

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 14th February at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mr J Bowley, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Mr N Crush

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. **Public questions** – none.
2. **Apologies**- Mr D Hymers and Mr J Fort.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2006.** Proposed by Mr N Crush seconded by Mrs L Dane. Approved Nem con.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to put WDC District Parish Conference on the agenda of the January meeting of the Full Council. Completed.
 - 5.2 Mr D Hymers to report on the discussion paper from the deputy Prime Minister's Office on Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future. Carried forward.
6. **Clerks Report**
 - Bank balances as at end of January 2006 – Current Account £1,733.43, Reserve Account £29,245.18, Income Bonds £50,000 and National Savings Account £4839.78.
 - VAT return for January 2006 - £423.67 reclaimed
 - Dividends received. – BT £44.72
 - Telefonica loan note. The loan note has been received and placed in safe storage at the bank. Notification was also received of the need to send off confirmation that the council are a registered UK taxpayer to avoid paying 15% Spanish Tax. The appropriate request has been sent to the tax office to be completed.
 - Appointment of internal auditor. Mr G Weir is available again to carry out this work. His charges remain the same as last year. Agreed unanimously that Mr Weir be appointed.
7. **Precept** –changes made to last month's figures. Agreed unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a precept of £54,800 be set for the financial year 2006/7
8. **Annual review of staff wages.** The wage rates paid to the Village Ranger, Park Warden and Pavilion Cleaner were discussed. Proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr N Crush to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the rates be increased by 3.5% from 1st April 2006. Carried unanimously.
9. **Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 WDC Meeting of Licensing and Appeals Committee 19.01.06 – noted.
 - 9.2 WDC Meeting of Scrutiny Committee 18.01.06 – noted.
 - 9.3 WDC Meeting of the Council 26.01.06 – noted.
 - 9.4 WDC Meeting of the Executive 26.01.06 – noted.
 - 9.5 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings 05.10.05 – 12.01.06 – noted.
 - 9.6 WDC Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee 15.02.06 – noted.
 - 9.7 WDC Meeting of the Council Executive Committee 08.02.06 – noted.
 - 9.8 WDC District/Parish Conference Agenda noted and referred to Full Council
- 10 **Grant requests:**
 - 10.1 Readibus – Proposed by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, seconded by Mr J Bowley to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a Section 137 grant of £450 be made. Carried unanimously.

10.2 Henley CAB – Proposed by Mrs L Dane, seconded by Mr J Bowley to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a Section 137 grant of £150 be made. Carried unanimously.

11. Items to be considered from other Committees

11.1 Planning and Amenities 06.02.06 - none

11.2 Parish Lands 08.02.06 - none

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

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.