

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16th December 2003, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs B Herbertson, Mrs G Wright, Messrs R Mantel, M Stillman, J Bowley, T LeMare, Dr M Garrard.
In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), Mr S Conway and one representative of the press.

1. **Public questions-** A question was asked regarding the current situation relating to the proposal to site the skate park on the land adjacent to Loddon Hall as the project is time critical to secure funding. It was explained that the land is under the control of Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association and all that is required is a letter from them giving their approval to proceed.
2. **Apologies-** Miss P Lawrence, Messrs K Hogg, A Parkin-White, B Rogers, N Crush.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2003-** Mrs G Wright proposed Mrs L Dane seconded - agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising –** Reply received from WDC regarding Longfield Rd. The speed humps are not their responsibility as they are in a non-adopted section of the road. Standing orders revised and handed out to members at this meeting. Vandalism reported to police.
6. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway reported on: Mulberry Mead planning application was discussed at the Development Control meeting on 3rd December. A decision was deferred until a site visit has been made. The development at 8 London Rd was approved in spite of the objections raised. P Turrell WDC has made comments on using the space available at Hurst Rd allotments for parking. He has reservations as it is in the flood plain. CCTV – he gave details of his efforts to obtain money from WDC to fund cameras in the centre of the village as an add on to any scheme proposed by the parish council.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported on discussions on the application to develop the Woods Yard site. In particular the proposals to improve the traffic situation which seemed impractical to implement. Concern was expressed on an application to build a new house behind 141 London Rd.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.12.03 -** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including the ongoing problem with the phasing of the traffic lights, comments submitted about a new window to be installed at the rear of 9 London Rd and concerns expressed by local residents about the changes being made to the BP Garage on the A4. Some work that is not covered by the planning application appears to be taking place so additional comments have been sent to WDC. Further comments have been received from a resident pointing out the reduced size of the building footprints for the proposed development at Mulberry Mead. Mrs Dane reminded councillors she is waiting for suggestions for road names at the developments at 70 Wargrave Rd, 75 – 81 Wargrave Rd and Willow Drive.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 03.12.03-** Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the amount of work being carried out by the Village

Ranger repairing vandal damage. Since the last meeting the Scout Hut has been destroyed by arson and there has been considerable damage caused to brickwork and windows at Loddon Hall by vandals. Agreed that the Clerk sends a follow up letter to the police. He also explained the current position on the proposals to obtain quotes for CCTV to cover Parish Council property with a scheme that can be extended to cover other premises if required. There was a consensus that Parish Lands proceed with preparing a scheme and obtaining quotes so a costed proposal can be put to the council for approval. The current position regarding the proposed skate park was outlined. The Council's position remains the same as that outlined in the minutes of the council meeting held on 17th September 2002. The council are unable to make a final decision until replies are received to the questions originally raised and reiterated to WDC on 23rd October 2003. The Clerk to write to I Root confirming this situation.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes 09.12.03- Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the discussions on the status of Stanlake Meadow and investigation to make sure it is protected as a recreation ground. He also mentioned the proposal to include a contingency line in the budget to cover the cost of vandalism so it can be more easily identified.

8.4 TVCMI- The Christmas event was very successful.

8.5 Other Representatives reports – Reports provided from Polehampton Infants and Junior Schools and Colleton School. A request was received from Colleton for the council to write to national and local decision makers to highlight their budget problems due to under funding. After discussion it was agreed that Mrs Dane would contact the two Polehampton schools to see if they have a similar problem. Details to be brought to January meeting for discussion. Mr Stillman reported on the work of the Youth Committee. They are trying to recruit a youth worker so the Making Connections scheme can recommence. At present the mobile youth service vehicle is covering this. Concern has been expressed at the lack of police presence at the meetings for some time.

8.6 Clerk's report- We are up to date with most of the minor repairs due to vandalism. The repairs to the car parking area adjacent to KGVR will be completed this week. The council have been offered the facility to set up a Parish Council website within the new framework being established by WDC. This will be at no cost to the council and WDC will provide training for the Clerk. The Clerk's six-month review is due and this has been arranged for January 2004. Councillors will be contacted by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman before the review takes place.

9.Councillors Questions – Mr Le Mare reported that work has been carried out to make the footbridge at Weavers Way safer. Mrs Dane reported on the proposal by WDC to question residents about the recycling scheme.

10 Correspondence

10.1 WDC Agenda - Meeting of the Council Executive Committee 16.12.03 – noted.

10.2 WDC Agenda – Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 17.12.03 – noted.

10.3 WDC Agenda – Special meeting of the Executive 04.12.03 - noted

10.4 WDC Agenda – Meeting of the Standards Committee 16.12.03 - noted

10.5 WDC – Details of LEA Governor vacancies – noted

10.6 WDC letter regarding revised members allowances regulations – noted and referred to Finance Committee for consideration. The Clerk to check the current position.

11. Authorisation of payments

As detailed on enclosed list.

Approval of the above was proposed by Mr D Hymers seconded by Dr M Garrard and carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.01.04
Parish Lands Committee	07.01.04
Finance Committee	13.01.04
Meet the Public	17.01.04

Mr D Hymers and Mrs G Wright to attend.

15. Date of next meeting 20th January 2004

The meeting closed at 9.40. p.m.
