

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 15th November 2005 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mrs L Dane, Mrs B Ditcham, Mr J Fort, Mr J Bowley and Mr N Crush.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. Public questions - none

2. Apologies- Mrs S Harriott – Kerr

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda- none

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2005. Proposed by Mr D Hymers seconded by Mr J Fort. Carried 5 for, 1 abstention

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 Clerk's Remuneration. The WDALC representative to report back to the meeting after the WDALC meeting on 13th October. Matter dealt with after item 9. The Clerk left the meeting during discussions on this item and Standing Order 66 applied in view of the confidential nature.

5.2 The Clerk to complete the risk assessment check sheets and draw up recommendations for action for consideration by each committee. The Clerk is working through the paperwork and procedures required.

5.3 The Clerk to write to Mrs Wilkinson regarding the rates demand for Stanlake Pavilion. The reply received from Mrs Wilkinson was read to the meeting. Discussed and agreed that the Clerk replies to her accepting her offer of payment.

5.4 The Clerk to book rooms for meetings for 2006. Completed

5.5 The Clerk to arrange for the list of bank signatories to be updated. Completed

5.6 The Clerk to reply to TVCMI. Completed

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of October 2005. Current account £2,362.19, Deposit account £31,093.86, Income Bonds £50,000 and National Savings £3937.93.
- VAT return for October 2005 - £606.41 reclaimed
- Dividends received. – None
- Offer to purchase O₂ shares. Notification has been received of the offer by Telefonica S.A. to purchase O₂ shares at £2 each. Offer Documentation has not been received yet. The Clerk to make enquiries about the six month sterling LIBOR that the interest rate on Loan Notes will be linked to.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 WDC Meeting of the Executive 27.10.05 - noted

7.2 WDC Meeting of the Council 27.10.05 - noted

7.3 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings 07.09.05 – 29.09.05 - noted

7.4 WDC Meeting of the Personnel Board 15.11.05 - noted

7.5 WDC Meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee 14.11.05 - noted

7.6 Henderson Global Valuation Statement - noted

7.7 Standards Board Town and Parish Standard :05 – noted

7.8 WDC Meeting of the Executive Committee 17.11.05 – noted

7.9 WDC Meeting of the Standards Committee 17.11.05 – noted

7.10 WDC Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee 16.11.05 - noted

8. Grant requests:

8.1 Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Decision deferred until more information received on the number of patients in Twyford.

- 8.2 Age Concern. There is no address or contact information on this request
The Clerk to contact the Council Age Concern representative Mrs Smith
for more information.
- 9. Items to be considered from other Committees**
- 9.1 Planning and Amenities 07.11.05. The energy bill for Street lighting will be
above budget due to recent energy price increases. Unbudgeted
expenditure will be incurred in having the sycamore trees adjacent to the
new street light in Loddon Hall car park cut back or removed.
- 9.2 Parish Lands 09.11.05 – none
- 10. Clerk's Remuneration** – The Committee has considered all of the
information received and has taken a note of it. The Committee will
consider it at the next annual review of the Clerk's salary.
- 11. Date of next meeting- Thursday 8th December 2005**

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.