

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18th November 2003, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs N Crush, R Mantel, M Stillman, T LeMare, Dr M Garrard.

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

1. **Public questions-** none
2. **Apologies-** Mrs B Herbertson, Mrs G Wright, Miss P Lawrence, Messrs K Hogg, A Parkin-White, B Rogers, J Bowley.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2003-** Mr T Le Mare proposed Mr M Stillman seconded - agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising -** none
6. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway had sent his apologies. The Clerk read notes he had provided. Mulberry Mead planning application is coming up at Development Control on 3rd December. The map detailing space available at Hurst Rd allotments for possible use as parking has been passed on to WDC. CCTV – he feels there might be money available 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 they are still having difficulty with the proposed location for a polling station. A proposal is to be put to WDALC on a policy for trees. They want a more coherent policy on tree preservation orders. One of their councillors – Mr Garnet - has resigned.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 03.11.03 -** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including concern over the revised planning application for 15 New Rd, a new application from 17 New Rd and the appeal for Crumley Farm Lodge Rd Hurst. An informal approach has been made to the council regarding a proposal for a café at 18 London Rd. She asked for suggestions from councillors for road names at the developments at 70 Wargrave Rd, 75 – 81 Wargrave Rd and Willow Drive.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 05.11.03-**Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the request to hold a charity firework display on KGVR. He also explained the quotes obtained for CCTV and gave details of the demonstration of equipment by Quantumatic. The basic system quoted for is not recommended by them and a better system can be supplied for about £6000-£7000. They are prepared to give another demonstration. It was suggested that this is arranged at 7pm on Wednesday before the start of the Parish Lands meeting. Clerk to arrange and invite Youth Centre, Scouts, Surgery, School etc who may be interested and may contribute to a comprehensive scheme. Loddon Hall has already indicated they will be willing to contribute to a scheme. The Village Ranger has now been appointed on a permanent basis following an interview. The Bonfire Carnival was very successful without any problems. The drawing showing the potential car parking area available at Hurst Rd allotments has been passed on. There has been some feedback from allotment holders who will

be kept informed about developments. There is vandal damage to the wooden climbing frame in the children's play area.

The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the quotation to supply and install bollards at KGVR car park to restrict access at a cost of £727 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the quotation to supply and install new carpets throughout Twycombe Lodge at a cost of £2088 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes 11.11.03- Mr Crush reported on the meeting including the discussions with Loddon Hall Council and the status of Stanlake Meadow and investigation to make sure it is protected as a recreation ground. Further consideration has been given to the wording of clause 23p of the standing orders to allow the revision to be completed. The Committee RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL the adoption of the following wording for this clause. "To invite a member having a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the subject matter under debate to remain." Agreed unanimously. The following grant requests were considered. TVCMI contribution to cost of road closure for Christmas Fair – deferred for more information. Home Start–Wokingham District –RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a grant of £50 is made. Agreed unanimously. Keep Mobile – RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a grant of £100 is made. Agreed unanimously.

8.4 TVCMI- Mr Hymers reported on the TVCMI meeting held the previous week. The Christmas event planning is progressing. The scheme for a skate park has been revised. There is a meeting with Groundworks proposed for 21st November at 9am to look at a possible location on KGVR. Dr M Garrard agreed to attend to represent the council. TVCMI are going to apply for charity status. They have appointed a new finance officer. The transport group have been looking at the progress of Twyford Link buses. The number of passengers is rising but is still short of target and the schedules have been altered to reduce the costs so the budget will last. This does not affect the Twyford service. More work is required at the station and it is proposed to have discussions with the new train franchise operator.

8.5 Other Representatives reports – none

8.6 Meet the Public – 15.11.03 – Mrs L Dane and Mr N Crush reported on this. One resident raised the subject of the proposed skate park and asked to be kept informed about the progress of the project. Another resident complained about the large number of leaves on the pavement in Hurst Rd. An elderly resident has tripped on the speed humps in Longfield Rd as the white markings on them have worn off. Clerk to write to WDC to see if they will renew.

8.7 Clerk's report- vandalism continues. There has been the fire at the tennis club, the chain on the gate to the children's play area has been cut and removed, part of the metal conduit containing the wiring on the youth shelter has been ripped out, one of the benches at Jubilee Corner has been forced off its fixings, there have been several fires in rubbish bins and Waitrose trolleys have been left on KGVR. The Clerk to report all incidents to the police. The fire at the tennis club destroyed the football cross bars. Two new sets have been obtained and the cost will be claimed on insurance.

9 Standing Order Review – covered under item 8.3.

10 Provision of CCTV - covered under item 8.2.

11 Councillors Questions – none.

12 Correspondence

12.1 WDC agenda for Meeting of the Council 30.10.03 – noted.

12.2 Wokingham District News Autumn edition - noted.

12.3 Letter from Community Council for Berkshire - noted.

13. Authorisation of payments

As detailed on enclosed list.

Approval of the above was proposed by Mr D Hymers seconded by Mrs L

Dane and carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.12.03
Parish Lands Committee	03.12.03
Finance Committee	09.12.03
Meet the Public	17.01.04
Deferred to next meeting	

15. Date of next meeting 16th December 2003

The meeting closed at 9.20. p.m.
