

RECREATION COMMITTEE

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7:30 PM

In the The Pavilion, Hunter Park, SO21 1QS.

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr. R. Sellars

Councillors : Cllr. S. Cook, Cllr. A. Forder-Stent, Cllr. C. Hill, Cllr. J. Pain, Cllr. I. Percival, Cllr. S. Pullen

Officers : - Asst. Clerk

* Attended remotely

R29/25 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

R30/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr. C. Mitchell

R31/25 Dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

No dispensation requests were received.

R32/25 Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No declarations of personal interest received.

R33/25 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 13th November 2025 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Forder-Stent and seconded by Cllr Hill.

R34/25 Public Representation

Two members of public present, in relation to Item R35/25.

R35/25 Hunter Park

Coffee Pod

A report was **received and considered**, attached in the appendices. The operators of the "coffee pod" provided a verbal update on the first year of operation, advising that it had been a positive experience and that they had enjoyed engaging with different members of the community. Members commented the coffee pod was a valued addition to the park.

It was Recommended to Full Council that a further 12-month licence for the operation of the coffee pod at Hunter Park be approved from 1st April 2026. Authority for future renewals be delegated to the Clerk, subject to satisfactory compliance with the terms of the licence, with any such renewals reported to the Committee.

The operators of the coffee pod left the meeting.

R36/25 Assistant Clerk's Report

The Assistant Clerk's report was **received and noted**, attached in the appendices.

The Assistant Clerk provided the following highlights and updates:

* The lease between Council and Cricket Club is progressing and is with the respective solicitors. It is hoped that the new cricket nets will be available for use at the start of the cricket season.

* The sleeper steps in front of the Pavilion have been replaced. Anti-slip strips will be installed in due course.

* The 10k run organised by Twyford St Mary's PTA took place on 8th February. Feedback from the organisers was it had been a very successful event.

* Replacement of the shiplap cladding on the southern side of the Pavilion is expected to take place in Spring/Summer, subject to drier weather conditions.

- R37/25 Maintenance**
The maintenance report was **received and noted**, attached in the appendices. Members requested that the Assistant Clerk and Caretaker review the condition of the wire mesh on the steps in front of the allotments.
- R38/25 Hunter Park**
Footpath Signage
A report on Footpath signage at Hunter Park was **received and considered**, attached in the appendices. Members discussed the merits of installing fingerpost signage to indicate the Public Right of Way.
It was Resolved that officers submit a request to Hampshire Countryside Services for the installation of appropriate finger posts at Hunter Park to indicate the Public Right of Way.
- R39/25 Hunter Park**
Football Pitch Renovations
A report was **received and considered**, attached in the appendices. The football pitch underwent major renovation works last year, the first such works since at least 2015. At the recommendation of the Council's Grounds Maintenance contractor, Members were asked to consider undertaking the same renovation works this year to ensure the pitch remains in a safe and playable condition for football hire. It was expected that, following this additional work, less extensive annual maintenance will be required going forward.
It was Resolved to recommend to Full Council to approve the quotation of £2,640.00 from Southern Ground Care to carry out renovation works to the football pitch at Hunter Park.
- R40/25 Sports Hires**
A report was **received and considered**, attached in the appendices. Members were asked to consider whether the Hampshire Seniors Cricket Club should receive the same Regular User Fee as Twyford based teams.
It was Resolved that the Regular User Fee be applied to Hampshire Seniors Cricket Club, on the provision that a minimum of 10 matches are booked and played.
- R41/25 Allotments**
R41.1/25 Bonfires
A report was **received and considered**, attached in the appendices.
It was Resolved to continue permitting allotment tenants to hold small bonfires on individual plots, provided they are safely contained in an incinerator and supervised at all times.
R41.2/25 Audit of Allotments
A report was **received and noted**, attached in the appendices. It was highlighted that new tenants pay a deposit, which helps to encourage plots to be returned in a good condition. In summary, the comparison of expenditure versus income over the last three years indicates that the allotments are broadly cost-neutral.
- R42/25 Policy Review**
Members reviewed the Allotment Gardens Guidance Document, which was unchanged since the last review. **It was Resolved** to approve the policy document with no updates.
- R43/25 Lengthsman**
A report was on the recent Lengthsman visit was **received and noted**, attached in the appendices. Members commented that the work at the corner of Segars Lane/Queen Street represented a significant improvement.

R44/25

Street Furniture

A report was **received and considered**. Members debated the available space and style of bench. Cllr Pullen advised that he would report back on any other grounds work that may be required prior to installation.

It was Resolved to approve the purchase and installation of Option A Eco-Rest Bench in brown, at a cost of £382.26 + VAT.

R45/25

Future Agenda Items

To investigate the possibility of a Pump Track at Hunter Park.