

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21st May 2002, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs J Bowley, N Crush, K Hogg, R Mantel, B Rogers M Stillman.

In attendance: Miss F Penn (Clerk), Dr M Garrard, Mr T Lemare (candidates for councillor, 1 member of the public.

1. **Public questions** – A resident of Longfield Road asked the Council if they had responded to the planning application for 1 Longfield Road. Mrs Dane responded with the comments sent to WDC. The Clerk confirmed that the application had been listed for the next Development Control Agenda. The Clerk also confirmed following the resident's request that the Enforcement Officer had served notice on the Londis supermarket with respect to the air conditioning units.
2. **Apologies**-Mrs D Tomlin, Mrs C Wilson, Messrs S Conway, R Dean, J Fort, R Thomas.
- 3.**Election of Chairman**- Mrs Dane proposed Mr Hymers as Chairman, seconded by Mr Stillman. There were no other proposals. 7 for, 1 against. Mr Hymers was duly elected and signed the declaration of office form.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman**-Mr Hymers proposed Mr Mantel as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr Hogg. There were no other proposals. 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstain. Mr Mantel was duly elected.
5. **Resignation of Councillor**-Mr Hymers reported that Mr John Pearce had resigned . The vacancy will be advertised on the noticeboards.
6. **Appointment of Councillors to Committees**- The Committees remain the same with the exception of Mr John Bowley being appointed to both Planning and Amenities and Parish Lands.
7. **Appointment of Councillor Representatives** – these were appointed as follows;
 1. BALC/District Parish Conference/ WDCALC-Mr Hymers and Mr Mantel
 2. Ruscombe Parish Council-Mrs Dane
 3. TVCMI-Mr Hymers and Mrs Dane
 4. Age Concern-Mrs J Smith
 5. Hurst Consolidated Charities- Mr Mantel
 6. Police Consultative Group- The Clerk to write asking for the dates of meeting so a representative can be arranged if appropriate.
 7. Loddon Hall/TRCA-Mr Hymers
 8. North Parishes Area Youth Committee- Mr Stillman
8. **Co-Option of Councillor**- The Council had received two applications for the vacancy. The Councillors voted by secret ballot, 4 for Dr M Garrard, 2 for Mr T Lemare and 2 abstain. Dr Garrard was duly co-opted and signed the declaration of acceptance. The Clerk to forward all relevant information to him.
- 9.**Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none
- 10.**Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2002** – these were approved and signed.
- 11.**Matters Arising**- The Clerk to chase a response from Railtrack/British Transport Police re the railway station.
Mr Hymers reported on his attendance at Arthur Pearson's funeral.

12. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council- Mrs Dane reported that the car park refurbishment around the church is now on hold due to funding concerns. The Council is looking at the introduction of trees in the London Road to help control speeding by motorists.

13. District Council matters- The Clerk reported on behalf of Mr Conway. He will seek for 15 New Road to be listed if planning approval is to be given. 1 Longfield Road has been listed and the Enforcement Officer has served notice on the Londis shop, as already reported.

14. Reports

14.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 7.05.02.

Mrs Dane reported -

1. The need to often raise objections to planning applications due to inadequate parking provision.
2. The concerns over the cost and timing arising out of the Parkman Consultancy exercise for Tywford. Mrs Dane to continue to press for answers.

14.2 Parish Lands Committee 8.05.02.

Mr Hymers reported ;

1. The funding for the skatepark project can in principle be available for sites within a 10 mile radius of a landfill. This means other sites than KGVF could be eligible but the current offer is now tied to that site.
2. The tennis club refurbishment request- The Clerk to check on the current contractual position and circulate to Parish Lands members.
3. The storage shed at KGVF has now been demolished.
4. The Council agreed to the fencing of the new cricket square at a cost of up to £350 to be funded by the insurance money.
5. Mrs Dane asked for the Committee to be aware of the two sewers and the water mains in the area of KGVF which may impact on any skatepark project and also to consider where the fair would go at the Bonfire Carnival ,if the trees were planted as on the proposal.

14.3 Finance Committee Report 14.05.02

Mr Mantel reported:

1. The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that S.O.51 be deleted and the two subsections be added to S.O 50 S.O.38 add- The Chairmen of Planning and Amenities and Parish Lands shall be ex officio members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
S.O.33 add-Where two or more candidates have obtained the same number of least votes then the candidate to be struck off will be determined by a separate vote.
In votes to co-op new Councillors to fill casual vacancies each vacancy will be voted on separately, even if the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies. The council will normally expect candidates to be present at the vote.
S.O. 55-58 be changed to-This is now covered by the Local Code of Conduct, please refer for details.
S.O.60 to be removed
All were agreed unanimously. The Clerk to amend the current version of the Standing orders and circulate to all Councillors.

