

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** - Mr N Crush (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Mrs B Ditcham

In attendance – Clerk.

**1. Public Questions** – None

**2. Apologies** – Mr R Mantel, Mr J Bowley and Ms S Doughty.

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009.** Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs B Ditcham and approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points –**

5.1 Mr R Mantel to contact the Volunteer Centre, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr the Church Centre and Mrs B Ditcham TVP to find out if they can assist residents who may have problems if they catch swine flu. Replies received from the Volunteer Centre and Church Centre. TVP are unable to help. Mrs B Ditcham has discussed this subject with the church office and there is an article in the autumn issue of Twyford News giving them as a point of contact and asking for any volunteers to contact the church office.

5.2 The Clerk to contact St Mary's Church about the rules and costs relating the burial of cremated remains. Details reported to meeting.

**6. Clerks Report**

- Bank balances as at end of July 2009 - Current Account £1,757.88, Deposit Account £39,242.47, National Savings Account £6,054.87, Income Bonds £33,000. August 2009- Current Account £1,611.78, Deposit Account £25,242.47, National Savings Account £6,054.87, Income Bonds £33,000.
- VAT return for July 2009 £118.77 and August 2009 £1,237.55.
- Dividends received – Charter European Trust £13.30 and £208.72. Henderson Global £346.39, BT £11.44 and Astra Zeneca £198.
- The external annual audit has been completed.
- Risk Assessment The Clerk has carried out an inspection of all parish land and property and identified items that need attention. He is working through the list with the Village Ranger and will report any items requiring the help of outside contractors to the relevant committee. Copy of inspection reports handed out to members.
- Dates of meetings 2010. Proposed list circulated and dates agreed. The Clerk to book rooms.

**7. Correspondence:**

7.1 WBC Meeting of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Panel 10.09.09. Noted.

7.2 WBC Joint Meeting of the Finance and Service Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel 10.09.09. Noted.

7.3 WBC Meeting of the Standards Committee 02.09.09. Noted.

7.4 WBC Meeting of the Council 09.09.09. Noted.

7.5 BT Shareholders Update Sept 09. Noted.

7.6 WBC Meeting of the Executive 30.07.09. Noted.

7.7 WBC Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 23.07.09. Noted.

7.8 WBC Minutes of Committee meetings 02.07.09 – 21.08.09. Noted.

7.9 WBC Extraordinary Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 13.08.09. Noted.

7.10 Charter European Trust Half Yearly Report to 31.05.09. Noted.

7.11 WBC Extraordinary Meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee 19.08.09. Noted.

7.12 Relate – Notice of AGM 17.09.09. Noted.

- 7.13 WBC Meeting of the Corporate Projects Overview and Scrutiny Panel 02.09.09. Noted.
- 7.14 WBC Meeting of the Standards Committee 02.09.09. Noted.
- 7.15 Home Start – Notice of AGM 28.09.09. Noted.
- 7.16 WBC Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 17.09.09. Noted.

## **8. Grant requests**

- 8.1 Twyford Village Partnership. A request has been received for funding towards the cost of the Christmas Fayre as the funding from WBC for TVP has been withdrawn. Proposed, Mr D Hymers seconded Mrs B Ditcham to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a Section 137 grant of £600 is made. Carried Unanimously.
- 8.2 Twyford Area Local Ecumenical Partnership. Discussion held on cost for proposed Garden of Remembrance for cremated remains in the churchyard. Proposed Mrs B Ditcham, seconded by Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND to** the Full Council that a Section 137 grant of £500 be made. Amendment proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr that a grant of £1000 be made. Amendment carried 4 for, 1 abstention. Amended proposal carried 4 for, 1 abstention.

## **9. Items to be considered from other Committees**

- 9.1 Planning and Amenities 07.09.09 – None.
- 9.2 Parish Lands 09.09.09 – None.

## **10. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.