

Twycross Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: **Thursday 14th November 2024 at Twycross Village Hall.**

042/24 Present & apologies

Cllrs: A Taylor, J Hadfield, D Bonser-Hadfield, M Humphries, A Tolti
District Councillor B Sutton

Apologies: County Councillor B Harrison-Rushton

1 member of the public in attendance.

Councillor A. Taylor proposed the above apologies be accepted, Councillor D Bonser-Hadfield seconded.

043/24 Declaration of interests - None

044/24 Public questions and comments (10 minutes)

A member of the public was in attendance she asked several questions about the trees in front of the village hall and the state of the surroundings - Cllr A Taylor explained that we are in the process of obtaining legal advice on this matter and we will be able to provide an update once we have clarification.

The member of public asked about the overgrown hedges on Burton Road and the bench which is in a state of disrepair. The clerk confirmed that she has reported these issues and will continue to chase LCC. The disrepair of a bench on Orton Lane is still being looked into- the clerk is waiting to hear back from HBBC to see if it is their property.

The member of public asked about the repairs to the noticeboard in Twycross. The Clerk confirmed that these are being carried out and a new lock has been fixed. Once it is finished then the parish council will be happy for a local representative to hold the key in order to display notices.

The member of the public raised the issue of speeding on the A444, Cllr A Taylor confirmed that the parish council are still chasing up the matter with MP Luke Evans.

The clerk will report the unclear road markings and road surface damage coming into Twycross from the zoo.

The member of the public asked about the tidy up of the ponds. Cllr J Hadfield confirmed that the trees cut down will be tidied up by our grounds maintenance. Cllr A Taylor also explained that he has sought advice on maintaining the ponds going forward.

045/24 Approval of the previous minutes – September 2024

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

046/24 Update from District and County Councillors

District Councillor B Sutton updated the parish council on matters relating to planning

and flooding within the area.

047/24 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated.

048/24 Planning applications, consultations & updates

No	Ref	Subject	Application Date
		None	

049/24 Financial information

Balances as at 04/11/24

Comm unity	19007.91	BMM	10908.97	Petty Cash	0	Total	29916.88	U/P Chqs.	648.49
Transactions for Community Account up to 02/09/2024									
Date	Ref	Payee	Details		Value £				
23/09/24	CHG	HSBC	Bank charge		£8.00				
01/10/24	SO	Haines Watts	Payroll Admin Fee		£82.80				
09/10/24	DD	Nest	Clerk Pension		£42.73				
21/10/24	BACS	Geoffrey Cantwell	Grounds Maintenance		£350.72				
21/10/24	BACS	Moore	External Audit Fee		£252.00				
23/10/24	CHG	HSBC	Bank Charges		£13.00				

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

050/24 ROSPA Reports 2024

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the annual ROSPA reports carried out on the Playgrounds in Twycross and Norton Juxta Twycross. Some repairs will need to be made. The clerk is to contact the playground maintenance company to obtain a quote.

051/24 Twycross Village Hall Request for contribution towards picnic Bench.

Cllr A Taylor explained how Twycross Village Hall have asked for a contribution towards installing a picnic bench. They have applied for £500 funding from HBBC, leaving a remaining £1318 to make the project a reality.

Both Cllrs D Bonser-Hadfield and M Humphreys raised concerns about a bench in

that position being used for anti-social behaviour.

The parish council feels that a contribution of this amount is not in parity with other organisations within the parish. They will have to decline in this instance but are happy to review other requests in the future.

052/24

Clerk to update on work being undertaken by solicitor

The clerk explained that the parish council have instructed solicitors Browne Jacobson to clarify the parish council's legal and financial position in relation to the land adjacent to the road, in front of Twycross Village Hall. The solicitors are hoping to come back with a response within 3 weeks.

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Councillor reports/local issues – Orton on the Hill

None

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Councillor reports/local issues – Norton Juxta Twycross

None

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Councillor reports/local issues – Twycross

Cllr J Hadfield wanted to raise awareness of Twycross Village Hall functioning as a Warm Hub for local residents over the Winter. He proposed that the parish council make a £150 contribution towards this venture. Cllr A Tolti seconded, unanimously agreed.

The clerk will also contact Norton Juxta Twycross to see if they are taking part in the Warm Hub scheme.

Cllr J Hadfield wanted to thank Geoffrey Cantwell for the many repairs he has carried out across the parish recently, including repairs to notice board, stiles, gates and tidying of footpaths.

Cllr Hadfield also reported that a stile on public footpath opposite Turpins has collapsed, the clerk is to report to LCC.

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting: Thursday 5th December at Norton Juxta Twycross Village Hall.