

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 9th May at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. **Public questions** – none.

2. **Apologies**- Mr J Bowley

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

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2006**. Proposed by Mrs L Dane seconded by Mr N Crush. Approved unanimously.

5. **Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to put Chairman's report to Annual Parish Meeting on the agenda of the May meeting. Completed

5.2 The Clerk to circulate the proposed changes to Standing Orders to councillors prior to the Full Council Meeting. Completed.

6. **Clerks Report**

- Bank balances as at end of April 2006 – Current account - £4,495.34, Deposit account – £43,028.29, Income Bonds - £50,000, National Savings - £5,479.12.
- VAT return for April 2006 - £719.67 reclaimed
- Dividends received – ICI £35.55
- Annual external audit report. Details of figures to be submitted for approval at Full Council Meeting discussed.
- Review of insurance cover – level of insurance cover detailed in policy renewal from Zurich discussed and agreed as being adequate.

7. **Meeting with Officers of WDC** - offer from WDC to attend a meeting to discuss local issues. Discussed and agreed that as there are no urgent items requiring discussion at present there is no need for a meeting. The Clerk to reply to WDC.

8. **Chairman's Report to APM** – details to be included in Committee Chairman's report discussed and agreed. Draft of Council Chairman's report discussed and agreed.

9. **Format for minutes of APM** – agreed to keep to the same format as previous years.

10. **Correspondence:**

10.1 WDC Special Meeting of the Executive 26.04.06 - noted

10.2 WDC Meeting of the Executive Committee 26.04.06 – noted

10.3 Henderson Global Investors Valuation Statement – noted

10.4 Application for a Street Trading Consent – Mr David Neale – Dave's Whippy –Ice Cream Van. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Fort to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make no comment. Agreed 3 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

10.5 Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Discussion paper on Local Authority Byelaws in England – noted.

11. **Grant requests:**

11.1 Berkshire County Blind Society – Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs S Harriott- Kerr to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 Grant of £125. Carried unanimously

11.2 Twyford and District Play Association – Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs L Dane to **RECOMMEND** to the Full council to make a Section 137 Grant of £600. Carried unanimously.

11.3 Twyford Scouts request a loan of £10,000 to help with the costs of rebuilding the Scout Headquarters. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded Mrs L Dane to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a loan of £10,000 at nil interest and repayable over 5 years.

11.4 Twyford and Wargrave District Volunteer Centre. More information to be provided. Referred to June meeting.

12. Items to be considered from other Committees

12.1 Planning and Amenities 02.05.06 – none.

12.2 Parish Lands 03.05.06 – none.

13. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 13th June 2006

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm.