

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr N Crush (Chairman), Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mr R Mantel, Mr J Bowley Mr D Hymers and Ms S Doughty

In attendance – Clerk.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Mrs B Ditcham and Mr J Jarvis.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr R Mantel and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points –

5.1 The Clerk to check the implications of having to make electronic payments. Completed no action can be taken until legislation is amended.

5.2 The Clerk to contact the Twyford-Berkshire website owner to see if a link can be established to the CCB Action for All website. The website operator is not prepared to take on the extra work involved.

5.3 The Clerk to ask Age Concern if other parishes have been asked to contribute to their project. No other parishes were asked but following the Clerks enquiry they will be.

6. Clerks Report

- Bank balances as at end of Nov 2009 - Current Account £1,011.28, Deposit Account £43,496.71, National Savings Account £6,401.15, Income Bonds £33,000.
- VAT return for Nov 2009 £845.77 reclaimed.
- Dividends received – None.

7. Precept The Clerk has calculated all the figures from the committees and entered them into the master sheet. Once recovering the capital cost of the work at Twycombe Lodge is included the net increase is 0.89 %. Agreed no further action required. Committees to be informed and the Clerk to put the precept on the agenda of the January meeting of the Full Council for approval.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Information on Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association – circulated on e-mail. Noted

8.2 WBC Meeting of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Panel 19.11.09. Noted

8.3 WBC Meeting of the Council 18.11.09. Noted

8.4 WBC Minutes of Committee Meetings 05.10.09 – 29.10.09. Noted

8.5 WBC Meeting of the Executive 26.11.09. Noted

8.6 Henderson Valuation Statement to 05.10.09. Noted

8.7 WBC Meeting of the Standards Committee 02.12.09. Noted

8.8 WBC Notification regarding Precept 2010/11. Noted

8.9 WBC Meeting of the Personnel Board 09.12.09. Noted.

8.10 WBC Meeting of the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Noted.

8.11 WBC Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive 10.12.09. Noted.

8.12 Letter from Maiden Earlegh Rotary Club requesting to set up contact. Suggested they could be invited to a Parish Lands Committee meeting to discuss possible cooperation. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the January meeting of the Parish Lands Committee.

9. Grant requests

9.1 Age Concern. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £150. Amendment proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mrs S Harriott- Kerr to make a grant of £240.81. Voting on amendment 3 for, 3

against. The Chairman used his casting vote to approve the amendment. Voting on amended proposal 4 for, 2 against. Carried.

9.2 Keep Mobile. Proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr R Mantel to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £310. Carried unanimously.

9.3 Wokingham and District CAB. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mr J Bowley to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £260. Carried unanimously.

10. Items to be considered from other Committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities 07.12.09 – none.

10.2 Parish Lands 09.11.09 – none.

11. Sending agendas and minutes by e-mail. Arrangements discussed. Proposed that in future the Clerk sends out these items by e-mail and brings hard copies to meetings unless individual councillors ask to still have hard copies posted to them. The Clerk to enquire if the eight non-council contacts will accept items by e-mail.

11. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 12th January 2010 – William Penn Room

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.