

RECREATION COMMITTEE

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Thursday 11th September 2025 at 7:30 PM

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

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr. R. Sellars

Councillors : Cllr. S. Cook, Cllr. C. Hill, Cllr. C. Mitchell, Cllr. J. Pain, Cllr. I. Percival

* Attended remotely

R1/25 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

R2/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr. S. Pullen, Cllr. A. Forder-Stent

R3/25 Dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

No dispensation requests were received.

R4/25 Declarations of Interest on agenda items

No declarations of personal interest received.

R5/25 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

It was Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 15th May 2025 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Percival.

R6/25 Public Representation

No members of public present.

R7/25 Assistant Clerk's Report

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

Cllr Cook provided a verbal update that planning permission for the cricket nets was hoped to be granted within one week.

The Assistant Clerk provided the following updates and highlights:

- * Groundworks in preparation for plumbing and electricity works was in progress with electrical work being implemented next week.
- * One of the cricket covers had gone missing overnight during early August. Cllr Percival suggested notifying her of similar happenings so that residents could be notified via WhatsApp in case anyone noticed anything.
- * Work to replace the sleeper steps in front of the Pavilion, and the shiplap on south side of Pavilion was due to be completed in the Autumn.

R8/25 Maintenance

The maintenance report was **received and noted**, attached in the appendices. It was noted that Cllr Pullen had advised by email that the covers on the beech hedge should be removed; Cllr Cook volunteered to do the work.

R9/25 Policy Review

The Rules of Hunter Park Recreation Ground and Northfields Children's Play Area were reviewed.

It was Resolved to make the following amendments:

1. Hunter Park Recreation Ground:

- * Dogs to be kept on leads when on the cricket and football pitches *during matches*.
- * Dog walkers must dispose of dog faeces in the bins provided to protect the health of users. (remove "red")

2. Additions to Rules at Northfields Children's Play Area to replicate those at Hunter Park:

- * Fires are prohibited
- * No barbecues without prior permission by the Clerk
- * No archery, without permission
- * No golf practice of any kind
- * No horses without prior permission by the Clerk
- * Camping is prohibited

R10/25 Play Inspection Reports

The Annual Play Inspection report for Hunter Park was **received and noted**. The Assistant Clerk highlighted that the rotten post on the outside gym had been replaced. **It was resolved** to add the following items to the maintenance list:

- * additional bark be added to the wooden log climber area.
- * Refresh the base of the finger maze and chimes with rubber matting

R11/25 Sports Hires

A report on sports hire income and expenditure for Hunter Park was **received and noted**. Members particularly noted that the income and expenditure figures had become much closer.

R12/25 Budget

Members were keen to keep costs down, however, requested the following items be considered for inclusion in the draft 2026/27 budget:

- * The provision of an information sign at the entrance of Hunter Park car park
- * To improve the surface of the footpath on the south of Hunter Park (between allotment gate and tennis courts)
- * Replace or repairs to Northfields fencing
- * Clearly define parking spaces at Hunter Park

R13/25 Future Agenda Items

Members requested that the following items be put on a future agenda:

- * Clarify and review ownership of cricket assets, such as covers and screens.
- * Review coffee cart - invite Seru Coffee to attend February meeting to provide an update on how the first year of trading has progressed

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.