

## **Twyford Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2002, at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright Messrs. J Bowley, N Crush, J Fort, B Rodgers M Stillman.

In attendance: Miss F Penn (Clerk), 1 member of the press.

Mr Mantel announced that Mr Arthur Pearson a former vice-chairman of the Council and Parish Lands Chairman had sadly passed away. The Clerk to send a letter of condolences to his widow and to ascertain whether flowers should be sent for the funeral.

**1. Public questions** -none

**2. Apologies**-Mrs C Wilson, Messrs S Conway R Dean .K Hogg, J Pearce, R Thomas. Mr Hymers joined the meeting at 8.40pm having made apologies.

**3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none

**4. Co-option of a councillor**–No applications have been received. The Clerk to continue advertising

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2002** – these were approved and signed.

**6. Matters Arising**-none.

**7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Dane reported that the car park around the church is finally to be improved and the Annual Parish Meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> April with a guest speaker from Parkmans.

**8. District Council matters**- The Clerk reported on behalf of Mr Conway. 75-77 Wargrave Road has been refused planning permission and the architect submitting the planning application at 1 Longfield Road has been advised to recognise the significant differences between an extension to a house and the building of separate dwellings.

Mr Conway is also in contact with the resident who had expressed several concerns about the work taking place at 1 Longfield Road and the shop next door. He had confirmed that the owners of number 1 could do what they like with their drive within their boundaries. The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer had discovered unauthorised residents at the shop.

#### **9. Reports**

##### **9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 2.04.02.**

Mrs Dane reported -

1. The Police had been informed of the residents concerns and were to contact him shortly.
2. Representation was required at a WDC Best Value review meeting on Development Control, but as it was a day meeting this was proving hard to arrange.
3. There was a petition now circulating on the Safer routes to School project.
4. Stanlake Lane was to be closed a further four weeks until 21<sup>st</sup> June 2002.
5. The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL to initially put up on the Twyford website the meeting dates, Full Council Agenda, minutes and excerpts from Twyford News to see how effective this is. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Phillips

## **9.2 Parish Lands Committee 3.04.02.**

Mr Fort reported ;

1. The cricket square is now finished. Mrs Dane asked about watering , the Clerk to arrange.
2. The Council discussed the status on the skatepark project and the need for public consultation. They agreed that the Lands Committee would not make any recommendation at their next meeting following the presentation by Groundwork and then this would give the public a chance to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to ask questions and be informed.
3. Mrs Dane asked if the ruts at the top of the KGVF would be dealt with shortly. The Clerk confirmed she had arranged for them to be rotavated and harrowed.
4. Mrs Wright asked if the local police could be approached to provide better cover for the station from potential vandalism, The Council agreed that the Clerk should contact Railtrack and the British Transport Police with the request.

## **9.3 Finance Committee Report 09.04.02**

Mr Mantel reported:

1. The Committee had voted to take up the recent ICI rights issue of shares.
2. The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL the adoption of the new Local Code of Conduct as advised by WDC Monitoring Board agreed unanimously. Mr Mantel and the Clerk went on to explain the implications for the Councillors. The Clerk to include the form for register of interests with the minutes, and then to ask each Councillor to sign the new declaration of acceptance at their next committee meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the adoption of the code would be advertised in the local papers after April 22<sup>nd</sup> and a copy of the code must be sent to the Standards Board.
3. The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL (under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £350 be awarded to Readibus for providing a local transport service.  
Agreed unanimously

## **9.4 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported-

1. The final spend figure was actually £1607 less than the figure reported at the Finance Committee and she would be issuing a revised schedule.
2. The bin at Jubilee Corner has been replaced after the original one was burnt at a cost of £182.50. The Clerk to check the bin in the children's playground.

**10. Councillors questions.** –Mrs Dane reported the letter from the Twyford VCMI requesting financial support for the Golden Jubilee events –referred to the next Finance Committee.

## **11. Correspondence.**

- 11.1 BALC-AGM 19 July 2002 nominations for resolutions and officers-noted and bring forward for next meeting.
- 11.2 BALC-information day for New Councillors 11<sup>th</sup> May 2002-noted.
- 11.3 Keep Mobile-newsletter and AGM 11<sup>th</sup> May 2002 -noted
- 11.4 WDC-Information on Arts Festival 19<sup>th</sup> October-3<sup>rd</sup> November 2002-noted

11.5 Polehampton Infants School-Governors report March 13<sup>th</sup> 2002 -noted

**12. Annual Parish Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2002-** The Council discussed the agenda and the format for the evening. All Councillors to attend if possible and the Chairman of Committees to submit reports to Mr Hymers by the 8<sup>th</sup> May and to the Clerk by disc. The Clerk to write inviting the District Councillors. The Clerk to also check with WDC on the proposition of making up Longfield Road.

Mr Hymers arrived and took the chair.

**13. Village Ranger-**Refer to Confidential Minutes

<b>14. Cheques signed</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
001933 Audit Commission	571.05	001934 Rigby Taylor	85.78
001935 TRCA	23.03	001936 CBS	21.35
001937 T.Lansdcapes	260.00	001938 T. Landscapes	998.00
001939 SEC	249.55	001940 SEC Contract	514.06
001941 J. Locke	126.08	001942 T.Landscapes	1895.00
001943 Kestrel	5000.00	001944 W J Stocker	142.49
001945 Kestrel	5927.50	001946 F J Penn	904.82
001947 Inland Revenue	190.15	001948 R Hill	198.00
001949 R Hill	600.00	001950 L lewington	600.00
001951 S Hughes	220.00	001952 Glasdon	214.43
001953 Agric & Estates	799.00	001954 B & B Pest	247.93
001955 J Locke	46.95	001956 Readibus	350.00

**15. Dates of meeting**

Planning and Amenities Committee	07.05.02
Parish Lands Committee	08.05.02
Finance Committee	14.05.02
Annual Parish Meeting	16.05.02
Meet the Public	18.05.02

(Nigel Crush, Linda Dane, John Bowley)

**16. Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2002**

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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The Council discussed the new position of Village Ranger and the effective termination of the position of Mr R Hill current groundsperson. The Council voted unanimously to award an ex gratia payment of £600 to Mr Hill in recognition of his service to the Council. The Clerk and Mr Fort to draft a suitable letter. Mr Hill to finish on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2002.

<b>ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 16.04.02</b>
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1. The Clerk to ascertain the funeral arrangement for Mr Pearson.
2. The Clerk to advertise the vacancy
3. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Phillips over the website content
4. The Clerk to arrange watering for the cricket square
5. The Clerk to contact Railtrack and British Transport Police re Twyford Railway Station.
6. The Clerk to circulate the register of interest form, to arrange for each Councillor to sign the declaration of acceptance and to forward a copy of the adopted code to the Standards Board.
7. The Clerk to issue revised spending schedule for 2001/2.
8. The Clerk to check the bin in the children's playground.
9. The Clerk to write to the District Councillors re the APM
10. The Clerk to contact WDC re Longfield Road make up.
11. The Clerk and Mr Fort to draft the letter for Mr Hill