

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 10th October at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman) Mr D Hymers, Mr J Fort, Mr N Crush and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. Public Questions - none

2. Apologies – Mr J Bowley, Mr J Jarvis and Mrs L Dane

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2006. Proposed Mr D Hymers seconded, Mr N Crush approved Nem Con

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 Mr Hymers to draft reply to WDC letter re applying for Borough status for consideration by the Full Council. Completed.

5.2 The Clerk to reply to Loddon Hall. Completed.

5.3 The Clerk to check the Loddon Hall lease – copy of lease brought to meeting and the conditions contained in it were examined. No further action required.

5.4 The Clerk to check the position relating to VAT on the costs of refurbishing the Loddon Hall kitchen. VAT cannot be paid by the Parish Council on behalf of the Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association.

5.5 The Clerk to reply TVCMI regarding their grant request. Completed.

5.6 The Clerk to reply to Henley CAB regarding their grant request. Completed.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of September 2006 – Current account £2166.43 Deposit account £16812.54, Income Bonds £50,000, National Savings Account £16,181.04.
- VAT return for September - £228.66 reclaimed.
- Dividends received – Astra Zeneca £146.30, ICI £37.35.
- Quarterly budget statement and capital account to 30th September 2006. Discussed and agreed.
- Dates of meetings 2007. Proposed dates discussed. The Clerk to confirm with the chairman of the Planning and Amenities Committee that he agrees to the “May “ meeting being held on 30th April. Due to the elections for a new council to be held in May it was proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting is held on 26th April. The Clerk to check when the first meeting of the new council has to be held and the dates of the other committee meetings in May will be discussed and agreed.
- Risk Assessment. A site survey and risk assessment has been completed for Stanlake Pavilion. As part of the risk assessment process for the Village Ranger a training session has been carried out on his working methods.

7. **WDC Voluntary Sector Grants Process.** Forms proposed by WDC felt to be too complicated for the parish council's needs. Mr R Mantel and Mr N Crush to draft a simplified version for discussion at the next meeting.

8. **WDC Request for comments on Gambling Act 2005.** Noted – no comment.

9. Correspondence:

9.1 WDC Minutes of committee Meetings 06.07.06 – 07.09.06 – noted.

9.2 Horsley Lightly Fynn – gambling Act 2003 – noted.

- 9.3 WDC Meeting of the Standards Committee 11.10.06 – noted.
- 9.4 WDC Special meeting of the Executive 16.10.06 – noted.
- 9.5 BALC Communicator – noted
- 9.6 WDC Consultation on proposed closure of Ryeish Green School - noted
- 9.7 WDC Business Bulletin – noted.

10. Grant requests:

- 10.1 Little Acorns Pre-School. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that no grant be awarded. Carried unanimously.
- 10.2 Wokingham and District CAB. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £210 be made. Carried unanimously.
- 10.3 Henley and District CAB. Deferred as requested information not received.
- 10.4 Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. Deferred as requested information not received.
- 10.5 Emma Haynes. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a grant of £50 be made. Carried 4 for, 1 against.
- 10.6 Scouts – Remembrance Day Parade. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs S Harriott-Kerr to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £250 be made. Carried unanimously.
- 10.7 Christopher Clark. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a grant of £50 be made. Carried 4 for, 1 abstention.
- 10.8 Loddon Hall. Proposed Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, seconded Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £5000 be made. Carried unanimously.
- 10.9 TVCMI. Proposed Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £300 be made. Carried 4 for, 1 abstention.

11. Items to be considered from other Committees

- 11.1 Planning and Amenities 02.10.06 - none
- 11.2 Parish Lands 04.10.06 – item 5.2 agreed can be met from current funds. Item 7.1 agreed within precept budget. Item 9.1 noted that this could have an impact of increasing the annual precept by up to £2000. Item 9.3 agreed this can be paid out of capital and the cost recovered by adding it to the existing annual recovery for the cost of resurfacing Loddon Hall car park.

12. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 14th November 2006

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.