

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003, at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs, J Fort, T LeMare, R Mantel, B Rogers, M Stillman .

In attendance: Miss F Penn (Clerk), Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bullman (R.P.C), 1 member of the press.

**1. Public questions-none**

**2. Apologies** Mrs C Wilson, Messrs J Bowley, R Dean, M Garrard, R Thomas.

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003**-these were approved and signed, Mrs Wright proposed and Mr Fort seconded, passed unanimously.

**5. Matters Arising** –awaiting response from Waitrose re car parking on Wargrave Road.

**6. District Council Matters-** Mr Conway reported on

1. Possibility of yellow lines being installed in Wargrave Road up to the Council's KGVF car park. Mrs Dane asked that the stretch on London Road up to the traffic island be included in any traffic order as well.
2. The planning applications that were giving rise to concern in Twyford- The three storey buildings at 32-36 Hurst Road had been removed from the revised plans going for discussion next week and were likely to be given approval. The Clerk to chase WDC for a copy of these revisions.  
8 London Road was not well received by the Highways Department and unlikely to progress much more.  
1 Station Road still causing some concern re the highways implications.  
Lionel Court, Mr Conway suggested Sarah Hollamby at WDC, as a useful contact for concerned parties.

**7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.-** Mrs Bullman reported on,

1. The request to extend the speed limits around Ruscombe looks unlikely to succeed due to cost implications.
2. The implications of a planning application, proposing a dwelling over a garage.
3. Mrs Dane recounted the saga of the bollards at the Ruscombe crossroads.

**8.Reports:**

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.02.03-Mrs Dane updated the Committee on the planning applications discussed and the grant application for publicising the community bus service.

Mrs Dane also highlighted the latest two initiatives from Parkman Consultants which were plans for bus stops at the station forecourts and a questionnaire following proposals to have parking zones in the Wokingham district. Mrs Dane to feedback comments on both exercises to Parkman. Finally a new street name was required for the 32-36 Hurst Road site, any suggestions to Mrs Dane.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.02.03- Mr Fort updated the Committee on the Lands work for the month.

The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL to accept the quote of £1800 inc vat for installation of new carpets at Twycombe Lodge. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk to action once the situation re the tenants is clear.

- 8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 12.02.03-Mr Mantel reported on,
1. The final proposed precept for 2003/4 which is £53,000, Mr Mantel proposed and Mr Hymers seconded, agreed unanimously.
  2. The RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL under s.137 (of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £150 be awarded to the Mobile Information Centre for services to the local community. Agreed unanimously.
  3. The RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL under s.137 (of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £100 be awarded to Keep Mobile for services to the local community. 7 for, 1 abstain.
  4. The RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL under s.137 (of the Local Government Act 1972) that a grant of £200 be awarded to TVCMI to cover the cost of the clerk providing book keeping services until the end of March. Agreed unanimously.

8.4 TVCMI-Mrs Dane and Mrs Wright commented on forthcoming meetings. The Clerk to ask Norman Raybone for an up to date list of members.

8.5 Other Representatives reports –

1. Mr Stillman reported on the Youth Committee meeting.
2. Mrs Dane reported on the District Parish Conference.
3. Mr Hymers reported on the meeting of the Loddon Hall Council. The Council discussed the concerns over the running of the hall as a local amenity. The date of the EGM/AGM to be confirmed as either 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> March 2003.

8.6 Clerk's Report- The Clerk highlighted the additional time being spent by the Ranger on graffiti cleaning and confirmed this had been reported to the local police.

#### **9. Councillors Questions-**

Mrs Wright expressed concern at the state of the Millennium Garden. The Clerk and Ranger to attend. The Clerk to also investigate the bushes hampering the crossing point at Hurst Road.

Mr Hymers highlighted the important dates for Councillors wishing to put themselves forward for election in May 2003. Nominations must be with WDC by noon 1<sup>st</sup> April (Forms can be obtained from Electoral Services at WDC tel no 9746521). Notices of the election would be published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2003. The Clerk to obtain a copy of the electoral roll for all Councillors.

Mr Hymers noted that it may be appropriate to change the date of the Council meeting in April from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> to avoid clashing with the school holidays, to be decided at the March meeting.

#### **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Notice of meeting for Twyford Age Concern on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2003-noted.
- 10.2 NALC-Quality Parish Status Seminar 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 -noted
- 10.3 WDC Draft Community Strategy-noted
- 10.4 WDC- Implementing Electronic Government Statement-noted
- 10.5 WDC Agendas for Executive and Council meetings on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003-noted
- 10.6 WDVSF-mini conference Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2003 & newsletter-noted.
- 10.7 BALC information for New Councillors –update pack-noted
- 10.8 DEFRA notice re new licensing act-noted
- 10.9 BALC nominations for attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2003. The Council agreed that Mrs Dane should be nominated.

**11. Cheques signed**

002157 Berkshire Blind	110.00	002158 J Stevenson	72.00
002159 BT	75.68	002160 SEC	842.57
002161 Hacker Young	411.25	002162 Agri & Estates	634.50
002163 Twyford Landscapes	730.00	002164 TRCA	31.90
002165 CBS	22.42	002166 C & S Catering	36.77
002167 HA Woods	80.86	002168 SEC	283.45
002169 SEC	257.61	002170 Keep Mobile	100.00
002171 Mobile I. Centre	150.00	002172 Polehampton Jr	4000.00
002173 J Locke	450.00	002174 FJ Penn	970.72
002175 IR	216.48	002176 J Stevenson	72.00
002177 S Hughes	240.00		

**12. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	3.03.03
Parish Lands Committee	5.03.03
Finance Committee	11.03.03(tbc)
Meet the Public(GW/LD/RM)	15.03.02

**13. Date of next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003**

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 18.02.03
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1. The Clerk to chase WDC for revised plans for 32-36 Hurst Road.
2. Mrs Dane to respond to Parkman on the highways initiatives.
3. The Clerk to obtain an up to date list of TVCMI members and circulate.
4. The Clerk and Ranger to attend to the MG.
5. The Clerk to write to the owners of the wayward bushes in Hurst Road.
6. The Clerk to obtain an up to date copy of the electoral roll.
7. The Clerk to nominate Mrs Dane for the BP Garden Party.