

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 11th September 2007 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr N Crush (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Ms S Doughty and Mr J Bowley from item 6.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March and two members of the public.

1. Public Questions – none

2. Apologies – Mr R Mantel

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2007. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and approved 4 for and 1 abstention.

5. Matters arising and action points –

5.1 Mr D Hymers to consider the changes to the Model Contract of Employment for Clerks. Mr Hymers and Mr Mantel have considered this and there are questions that still require answering by BALC. Deferred to next meeting.

5.2 The Clerk to write to WBC about section 106 projects. Completed and reply received. Referred to Planning and Amenities for further discussion.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of July – Current account £2,889.84, Deposit account £21,979.11 Income Bonds £46,000, National Savings Account £2,096.25
- Bank balances as at end of August – Current account £2,719.34, Deposit account £12,979.11 Income Bonds £46,000, National Savings Account £2,096.25
- VAT return for July 2007 £666.48 reclaimed.
- VAT return for August 2007 £1000.40 reclaimed.
- Dividends received – Charter Pan European Trust £178.90 and Henderson Global £294.59.
- Bank signatories – proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs S Harriott – Kerr to add Mr J Jarvis to the list of signatories. Carried unanimously.
- VAT – the VAT inspector has arranged to visit to inspect the accounts at the beginning of October.

7. Adoption of Revised Code of Conduct – Mr Hymers to check details of the revisions. The Clerk to place on the agenda of the Full Council Meeting.

8. Contents of Village Website. Mr D Hymers to update.

9. Remembrance Day – The Clerk has ordered the Wreath. The Clerk to speak to the Scouts about the parade arrangements and inform them that members of the parish council will be joining the parade. Councillors to advise the Clerk if they will be attending the church service so seats can be reserved.

10. Broadband for Clerk – various options discussed. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr J Jarvis to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to install broadband from BT.

11. Polehampton Charities Annual Report – details of the report discussed and concern expressed about administration and legal costs and the low rate of return on investments. Proposed by Mr D Hymers seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr that the Clerk writes to Polehampton Charities to ask for an explanation on these points. Carried 4 for, 2 abstentions.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Astra Zeneca half Year Results – noted.

12.2 Charter European Trust Interim report for 6 months ending 31.05.07 – noted.

12.3 WBC Review of Polling Districts/Places/Stations – noted.

12.4 WBC Timetable for setting Precept 2008/9. Agreed review of Standing Orders be put on the October agenda to allow the parish council to meet the proposed precept timetable from WBC.

12.5 WBC New Premises Licence Video Inn 2A High St – noted.

12.6 ICI interim report 2007 – noted.

12.7 Recommended cash offer for ICI by Akzo Nobel NV – noted. No further action required until formal offer received.

12.8 WBC Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee 11.09.07 – noted.

13. Grant requests –

Twyford Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr J Jarvis to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 grant of £350. Carried unanimously.

14. Items to be considered from other Committees

14.1 Planning and Amenities 03.09.07 – none.

14.2 Parish Lands 05.09.07 – item 9.4 - noted there are sufficient funds available to meet the proposed cost.

15. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 9th October 2007

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.