

TWINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Twineham School, Twineham on Monday 12th September 2022 commencing at 7:00 pm

Present: Councillors Mrs A. Hirst, Mrs C. Murphy, and Mr C. Worsley.
West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis.
Clerk Mrs D. Langston.
Rev. Rachel Cornish.
Ms A. Scott, Mayfield Market Town representative.
2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a minute's silence held in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

55.22 Apologies for absence were received from Twineham Parish Councillors F. Jones and J. Veaney.

56.22 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. Interests were declared by Councillor A. Hirst in relation to planning application DM/22/2399. Cllr C. Worsley declared an interest in both Rampion and planning application DM/22/2381.

57.22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2022. Minutes were agreed by Council and were signed by the Chairman.

58.22 Rev. Rachel Cornish updated council on the situation regarding Twineham Churchyard. Due to restrictions on space the Twineham churchyard has no spaces for new burials, although the internment of ashes is still possible. Burial spaces for Twineham residents are still available at both Albourne and Sayers Common. It is envisaged the churchyard will need to be closed within the next 12 months. Rev. Cornish will put something in writing for circulation to residents. Council will take this matter forward for discussion.

Rev. Rachel Cornish left the meeting at this point.

59.22 Matters arising from previous Minutes not covered on agenda:

59.1.22 Update on upgrading Parish Noticeboard. Cllr Veaney is liaising with the contractor on this matter. Item carried forward to the next meeting. Cllr Worsley will arrange for the removal of the noticeboard on Wineham Lane.

59.2.22 Condolence Book. Emailed messages of condolence can be sent to the Clerk. These will be collated and sent to King Charles III. Twineham Church has a book of condolence available for signature during church opening hours.

60.22 West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis updated on the following items:

- Repair works to the pavement along Church Lane have been carried out to ensure the pavement remains safe.
- Battery storage planning application Councillor Dennis has raised the matter with MSDC highlighting the concerns of the parish council and residents. Last week Dame Maria Miller, MP for Basingstoke introduced a 10-minute Bill on this serious safety issue that is currently neglected in the wild rush to provide energy storage. Clerk will forward this information to the MSDC Planning Officer.

- Due to the weather experienced during recent months the expected rural grass cut did not take place. Contractual teams were diverted into a project to ensure vegetation surrounding road signage was cut back this project is expected to take around six weeks.
- Speed Policy has been passed for consultation. If approved this will enable requests for changes to speed and recent changes to the Highways Code to be implemented more easily.
- Lane rental scheme means from November utilities for certain roads will have to pay to close the road for contractual works.
- Cost of living crisis is going to be tough for County Councils over the next financial year. This will have a severe impact on the highways budget.

61.22 To receive an update on Highways Matters.

75.1.20 Update on cutting vegetation. This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

12.22 Icy conditions signage on Bob Lane. WSCC Highways have confirmed signage has been authorised. Clerk has asked for an update on expected installation date.

Removal of A2300 bus stop opposite Shell garage and condition of bus shelters on A23. Cllr Dennis will investigate this item and liaise with Clerk.

61.1.22 Council will review the costings of providing a portable Speed Indicator Device within the parish. Bolney Chapel Road has recently been experiencing issues with large numbers of speeding traffic. Clerk will circulate the costings prior to the next meeting.

62.22 Update on Rampion including installation of finger posts. Cllr Veaney has arranged for installation of the Finger posts during the week commencing 26th September 2022. Council raised a vote of thanks to both Dean Chitty and Richard Copper for their assistance with both the installation of the benches and finger posts and for work on the community building at the school. Residents have recently received correspondence from Rampion regarding the future project.

63.22 MSDC report by-election 15th September 2022. All campaigning for the election has been halted as a mark of respect to Queen Elizabeth II.

64.22 To agree Council's response to the following planning matters and receive an update on enforcement issues:

DM/22/2381 Land Adjacent to Loxley, Bolney Chapel Road, Twineham. Demolition of existing detached dwelling and tennis court. Construction of replacement dwelling with lower ground floor to be concealed from Bolney Chapel Road. New access onto Bolney Chapel Road and new driveway with associated hard and soft landscaping works. Council resolved it objected to the application on the grounds of local visual concern over flooding, over development of the site, impact, and proximity on the siting of the nearby listed building. Given the concerns with water the large number of bathrooms also gives Council cause for concern. Lack of landscaping plan as required by Twineham Neighbourhood Plan policies.

DM/22/2399 Coombe Barn, Bob Lane, Twineham. Retrospective application for the continued use of Coombe Barn as two Independent dwellinghouses. The Parish Council does not object to the division of this property into two dwellings provided that:

- Adequate landscaping is installed for the benefit of the property to the southwest.
- Equestrian traffic uses the original driveway.

DM/22/2067 Beechurst, Church Lane, Twineham. Demolition of existing property and erection of replacement 4- bed dwelling with detached garage and associated landscaping. Council have concerns regarding the industrial aspect of the design which has a seemingly over large chimney, the materials to be used and the impact on the local vernacular.

DM/22/1879 Wits End, Bolney Chapel Road, Twineham. Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic use as private garden. Council agreed it has no objections to the application.

West Sussex County Councillor J. Dennis left the meeting at this point.

Enforcement issues. Clerk will review the discharge of conditions surrounding Twineham Grange Farm DM/22/0466.

65.22 To discuss membership of both WSALC and MSALC. Council agreed to re-join WSALC for the remainder of the financial year.

66.22 Finance & Administration Update.

Payments raised since last meeting:

£394.90 WSCC Invoice 8001626861

£ 72.00 Kitman Ltd Invoice 12229

67.22 Date of next meeting confirmed as Monday 14th November 2022.

68.22 Any other business (*Please note that no decisions may lawfully be made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*). Cllr Worsley highlighted recent issues experienced with travellers breaking onto private land and the lack of support received from the local policing team.