

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 13th February at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr N Crush, Mr J Jarvis and Mrs L Dane.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. Public Questions – none

2. Apologies – Mr D Hymers, Mr J Bowley, Mr J Fort and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2007. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded, Mrs L Dane approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points – none.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of January 2007 – Current account £2,286.43. Deposit account £26,846.34 Income Bonds £50,000, National Savings Account £16,916.11.
- VAT return for January 2007 £452.72 reclaimed.
- Dividends received – Telefonica £45.98.
- Appointment of Internal Auditor – Mr G Weir has indicated he is prepared to carry out the internal audit. His charges remain the same as last year. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs L Dane that Mr Weir be appointed. Carried unanimously.
- Appointment of External Auditors. The Audit Commission have sent notification that Hacker Young have been appointed as external auditors.
- Insurance cover valuations. The value of cover for the children's play area equipment needs to be reviewed now that new equipment has been installed. The Clerk to check if the policy includes cover for the installation of equipment and to obtain an estimate of the value of the existing equipment.

7. Precept 2007/8 – Discussion held on figures for the precept. Agreed to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the precept be set at the same figure as last year that is £55,300.

8. Correspondence:

- 8.1 Letter from F Browne Leader of WDC regarding library provisions in Twyford. Discussion held on content of letter. In view of the possibility of getting a Lottery Grant decided to take no further action at present.
- 8.2 WDC – Notification of licence application for Polehampton Junior School – noted.
- 8.3 WDC – Notification of application for street trading consent – noted.
- 8.4 NALC – Proposed review of Quality Town and Parish Scheme – noted.
- 8.5 Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members. Concern expressed at the short time allowed for comment. Mr D Hymers to be asked to review for discussion at the Full Council meeting.
- 8.6 Charity Commission – validity of charitable trust for KGVR. The Charity Commission has reviewed the position and considers the current status is not valid. The options are to de-register or use new powers under the Local Government Act 2000 to execute a charitable declaration of trust over the land. The clerk has written to the National Playing Fields Association for advice on the implication of these choices.

9. Grant requests: -

- 9.1 Wokingham Job Support Centre. Proposed Mrs L Dane, seconded Mr J Jarvis to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that no grant be made. Mrs Dane to contact them and offer a small article in Twyford News.

10. Items to be considered from other Committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities 02.01.07 – none.

10.2 Parish Lands 03.01.07 – Items of expenditure proposed at minutes 5.1 and 6.2 noted. Minute 11 amount to be included for insurance discussed and agreed

under minute 7 of this committee. Agreed it will not be necessary to include recovery of the cost of the play area equipment in the precept as this can be met from the capital account.

11. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 13th March 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.