

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr N Crush, Mr J Bowley, Miss C La Trobe and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. Public Questions – none.

2. Apologies – Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Mr J Jarvis.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2007. Proposed Ms S Doughty, seconded Mr D Hymers and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points –

5.1 Mr D Hymers to consider the changes to the Model Contract of Employment for Clerks. Mr Mantel to speak to BALC officers to try to progress. Carried forward.

5.2 The Clerk to submit the replies relating to the Quality Parish Scheme to SLCC. Completed.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of December 2007 – Current account £1,194.48 Deposit account £28,780.54. Income Bonds £46,000, National Savings Account £2,914.67
- VAT return for December 2007 £195.58 reclaimed.
- Quarterly budget and capital statement to 31st December 2007. Figures discussed and agreed.
- Dividends received – Telefonica £47.68 and ICI £45.00
- Encashment of Telefonica Loan Notes and purchase of shares. Payment of £2080 has been received for the loan notes and the Clerk is investigating how to purchase the proposed shares.
- Mr G Weir has made contact and offered his services as Internal Auditor again. His charges are increasing from £30 to £35 plus mileage. Agreed Mr Weir is appointed.

7. Precept. The anticipated expenditure for next year was discussed together with the level the precept should be set at. Proposed by Mr R Mantel and seconded by Ms S Doughty that the precept be set at £55,600. Amendment proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr D Hymers that the precept be set at £57,500 – 3 for and 3 against. The chairman put his casting vote against this amendment - amendment failed. Further amendment proposed by Mr N Crush, seconded by Mr D Hymers that the precept be set at £56,500 – 2 for and 4 against - amendment failed. Original motion proposed by Mr Mantel voted on. 2 for and 4 against. Motion failed. Motion proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Miss C La Trobe that the precept be set at £57,000. 4 for and 2 against. Approved. A precept of £57,000 will be **RECOMMENDED** to the Full Council for approval.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 WBC Meeting of the Standards Committee 14.01.08 – noted.

8.2 BALC Notification of change in administration arrangements - noted

8.3 WBC Meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee 21.01.08 – noted.

8.4 WBC Corporate News - noted

8.5 The Chairman of the Council has received a letter of resignation from councillor Mr J Rowe – noted. The Clerk to put the declaration of vacancy notice on the main notice board.

9. Grant requests

9.1 Relate. Proposed by Mr J Bowley and seconded by Mr N Crush to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a Section 137 grant of £120 be made. Agreed unanimously.

10. Items to be considered from other Committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities 07.01.08 - none

10.2 Parish Lands 09.01.08. - none.

11. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 12th February 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.