

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Twynning.

Councillors Present: Clayson, Davies, Ellis, Hadley, Holden, Luckett (Chairman)

Also Present: Clerk/RFO, County Councillor Cate Cody, Borough Councillors Philip Workman & Mike Sztymiak, 10 members of the public

909	<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) There were no apologies</p>
910	<p><u>Consider applications for Co-option</u> There were no applications</p>
911	<p><u>To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation</u> There were no declarations or requests</p>
912	<p><u>To agree the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 19th February 2024</u> The Minutes were proposed for agreement by Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Ellis, all in favour</p>
913	<p><u>Receive and request reports from Borough/County Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request speedier settlement of S106 requests – It is taking far too long to get settlement of S106 monies and it causes the Parish Council embarrassment - Borough Councillors would take up this point • Councillors Cody has provided a grant form for completion to claim £200 for the book swap store being provided by Priors Park Project. To provide dimensions so that Village Hall can consider location. Her full report is on the news page of the Parish Council website. She has been working with a Dementia action group and can provide leaflets with advice if anyone needs them <p style="text-align: center;">Borough Report for Twynning Parish Council 18th March 2024.</p> <p>The Borough Council at it's meeting on 27th February agreed that it's band D Council Tax will increase to £144.36 per annum an increase of £5.00 from April 2024. At the same meeting it was agreed from 1st April 2025 the council tax for all second and empty homes (empty between 1 and 5 years) will be increased by 100%.</p> <p>At the same meeting the Council agreed to the establishment of the Gloucestershire City Regions Board and to be part of it with the leader of Tewkesbury Borough being our representative. The overall aim is to develop and deliver a vision for the future growth of the economic success of the whole of the Gloucestershire economic area.</p> <p>Again at the same meeting it was agreed to adopt the Garden Communities Charter and commence the process of stakeholder 'sign-up'.</p> <p>Planning application 21/01282/OUT land off Greenacres will be heard at appeal using written representations. Anybody making further representation should do so to the inspector by 9th April 2024.</p> <p>The Borough has been very busy dealing with issues pertaining to the recent floods and has generally done a good job. There have been over 200 community grants and 70 business recovery grants received.</p> <p>At its Full Council meeting on the 23rd January the Council signed up to the Gloucestershire Statement of Common Ground. It is a high level agreements covering items like, Climate Change, Housing, Economic needs, Transport provision and the Natural environment.</p> <p>Advanced engineering and manufacturing firms can now benefit from specialist support from the Growth Hub. This is funded though the UK shared prosperity fund.</p> <p>In connection with the £23,000 funding for Coronation Orchards there is an event at the Wheatpieces Community Centre 26th March 9.30am-11am followed by a tour of the orchard at the Tewkesbury Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Cllrs Mike Sztymiak and Philip Workman</p>

914	<p><u>Receive reports from Parish Councillors/Working Groups</u></p> <p>Tree Warden - A decision to fence the London Plane was made by the Parish Council at their February meeting. That decision may be subject to review following advice from the PC Insurers and a Managing Risk Position Statement from the National Tree Safety Group. All trees were inspected and as can be seen at the base of some of the trees, minor branch shedding has continued unabated. Further tree work identified in the Unwin report may be deferred until winter 2024.</p> <p>TRAC – lighting project – the committee have decided to spend S106 on exterior lighting – The Council asked that they seek assurance from the planning office that this does not need planning</p> <p>Village Hall – The next meeting takes place on the 19th March</p>																								
915	<p><u>Risk Assessments</u></p> <p>Receive reports on the condition of council property:</p> <p>Risk assessments were approved for the</p> <p>War Memorial</p> <p>Village Green & Quay</p> <p>Kilmore Field</p>																								
916	<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@twyningcouncil.co.uk)</u></p>																								
917	<p><u>Finance & Governance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive report of interim payments, the budget report, agree a virement from the elections budget for work on the village green, and bank reconciliation to end of February – The reports were agreed as accurate with the Bank reconciled at £13061.41 and checked by Cllr Clayson 2. Receive and agree the list of payments for March – Payments were agreed as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="172 958 1098 1189"> <thead> <tr> <th>March Payments</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Net</th> <th>Vat</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CLK Media - Bulletin Publishing</td> <td>567.6</td> <td>567.6</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twyning VHMC - Room Hire</td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BJ Unwin - 3rd inspection -tree climb</td> <td>420</td> <td>350</td> <td>70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Administration</td> <td>1005.74</td> <td>1005.74</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Expenses</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>69.4</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Receive advice re fencing off the London Plane, consider quotations and discuss best value solution – The Clerk had circulated advice from insurers, the Open Spaces Society and the National Tree Safety Group and also advised the Council to consider best value and how to fund fencing and ongoing tree inspections from the limited budget. Cllr Ellis queried why the Council had diverted away from the original decision taken in January and whether this should be revisited. Cllr Clayson suggested that 3 Councillors propose a motion to be added to the next agenda. 4. Discuss offered speed camera and associated annual costs (say, £300) Councillors were not happy with the proposed location for the camera and felt that speeding was more likely in Hillend Lane. Cllr. Cody queried how the offer had been made without her knowledge. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Cody. 5. Insurance declaration – confirm there are no changes to councillor circumstances – Councillors to respond to the clerk 6. GAPTC call for motions by 2nd May – This Council is of the strongly held view that in forming the new Strategic & Local Plan a policy should be adopted to ensure that in employing the Standard method to determine the 5-Year Land Supply that the burden of supply is that of each council and not attributed to one Council out of the three. Agreed 	March Payments	Total	Net	Vat	CLK Media - Bulletin Publishing	567.6	567.6	0	Twyning VHMC - Room Hire	16	16	0	BJ Unwin - 3rd inspection -tree climb	420	350	70	Administration	1005.74	1005.74	0	Office Expenses	69.4	69.4	0
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918	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>15th April 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary Meetings – Council to discuss tasks</p> <p>Cllr Holden agreed to set up equipment for the presentation. Cllr Davis will chair.</p> <p>The Meeting will be adjourned so that the Council may discuss a confidential legal matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider a quotation for representation <p>The Council were appraised of the legal fees and agreed to appoint Lunn Groves to progress the Court Order</p> <p>Cllr Lockett resigned from the Council</p>																								

