

FULL PARISH COUNCIL

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7:30 PM
In the Gilbert Room, Twyford Parish Hall, SO21 1QY.

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr. C. Mitchell

Vice-Chairman : Cllr. R. Sellars

Councillors : Cllr. L Bailey-Morgan, Cllr. S. Cook, Cllr. A. Forder-Stent, Cllr. C. Hill, Cllr. I. Percival, Cllr. S. Pullen

* Attended remotely

141/25 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

142/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr. C. Corcoran, Cllr. J. Pain, HCC Cllr. J Williams

143/25 Dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

No requests were received.

144/25 Declarations of Interest on agenda items

There were no further declarations of interest.

145/25 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was Resolved to approve as a correct record and authorise the signing of the minutes of the meeting of Twyford Parish Council held on 22nd January 2026.

146/25 Public Representation

There were no representations.

147/25 County Councillor's Report

County Cllr. Jonathan Williams had submitted his apologies.

Cllr. Cook has recently spoken with Cllr. Williams and advised that he was in communication with Havant BC, designers for Pedestrian Crossing for the High Street, and was hoping to set up a site meeting soon.

148/25 District Councillors' Report

The report was received and noted and is attached in the appendices.

Cllr. Bailey-Morgan also drew attention to the setting up of the Bring back Our Buses (BoB) campaign.

The Clerk advised that he was aware that discussions were progressing on a potential restoration for the 61 service and the situation would become clearer over the coming months.

149/25 Clerk's Report

The report was received and noted and is attached in the appendices.

150/25

Committee Minutes

Received and Noted:

- a) Planning Committee Draft Minutes (5th February 2026)
- b) Finance Committee Draft Minutes (5th February 2026)

Resolved:

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- 1) To create an Earmarked Reserve for the Berry Lane public access improvements project with a sum of £5,000
 - 2) To create a revenue budget code to support activities of the Climate Advisory Committee with a sum of £1,000
- Both of these sums will be drawn from General Reserves.

Received and Noted:

- c) Recreation Committee Draft Minutes (12th February 2026)

Resolved:

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- 1) Approval of a 12-month licence for the operation of the coffee pod at Hunter Park from 1st April 2026. Authority for future renewals of the licence be delegated to the Clerk, subject to satisfactory compliance with the terms of the licence, with any such renewals reported to the Recreation Committee.

R39/25

- 2) Approval of expenditure of £2,640.00 for Southern Ground Care to carry out summer renovation works to the football pitch at Hunter Park. This work will be funded from the 2026/27 budget.

151/25

Schedule of Payments

Resolved: Approval of the Schedule of Payments for February 2026.

152/25

Bank Balances

Resolved: To note the bank balances as of 31st January 2026

Ordinary Accounts

		Interest rate
Unity Trust C/A	£1,013.81	n/a
Redwood No.2 (35 day notice)	£131,119.57	3.78%
Unity Trust (Instant Access)	£55,404.71	2.25%

Short Term Investment Accounts

		Interest rate
Cambridge & Counties Bank No.1	£74,850.84	4.25%

Total

£262,388.93

153/25

Internal Auditor's Report

Received and Approved:

The Q3 Internal Auditor's Report and the Recommendations contained therein.

The Clerk advised that the recommendations had either already been, or were in the process of being, implemented.

The Chairman noted that the report was comprehensive and was very pleased with the positive opinion of the Auditor. This underlined that Council's policies and procedures were all in good order and he thanked Officers for making this happen.

154/25

Annual Internal Audit Report and Governance Statement

Received and Noted:

A report on the new Assertion 10 requirement of the Annual Governance Statement.

155/26

Planning Applications - For Consultation

Resolved: to submit comments for the following applications:

SDNP/25/04975/HOUS

8 Churchfields Twyford Hampshire SO21 1NN

The Parish Council has no objection to the amended plans for this application.

156/25 Policy Reviews

Resolved:

1. Approval of the CCTV Policy and Code of Practice

The Clerk explained that the policy would also apply to any CCTV installation under the Council's control.

157/25 Parish Council

Members considered the merits of having a display board with previous chairmen of the Parish Council listed since 1896. A range of views were expressed with there being no strong desire to expend what could be several hundred pounds on such a display.

158/25 Groundwater Levels and Flooding Preparedness

Cllr. Forder-Stent gave a verbal update ground water levels.

Regular measurements of levels are taken in the village and springs are now flowing in Finches Lane and Hazeley Road. The level is currently 14.5m below ground level and would have to decrease another 2 metres or so to present a significant issue. There is a lot of good documented knowledge from previous events which can be used to predict triggering interventions such as sandbags and road signs.

Cellar flooding has been occurring for the last few weeks in some properties along with flooding of Hensting Lane (Owslebury). Volunteers have been clearing some of the ditch along Hazeley Road and HCC have been out to clear gullies and pipes further along Hazeley Road towards the waterworks.

The Parish Council already has a store of sand bags and fillers and can arrange quickly for sand to be purchased and delivered if required.

159/25 Advisory Committee Updates

Hazeley Road Development Area

Cllr. Mitchell advised that regular meetings are now being held by the group and the design of the new car park is about to start once all technical drawings had been received. The group would also need to look and work with stakeholders on how the existing car park integrates with the new one, but these conversations were a little way off. Discussions for land permissions are slowly progressing.

Parish Farm

Cllr. Mitchell reported that there was a lot of water in the meadows at the moment. He advised Cllr. Corcoran was seeking to clarify the extent of footpath works by HCC along the Navigation towpath.

Traffic Solutions

Nil Report.

Climate

A survey of village attitudes had recently been launched and is being extensively promoted. There would be a meeting of the group later in the week.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm