

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21st October 2003, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Mrs J Robinson, Miss P Lawrence, Messrs N Crush, K Hogg, R Mantel, A Parkin-White, B Rogers, M Stillman, J Bowley, T LeMare, Dr M Garrard

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), Mr S Conway, one member of the public and one member of the press.

1. **Public questions-** A member of Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association asked if disclaimer notices could be erected in the Loddon Hall car park relating to any damage to vehicles whilst they are parked. Referred to Parish Lands Committee to consider. The council were also asked if they would consider reinstating the public toilets on KGVR as Loddon Hall have numerous requests from members of the general public to use their toilets. Referred to the Parish lands Committee to investigate.
2. **Apologies-** Mrs B Herbertson.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-**none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2003-** Mrs Dane proposed, Mr Hogg seconded-agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising -** Thames Trains have been contacted regarding footpath from Waltham Rd to Station and repairs have been carried out. Keys have been provided to the contractor to allow hedge cutting in gated area of KGVR. The overgrown vegetation in The Grove has been cut back. The Clerk provided details on the definition of interests referred to in standing order 23P. This was referred back to the Finance Committee for final discussion on the wording.
6. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway reported on his discussions with planning officers regarding 103-105 Wargrave Rd, 15 New Rd, Mulberry Mead, 1 Station Rd and 8 London Rd. He would like further discussions with the council on the possible use of derelict allotment land for car parking. In preparation he has been seeking support from WDC officers and looking at methods of funding. WDC have asked for a plan showing the area available. Clerk to provide. CCTV : he is investigating the possibility of extending the coverage of any scheme the council are considering by seeking capital support from WDC and local businesses. Referred to Parish Lands Committee to produce a suitable scheme and prices for consideration by the council. The WDC are investigating the condition of the fence adjacent to the footbridge at the Silk Mill development.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported on work carried out on ponds and millennium benches. They have had a campaign against waste meeting and the issue of charges for waste lorries for residents to dispose of rubbish was raised. WDC to investigate further.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 06.10.03 -** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including the presentation by WDC Development Control, concern over the revised planning application for Mulberry Mead and planning application for 16 Colleton Drive. She asked councillors to let the Clerk have details of any resurfacing work that is required so he can inform WDC. Twyford News has been distributed. The Highways Board agenda showed proposals to adopt speed limits and waiting restrictions in

roads around the village that appear to have ignored representations made by our council. Mrs Dane has raised this with District Councillor D Tomlin and WDC.

- 8.2 Meeting with WDC Head of Libraries.** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting with Chris Hamilton Head of Libraries and Lifetime Learning for WDC. He outlined their requirements and likely costs but appears to be looking at Twyford in isolation rather than the area being served by the existing library. There also appears to be issues regarding claiming section 106 money from local developments and not being able to apply for funding until a fully costed scheme has been prepared. It was suggested that the old Barclays Bank building would be suitable and WDC undertook to consider this. It was agreed that our concerns be put formally to WDC in a letter and this is copied to neighbouring parishes. Mrs Dane to draft a suitable letter.
- 8.3 Parish Lands Committee 08.10.03-**Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the revised quotation for upgrading the car park surface in Wargrave Rd, proposals for the access path in the Burial Ground, advertising the Village Rangers post, repairs to Twycombe Lodge and the proposal to consider car parking on derelict allotment land in Hurst Rd. The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the revised quotation of £3000 to resurface the car parking area of KGVR adjacent to Wargrave Rd be accepted. The Clerk has spoken to the contractor and he is prepared to guarantee his work for 5 years and estimates a life of about 10 years if heavy vehicles are prevented from entering. After discussion on several issues relating to the guarantee and expected life the recommendation was put to the meeting. Voting: 9 for, 5 against. Carried. In association with this the proposal was put to the meeting that the access is limited to light vehicles. Agreed unanimously – referred to Parish Land Committee to prepare scheme for consideration by the council.
- 8.4 Finance and General Purposes 14.10.03-** Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the revised valuations for Stanlake Pavilion and Twycombe Lodge, ownership of the War Memorial, the financial position to the end of September, dates for future meetings, selling a small no of Syngenta shares which will no longer be traded on the London stock exchange and grant requests.
- 8.5 TVCMI-** Mrs Wright reminded the meeting about the village Christmas Fair
- 8.6 Other Representatives reports** – Reports received from school representatives at Polehampton Junior and Infants schools. Mr Hymers reported on a failed meeting of the Loddon Hall Council, as not enough members were present. He referred to a proposal from the Finance Committee to invite them to attend the next finance meeting. Mr Stillman reported on the recent meeting to discuss the skate park proposal. He outlined the council's position at the meeting and the questions they had raised when this project was originally planned. WDC representatives agreed to provide answers to the questions but asked that they be formally put to them. Clerk to write to WDC listing the questions originally raised in Dec 2002 following discussions at the Parish Lands Committee.
- 8.7 Clerk's report-** Rats have been reported at Stanlake. This has been investigated and WDC contacted regarding remedial action. The Clerk asked for clarification of the policy on notices to put on the council notice boards. Referred to Planning and Amenities Committee to consider.
- 9. Standing Order Review** –Referred back to Finance and General Purposes committee.

10. Remembrance Day -Councillors to join the parade at the station at about 10.15 am and attend the memorial service. Expected number 6/7. Clerk to arrange for a pew in the church to be reserved and order a wreath from the British Legion.

11. Councillors Questions – Mr Le Mare asked if he could arrange for the trees in Loddon Hall car park to be trimmed. Referred to Parish Lands committee. Committee members asked to view before the next meeting. Mrs Wright asked for assistance with the stalls at the village Christmas event from 6 to 9pm.

12. Correspondence

12.1 WDC agenda for Meeting of the Council 25.09.03 - noted

12.2 WDC agenda for Meeting of the Executive 25.09.03 - noted

12.3 Thank you letter from F Penn - noted

12.4 BALC Newsletter – noted

13. Authorisation of payments

002330 L Dane	£49.99	002331 JW Services	£1008.15
002332 J March	£59.99	002333 Ag.Est Services	£2004.55
002334 Twy Lnd Scape	£2000.	002335 Ag.Est Services	£540.50
002336 B Clarke	£195.94	002337 H A Woods	£32.94
002338 SEC	£440.63	002339 CBS	£22.42
002340 Chisk W Craft	£665.32	002341 WDC Yth Centre	£1259.00
002342 MS Services	£370.00	002343 Williams Bldings	£1325.00
002344 J March	£18.00	002345 J March	£91.78
002346 CBS	£22.42	002347 Graffiti Removal	£505.25
002348 SEC	£190.30	002349 S Electric	£241.61
002350 B Bovington	£74.00	002351 S Hughes	£247.00
002352 J March	£709.22	002353 Inland Revenue	£294.04
002354 H A Woods	£50.77	002355 Ag.Est Services	£540.50
002356 Graffiti Removal	£199.75	002357 C&S Cat Supplies	£27.23
002358 Twy Lnd Scape	£235.00	002359 Ag.Est Services	£101.05
002360 Polystat	£17.04	002361 J Stevenson	£40.55
002362 J March	£45.05	002363 A O'Brian	£473.55

Approval of the above was proposed by Mr D Hymers seconded by Mrs L Dane and carried unanimously.

Proposal for Clerk to circulate list of payments for authorisation with agenda referred to Finance and General Purposes committee to consider appropriate method of preparation.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	03.11.03
Parish Lands Committee	05.11.03
Finance Committee	11.11.03
Meet the Public	15.11.03
Mr N Crush and Mrs L Dane to represent the Council	

15. Date of next meeting 18th November 2003

The meeting closed at 9.50. p.m.
