grant</td> <td>1000</td> <td>1000</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microsoft</td> <td>12.36</td> <td>10.3</td> <td>2.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td>8</td> <td>8</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Expenses</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stone Warehouse (Village Green Proj)</td> <td>535.12</td> <td>445.93</td> <td>89.19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	January Payments	Total	Net	VAT	Village Hall - Hire Nov & Dec	32	32	0	Meeting refreshments	32.9	32.9	0	Administration	1504.94	1504.94	0	HMRC PAYE (Oct/Nov/Dec)	1040.67	1040.67	0	TRAC grant	1000	1000	0	Microsoft	12.36	10.3	2.06	Bank Charges	8	8	0	Office Expenses	69.4	69.4	0	Stone Warehouse (Village Green Proj)	535.12	445.93	89.19
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3. Pass a resolution to request a precept of **£37635 Proposed Cllr Hadley, seconded Cllr Ellis, all in favour**

4. Receive quotes for tree work/fencing – Quotes for timber fencing around the London Plane were presented. A long discussion took place and it was decided that the fencing would not prevent access under the tree and would also be subject to ongoing maintenance. Pruning by 4m seemed drastic and Cllr Ellis queried why it should not be by 2m. **Cllr Clayson proposed rope fencing, this proposal was not seconded.** It was deemed preferable to have any necessary pruning done further to taking advice on the extent of the pruning. **Proposed Cllr Ellis, seconded Cllr Hadley to obtain advice on the extent of the pruning, and a quote for pruning the London Plane to that specification, carried by majority vote. Cllr Lockett presented a list of other tree works which were necessary and these would also be put out to tender.**

5. Monies owed to Council as at 31st Dec. £70 Ruby Financial, £550 TBC (S106) **Ruby Financial chased for payment, TBC asked to confirm balance of money owing**

6. Agree purchase of Cambrian boulders at £535 for first stage of Village Green project – **Proposed Cllr Holden, seconded Cllr Ellis, a budget of £1000 was agreed by majority vote to proceed with purchase and installation**

7. Discuss correspondence received from 2Commune – The website provider had indicated their partnership was folding therefore the Clerk had contacted Cuttlefish for continuation of the supply. **A contract was circulated at £400 per annum and this was agreed by majority vote.**

8. Discuss proforma payments required for TRAC purchases and authorise the clerk as necessary The Clerk asked for permission to make proforma payments for TRAC purchases and this was agreed.

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Date of Next Meeting

19th February 2024

The Council will adjourn the meeting to discuss a confidential ongoing legal matter

The meeting in public was suspended for confidential discussion. The unauthorised business activity on Showborough Common would now be escalated to the Courts.