

Twycross Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: **Thursday 8th May 2025 directly after the Annual Electors Meeting, at Twycross Village Hall.**

082/25 **Election of the Chair/Vice Chair and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Cllr A Taylor proposed that Cllr J Hadfield continue in his role as Vice Chair, Cllr A Tolli seconded. Cllr J Hadfield accepted.

Cllr J Hadfield proposed Cllr A Taylor continue in his role as Chair, Cllr M Humphrey's seconded, Cllr A Taylor accepted.

Cllr A Taylor and Cllr J Hadfield signed the Declaration of Office forms.

0083/25 **Present & apologies**

Cllrs: A Taylor, J Hadfield, D Bonser-Hadfield, A Tolli, M Humphreys
County Councillor J Melen, District Councillor B Sutton

Apologies: None

1 member of the public in attendance.

084/25 **Declaration of interests - None**

085/25 **Public questions and comments (10 minutes)**

None

086/25 **Approval of the previous minutes – March 25**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

087/25 **Update from District and County Councillors**

County Councillor J Melen introduced himself and gave a brief overview of where the County is at after local elections. He was pleased to report that 38% of the electorate went out to vote, Reform have 25 Councillors and Conservatives were the second largest with 15 councillors.

Councillor Melen spoke about his priorities being planning, highways and flooding.

Cllr J Hadfield thanked Cllr Melen for attending and spoke about how the Parish Council look forward to working with him. Cllr J Hadfield raised the ongoing issue of speeding on the A444. Cllr Mellen talked though some different approaches that could be taken and will go back to County.

County Councillor B Sutton was in attendance and updated the Parish Council on local issues. The Borough Council has just received a report about their performance which was largely positive. He voiced his concerns over the proposed changes to unitary authorities.

Cllr B Sutton also raised concerns over planning. He feels it is a concern to put too much power in the hands of planning officers without adequate local input. He feels there are too many inconsistencies when decision are made.

Cllr B Sutton suggested a meeting be organised between himself, the Parish Council and Twycross Zoo to discuss the entrance arrangements and the effect on traffic within the area.

088/25 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated.

089/25 Planning applications, consultations & updates

No	Ref	Subject	Application Date
		None	

090/25 Financial information

Balances as at 29/04/25

Comm unity	22330.73	BMM	10991.78	Petty Cash	0	Total	33322.51	U/P Chqs.	0
Transactions for Community Account up to 26/04/2021									
Date	Ref	Payee	Details				Value £		
29/04/25	BACS	HBBC	Bin servicing				£69.58		
23/04/25	CHG	HSBC	Bank charge				£10.00		
10/04/25	DD	Nest	Pension scheme				£42.73		
04/04/25	CREDIT	HBBC	Precept				£15,870		

Cllr A Taylor proposed that we accept the April bank reconciliation, Cllr J Hadfield seconded, unanimously agreed.

- i. Audit Update and review of Internal Audit Report
The Clerk gave an overview of the AGAR form, accounting statement, end of year accounts and reserve funds.

Cllr A Taylor proposed that we accept the end of year accounts and AGAR form and, reserves. Cllr A Tolli seconded

Cllr A Taylor signed the AGAR form.

0091/25 New trees for the parish

The Parish Councillors discussed the planting of several new trees across the Parish, the clerk will report back to grounds maintenance to get these organised.

0092/25 Norton Juxta Twycross Village Hall request

Norton Juxta Twycross village Hall have asked for a contribution towards new planters and plants. Cllr J Hadfield suggested that we go back to them and ask for costs for the project and then this could be replicated across the parish.

0093/25 Update on flagpole Orton-on-the-Hill

Cllr A Taylor proposed the Parish council spend £494.40 on the proposed flag Pole in Orton-on-the-Hill. Cllr D Bonser-Hadfield seconded.

Cllr A Taylor suggested that we put together a clear record of how money is being spent across the three villages within the parish, clerk to organise.

094/25 Twycross Village Hall

The clerk reported that our solicitors are hoping to hear from the other party this week in regards to the maintenance of the land we have access over.

0095/25 Councillor reports/local issues – Orton on the Hill

Cllr A Taylor thanked Cllr A Tolli and her husband for the work they have done on the Phonebox which is looking so much better.

0096/25 Councillor reports/local issues – Norton Juxta Twycross

None.

0097/25 Councillor reports/local issues – Twycross

Cllr D Bonser-Hadfield raised the issue of the ponds and the possibility of installing an island for the ducks. She will bring costs to the next meeting.

A member of the public raised the idea of bird or owl boxes being installed in the trees around the pond. The clerk will get prices for this.

The meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Next meeting: Thursday 10th July, 7.00pm, Orton Church