

Twycross Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: Thursday 14th March 2024, 7.00pm
at Orton Church

0073/24 Present & apologies

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

Apologies: County Councillor B Harrison-Rushton

5 members of the public in attendance.

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

0074/24 Declaration of interests - None

0075/24 Public questions and comments (10 minutes)

A member of the public wanted to pass on their thanks to Leicestershire County Council for the road repairs carried out in Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross but urge them to carry out further work to resolve the drainage issues at the top of Orton Lane- The clerk has already reported this issue but will follow it up with parishioner's concerns.

A member of the public urged HBBC to take formal enforcement action against the site developer in Wood Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross for repeated planning breaches. The clerk has asked for the concerns to be put in writing and she will contact the planning enforcement officer and include District Councillor B Sutton in the correspondence.

Two members of the public expressed their serious concerns about the speeding on The A444, especially where it goes from a 60mph speed limit to 30mph. They would like to request signs that show drivers the speed they are doing. Councillors expressed that this is an ongoing issue that has been raised repeatedly by the Parish Council over many years. We consistently contact the police. Borough and County Council. Last year we also put in a request to government with the help of MP Luke Evans for speed controls to be placed but we were rejected. The Clerk has asked for the member of public to put their concerns in writing and she will pass these on to the relevant bodies along with our usual concerns.

A member of the public reported that the larger pond in Twycross is not feeding into the smaller pond- Councillor J Hadfield expressed that he feels this is mainly due to wet weather we have had but we will be looking at cleaning out the ponds and removing overhead branches etc in the summer.

A member of the public expressed concerns over the state of Twycross, this includes the bus stop by the village hall. They are also concerned that the pavement running toward the church and village hall is overgrown, meaning it can only be accessed single file which prevents some people from accessing the community buildings. The clerk will contact HBBC and ask them to look into this.

A member of the public also expressed their concerns over the state of the noticeboard in Twycross- this was already being looked into and we will have the lock replaced and maintenance carried out.

0076/24 **Approval of the previous minutes – January 24**
The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

0077/24 **Update from District and County Councillors**
County Councillor B Sutton was in attendance and updated the Parish Council on local issues including his concerns over the current state of the planning department. He spoke with the councillors about local and neighbourhood plans, their relevance and procedures involved. County Councillor B Sutton also expressed his surprise at recent planning decision including the rejection of permission to convert a local water tower in Norton Juxta Twycross.

0078/24 **Co-opt Parish Councillor Orton-on-the-Hill**
Councillor A Taylor proposed that we co-opt AdriennTolli to become a Parish Councillor for Orton-on-the-Hill. All councillors in agreement and all paperwork signed and witnessed. Councillor A Taylor thanked A Tolli for volunteering and welcomed her to the Parish Council.

0079/24 **Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated.

The clerk also reported that all repairs have been completed on the two playgrounds in the parish and points made on the ROSPA safety reports have been addressed.

0080/24 **Planning applications, consultations & updates**

No	Ref	Subject	Application Date
i	24/00106/CONDIT	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 22/00563/LBC Amendment to plot 1. Moores Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross- NO COMMENT	09/02/24

0081/24 **Financial information**

Balances as at 04/03/24

Comm unity	8390.39	BMM	10768.14	Petty Cash	0	Total	19158.53	U/P Chqs.	0
Transactions for Community Account up to 26/10/23									
Date	Ref	Payee	Details		Value £				
23/02/24	CHG	HSBC	Bank Charge		£10.00				
12/02/24	DD	PWLB	Loan Repayment		£172.10				
09/02/24	CHQ	Clerk	January Expenses		£26.00				
09/02/24	CHQ	Clerk	January Salary		£551.04				
09/02/24	DD	Nest	Clerk Pension		£42.73				
25/01/24	BACS	LCC	Tree Survey		£594.00				

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

0082/24 **Approve Parish Council Policies for 2024/25**
Councillor A Taylor proposed that the Parish Council approve the updated and

amended policies for 2024-2025, Councillor M Humphries seconded, unanimously agreed.

0083/24 Tree Surveys

The Clerk reported on the two tree surveys recently carried out by LCC and the cost of the work required.

Cllr Hadfield requested that one of the trees listed for felling be left to remain to encourage insects and wildlife as it poses no danger. The clerk will report this to LCC.

Councillor A Taylor proposed that we go ahead with the tree works, Cllr J Hadfield seconded. Clerk to organise.

0084/24 New litter bin for Twycross ponds

The clerk reported that she has got the go-ahead from HBBC for us to install a new litter bin by the ponds in Twycross and a suitable bin was chosen. This will be installed and added to the current bin collection.

0085/24 Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr A Taylor wanted to discuss the idea of a Neighbourhood plan, he does not feel that it is appropriate to implement one at the moment.

Cllr M Humphries expressed that he does not feel that they are very useful and are very expensive to create.

Cllr J Hadfield had concerns that they force you to identify sites for building that Cannot be altered once the plan is in place.

Councillor A Taylor proposed that we review this on a 6 month basis- Cllr D Bonser-Hadfield seconded.

0086/24 Discuss Public Space Protection Order

Cllr J Hadfield expressed his view that there is already adequate legislation in the form of public order laws to stop anti-social behaviour etc. He expressed concern that it appeared that a very small proportion of the local population has expressed their views. The clerk is to feedback these points.

0087/24 Twycross Village Hall Land

Cllr J Hadfield has been contacted about the trees and the pot holes on the land in front of Twycross Village Hall. The Parish Council only owns the land which the hall is situated on and only has right of access over the land that leads on to the road.

This has been a historical issue, the Parish Council has previously tried to purchase the other land but were blocked from doing so.

The clerk is to contact the solicitors who were involved previously to see if they can advise us as to who owns the land so that current issues can be presented to them and hopefully resolved.

0088/24 Councillor reports/local issues – Orton on the Hill

Cllr A Taylor reported that he has looked at the planning permission file for the flag Pole in Orton-on-the-Hill and filled in any relevant information. Clerk to submit and follow up.

0089/24 Councillor reports/local issues – Norton Juxta Twycross

Cllr M Humphreys agreed with points raised by members of the public relating to flooding on Orton Lane and the development on Wood Lane. He stressed that he is always happy for residents to contact him with their concerns.

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Councillor reports/local issues – Twycross

Cllr J Hadfield agreed with comments made by members of the public regarding the Speeding issues on the A444, he reiterated that this is a problem that the Parish Council are consistently raising with local bodies. Clerk to contact MP Luke Evans and County Councillor B Harrison-Rushton with the members of public's concerns and request again the possibility of installing average speed check cameras on the A444 along with replacing faded signs.

The meeting was closed at 8.48pm

Next meeting: Thursday 9th May, 8.00pm Twycross Village Hall.