

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday, 18th June 2002, at 7.45pm.

Present:- Mr R Mantel(Chairman) ,Messrs N Crush, J Fort, D Hymers, M Stillman, R Thomas. (Clerk Miss F Penn), I member of the public.

1.Apologies – Mrs L Dane

2. Election of Chairman- Mr Thomas proposed Mr R Mantel, Mr Hymers seconded, agree unanimously.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman-Mr Hymers proposed Mr N Crush, Mr Stillman seconded, agreed unanimously.

4. Declarations of interest-none

5.Previous Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 14th May 2002 were approved and signed.

6. Matters Arising & Action Points:

6.1 Internal auditor appointment- The Clerk is waiting to hear back from Mrs Wrigley, and will also make enquiries re the information in the latest BALC newsletter of a local resource.

6.2 The Clerk read out the letter from WDC on the funding of streetworking in Twyford.

8pm The meeting was suspended in order for an informal discussion to take place on the topic of the funding of Twyford's streetwork.

8.20pm The meeting was reconvened.

6.3 The Committee agreed to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL(under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972) to fund up to £3900 for streetworking in Twyford.

7.Clerk's Report:

7.1 April: VAT refund: £1856.36 correction on last month's figure.

7.2 May: Current account £3923.41:Deposit account: £15,958.51. Income Bonds £80,000. National Savings:£25234.37. Vat refund: £1198.21

7.3 Dividend received from Sygeneta £2.85 . The Clerk to check on the actual share holdings for the Councils' portfolio.

8. Consider and approve the financial statements for year end March 2002.The Clerk to amend two mistakes and then present the accounts for signing.

9. Discuss response to the Boundary Committee Report on electoral arrangements for the Wokingham District. The Committee agreed to set up a working party to re-examine closely the figures involved in proposing the boundary changes, and to present their findings to the next Finance Committee meeting. The working group to be Mr Mantel, Mr Hymers, Mr Crush and Mrs Dane. The group to meet at Loddon Hall at 8pm Thursday 27th June, the Clerk to arrange.

10. Discuss, in order to recommend, the form of public consultation required for the skatepark at KGVF proposal. The Committee agreed (5 for, 1 against) that a public consultation was needed. The Committee discussed various options and ways to take this forward, considering publicity, format and feedback.

The meeting was suspended at 9.15pm to informally discuss the involvement of the TVCMI in the exercise.

The meeting reconvened at 9.20pm.

The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL to hold a public exhibition including displays and a model of the proposed skatepark, in order to gain written feedback from residents. The exhibition will be publicised by a leaflet delivered to all residents and will take place on Saturday 20th July 2002 in St Mary's Centre, Tywford (and potentially the library in the week). TVCMI to provide the refreshments. The working party to design and collate the feedback form will be Mr Fort, Mr Stillman, Mr Crush and Mr Leigh Middleton (Youth Worker).

11. Correspondence:

- 11.1 Annual report and financial statements for the Polehampton Charity-noted
- 11.2 Letter from Audit Commission re external audit appointment-noted
- 11.3 Letter of thanks from TVCMI-noted
- 11.4 Notice of AGM of Henley and District CAB, 25th June 2002 -noted
- 11.5 BT Group annual report and notice of AGM, 17th July 2002 and MmO2 annual report and AGM 23rd July 2002-noted
- 11.6 Leaflet from Electricity Direct.- The Clerk to obtain three further quotes for supply of electricity.

12 Grant requests:-none

13.Items to be considered from other Committees:

- 13.1 Planning and Amenities-none
- 13.2 Parish Lands –The Clerk confirmed the cost of drainage work at Stanlake meadow will be covered by the maintenance budgets.

14. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 9th July 2002.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50.pm

ACTION POINTS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE 14.05.02

1. The Clerk to make enquiries re the information in the latest BALC newsletter of a local resource for internal auditor.
2. The Clerk to check on the actual share holdings for the Councils' portfolio.
3. The Clerk to amend two mistakes and then present the 2002 accounts for signing.
4. The Clerk to obtain three further quotes for supply of electricity.
5. The working party to meet to recommend a response to the boundary commission review.
6. The working party to meet to design and implement the feedback form for the public consultation of the proposed skatepark.
7. The Clerk to liaise with the working party over venues etc for the consultation.