

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 20th April 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: D Hymers (Chairman), Mr R Mantel, Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs M Stillman, T LeMare, K Hogg, J Bowley, N Crush, B Rogers.
In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman, two members of the public and one member of the press

1. **Public questions-** both members of the public raised issues relating to the level of vandalism in the village. Incidents had been reported and there had been poor support from the police with no feedback on action taken. It appeared to be a known group causing the problems but no effective preventative action has been taken. The Chairman explained that the only action open to the Council is to keep reporting incidents and raising their concerns with the appropriate contacts. It was also suggested a petition is drawn up for local residents to sign. Agreed to be referred to the Planning and Amenities Committee for further consideration.
2. **Apologies-** Mrs B Herbertson, Mrs G Wright, Miss P Lawrence and Mr A Parkin-White
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2004-** proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr T Le Mare - agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising –**
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with.
6. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway reported the following: Planning, Mulberry Mead has been approved with a revised layout, 103-105 Wargrave Rd is being considered on 21st April. He has spoken to the enforcement officer about the sign outside the chemist in London Rd. Installation of yellow lines was delayed due to objections being raised to parts of the overall scheme but this has now been approved. The traffic light problems have been identified and capital approved for repairs. He has applied for finance for CCTV cameras in the village centre and an allocation of £8000 has been made. The installation depends on CCTV being installed in other parts of the village and he asked to be given details of any scheme agreed by the council. He will chase up the repair to the playground in Wessex Gdns as the promised date has passed. He was asked to take up a problem with the blocked drainage ditch at the rear of the Orpington Close development in Hurst Rd as this is causing flooding in neighbouring gardens.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Bulman reported on the planning approval for Woods Yard site, the erection of a telecomm mast against their wishes and the request from WDC for suggestions from residents regarding a revised location for polling. Their annual parish meeting was held last week and the Chairman will be stepping down at the next election.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 29.03.04 –** Mr Hogg reported on the meeting including the continuing problems with the traffic lights the Amenity Lorry and planning applications for 23&23a High St, 141 London Rd, 3 Longfield Rd 82 Wargrave Rd and 56 Poundfield Way. The village litter pick is taking place on Saturday 24th April. Meet at Loddon Hall at 10 am.

Councillors were asked for suggestions for areas needing clearing up. The Chairman thanked Mr K Hogg and Mrs L Dane for the work put into producing the latest issue of Twyford News.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 31.03.04-Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the discussions with the allotment holders. The current position regarding CCTV was outlined. Site meetings have been held to clarify the proposals and confirm details of the additional work that will have to be carried out by the council. Thanks were expressed to Forwood for their recommendations regarding re-furbishing the unused area in the NW corner of KGVR. Details were explained to the meeting. There is no more news on the skate park proposal at present.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 13.04.04 – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the discussions on the expenditure against budget and capital statement to 31st March 04, details of which were copied to members. The position regarding allowances for councillors was explained to the meeting. Agreed the Clerk to make further enquiries to confirm what expenses are covered. The committee **RECOMMENDED** to the Council the payment of a section 127 grant of £425 to Readibus towards their annual operating costs. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMENDED** to the Council that the following hourly rates be paid to staff from 1st April 2004. Dog Warden - £6.40, Cleaner - £6,40 and Village Ranger - £6.52. Agreed 9 for, 1 abstention.

8.4 TVCMI- Nothing to report.

8.5 Other Representatives reports – Report provided from Age Concern – noted.

8.6 Clerk's report- The children's climbing frame has been repaired. Motorcycles have been ridden on KGVR. This was reported to the police who have apprehended the riders and confiscated the bikes. Vandals have broken one of the wooden pedestrian gates on KGVR, smashed one of the benches and broken down a tree at Jubilee Corner. The training course has been booked for the Dog Warden. The Millennium Garden grass has been treated for moss and the seat has been cleaned off.

9.0 Councillors' Questions – None

10 Correspondence

10.1 WDC meeting of the Council 25.03.04 - noted

10.2 WDC Meeting of the Executive 25.03.04 - noted

10.3 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings 28.01.04 – 10.03.04 - noted

10.4 WDC Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 14.04.04 - noted

10.5 Reply from Department for Education and Skills re school funding contents read to meeting. The Clerk to copy to the three Village schools.

10.6 Invite to attend AGM of Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre – noted

10.7 Notice from T & RCA Council Meeting on 21st April. Noted – Mrs L Dane to attend.

10.8 Request from Fisher Property Development for a marketing name and historical information on the site at 15 Lincoln Gdns. – referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

10.9 Letter of resignation from Mrs B Herbertson. – noted. The Clerk to **make the necessary notifications.**

11. Authorisation of payments

As detailed on list – dated 20.04.04. Proposed Mr T Le Mare, seconded Mr J Bowley. Approved unanimously

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	04.05.04
Parish Lands Committee	05.05.04
Finance Committee	11.05.04
Annual Parish Meeting	28.04.04

13.Date of next meeting 18th May 2004

The meeting closed at 9.50. p.m.