2. Twyford and District Play Association-The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL (under section 137of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £550 be paid to assist the running of a summer play scheme for local children. Agreed unanimously.

3.Twyford Village Centre Management Initiative- The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL (under section 137of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £500 be paid towards the Golden Jubilee Event in Twyford. Agreed unanimously.

4.The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL (under section 137of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £50 be split equally to the British Heart Foundation and the Royal British Legion in memory of Arthur Pearson, former Councillor. Agreed unanimously

14.4 Annual Parish Meeting 16.05.02- A resident had complained about the overgrowing vegetation in Waltham Road and the footway in Stanlake Lane. Both items were referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

14.5 Meet the Public 18.05.02- A resident from Colleton Drive thought the skatepark a good idea. They also pointed out the removal of the fire hydrant sign outside the house next to the station footpath in Waltham Road. The Clerk to contact the Fire Brigade.

A resident from London Road complained about the overgrowth of nettles in the Loddon Hall footpath. The Clerk to instruct the Ranger to attend to this.

14.6 Colleton School Governors-Mr Hymers reported-The search for a Headteacher is proving difficult and the resigning Head has agreed to stay on for the Autumn Term. The significant problem is the over subscription to the school and how to deal with it fairly.

14.7 Area Youth Committee-Mr Stillman reported on the issues in hand.

15.Councillors questions. –

1. Mr Rogers asked what could be done about the wall and slabs in front of the Londis shop in Longfield Road. The Clerk to contact the shop with request for repairs due to health and safety.
2. Mr Hogg asked for details on the TVCMI- Mrs Dane and Mr Hymers agreed to report back more regularly on the Committee's activities.
3. Mrs Dane reported on the meeting re the potential merger of the Polehampton Schools. The Clerk to circulate when possible the Council's representative's reports on the schools.
4. Mr Stillman asked about the maintenance of the Hurst Road allotments. The Clerk confirmed work is still continuing there.

16.Correspondence.

- 16.1 BALC-AGM 19th July 2002 and nomination of officers-noted
- 16.2 WDCVS AGM 30th May 2002 and launch 12th June 2002 –noted
- 16.3 Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre AGM-noted
- 16.4 MICE AGM 10th June 2002 –noted
- 16.5 WD Citizen Advice Bureau AGM 19th June 2002 –noted
- 16.6 WDC Traffic Regulation Order-noted
- 16.7 Polehampton Junior School Governors report-noted
- 16.8 WDCVS Funding Event 18th June 2002-noted
- 16.9 WDC letter re clean up initiative for Queen's Golden Jubilee –The Clerk to write and request graffiti clean up for the village.

16.10 WDC footway resurfacing at Kibblewhite Crescent-noted

16.11 Standards Board video and information booklets-noted

17. Cheques signed-

001957	Polystat	97.55	001958	WJ Stocker	85.75
001959	DB Tarmac	5381.50	001960	FJ Penn	150.00
001961	BALC	930.39	001962	Int.Office Tech	21.35
001963	TRCA	31.90	001964	M Weston	160.00
001965	B.Telecom	102.30	001966	Print Team	2418.38
001967	C & S Catering	45.80	001968	SEC	211.61
001969	Smiths of Derby	4645.13	001970	Zurich	2282.27
001971	Turners	88.13	001972	HA Woods	111.09
001973	BALC	20.00	001974	SITA	59.13
001975	B.Heart Found	25.00	001976	R.British Legion	25.00
001977	S Hughes	260.00	001978	L Lewington	78.00
001979	J Locke	503.00	001980	FJ Penn	973.81
001981	Inland Revenue	190.38	001982	T & D Play Asoc	550.00
001983	TVCMI	500.00	001984	A & Estate	1432.33
001985	M A Salzman	400.00	001986	TRCA	31.90
001987	SEC	441.00	001988	R & T PCC	12.00
001989	HA Woods	21.29	001990	TRCA	104.62

18. Dates of meeting

Planning and Amenities Committee	10.06.02
Parish Lands Committee	12.06.02
Finance Committee	19.06.02

19. Date of next meeting 25th June, 2002

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 21.05.02
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1. The Clerk to forward all relevant information to Dr Garrad re appointment to parish Councillor.
2. The Clerk to chase a response from Railtrack/British Transport Police re the railway station.
3. The Clerk to check on the current contractual position re the tennis club and circulate to Parish Lands members.
4. The Clerk to arrange for fencing to the cricket square
5. The Clerk to amend the current version of the Standing orders and circulate to all Councillors.
6. The overgrowing vegetation in Waltham Road and the footpath over the railway bridge in Stanlake Lane, referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.
7. The Clerk to contact the Fire Brigade re the removal of the fire hydrant.
8. The Clerk to arrange for strimming of the footpath at Loddon Hall.
9. The Clerk to contact the Londis shop with request for repairs due to health and safety.
10. The Clerk to write and request graffiti clean up for the village.