

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr J Bowley, Ms S Doughty and Mr Jarvis.

In attendance - Clerk Mr J March.

1. Public Questions – none.

2. Apologies – Mr N Crush

3. Declarations of interests in items on the agenda - None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Jarvis and approved. 4 for, 1 abstention.

5. Matters arising and action points –

5.1 Mr J Bowley to consider the proposal for technical support from Edge Design and report back to the next meeting. Mr Bowley recommends that the council opt for the on-line support version. Agreed. The Clerk to confirm the cost for this to the next meeting.

5.2 Councillors to consider the draft of information to be made available under the new publication scheme. Discussed and details agreed. Agreed to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to adopt the Publication Scheme.

5.3 The Clerk to cash in the £13,000 Income Bond. Completed.

5.4 Mr R Mantel and Mr D Hymers to consider the WBC Town Council/Parish Charter and report back to the next meeting. Mr D Hymers reported that there is no substantial difference between this and the previous version and no further action is required. Noted.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of December Current Account £1,384.02, Deposit Account £25,677.33, National Savings Account £5,182.30, Income Bonds £46,000.
- VAT return for December 2008. £133.00 reclaimed.
- Dividends received – Akzo Nobel £234.49.
- Quarterly Capital and Budget Statement to 31st December 2008. Figures discussed and agreed. Expenditure is in line with expectations.

7. Precept – Discussions held on anticipated costs for next year relating to this committee and the increase in the total precept. Reduction in the Planning and Amenities Committee proposal due to lower printing costs for Twyford News noted. Due to the higher maintenance costs being experienced with Stanlake Pavilion agreed to increase the budget provision for this item to £4,826. Total proposed precept then becomes £58,500. This is an increase of 2.6%. Proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mr J Jarvis to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the precept for 2009/10 is set at £58,500. Carried unanimously.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 WBC Joint Meeting of the Corporate Projects and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Panels 17.12.08. Noted

8.2 WBC Meeting of the Service Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel 05.01.09. Noted.

8.3 WBC Attendance by Standards Committee Members at Town and Parish Meetings. Noted.

8.4 Communities and Local Government – Consultation on code of recommended practice on local authority publication. Mr D Hymers to consider and report back to the next meeting.

8.5 WBC Meeting of the Council 13.01.09. Noted

8.6 WBC Minutes of Committee Meetings 12.11.08 – 17.12.08. Noted

8.7 WBC Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 19.01.09. Noted.

9. Grant requests

9.1 Relate. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Ms S Doughty to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 Grant of £125 be made. Carried unanimously.

10. Items to be considered from other Committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities 05.01.09. None

10.2 Parish Lands 07.01.09. Noted – the proposal for capital expenditure of up to £6000 on landscaping around the skate park and ball court can be met from current funds.

11. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 10th February 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.