

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16th March 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk).

1. **Public questions-** None
2. **Apologies-** Messrs N Crush, B Rogers.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2004-** proposed Mr K Hogg, seconded Mrs G Wright - agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising –**
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with.
6. **District Council Matters-** In his absence the Clerk read out the following information provided by Mr Conway. The new planning application submitted for 3 properties at Mulberry Mead is better but work is still required to resolve the effect on 36 Winchcombe Rd. He has taken up the outstanding problems with the traffic lights in the centre of the village with WDC. They have now identified the faults and are waiting for the quotation for repairing them. He has checked and the old Lloyds Bank premises do not need to apply for change of use providing they do not sell food. He has asked building control to check out Hodge Podge. The following questions were raised and will be passed on to him: When are the waiting restrictions to be instigated in Waltham Rd? The male toilets in Polehampton Close have been listed as a gay meeting site on the Internet. Can WDC do anything about this?
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported on their continuing problem of resolving where election polling will take place.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.03.04 -** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including the continuing problems with the traffic lights and planning applications for new properties at 3 Longfield Rd and The Grove. The committee have given support in principle for an additional bridge across the Thames providing it does not lead to more traffic through Twyford. The Committee **Recommended** to the Council to make a section 137 grant of £1670.42 to cover the cost of a street worker for the financial year 2004/5. Carried –for 9, against 3.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 03.03.04-**Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the discussions with the Scouts about their proposals for a new building and details of the temporary accommodation the Tennis Club propose to erect. The current position regarding CCTV and the proposed skate park was outlined. Recommendations have been received for refurbishing the unused area in the NW corner of KGVR. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee **Recommended** to the Council to install two streetlights at Stanlake Meadow to improve security at a cost up to £2500. Carried unanimously. The Committee **Recommended** to the Council to purchase a replacement mower for the Burial Ground at a cost of £494. Carried unanimously. The Committee **Recommended** to the Council to install a shower supplied by the tenants at Twycombe Lodge at a

cost of £350. Carried -11 for, 1 abstention. Representations made by the cricket club regarding their annual rent were outlined. The Committee **Recommended** to the Council to reduce the rental for the 2004/5 season to £600 subject to annual review. Carried – 11 for, 1 against.

8.3 Meet the Public 13.03.04 – Several allotment holders attended and raised points, which will be dealt with by the Parish Lands Committee. A resident expressed concern at the possible damage to footpaths by persons parking cars off the road – noted.

8.4 TVCMI- Nothing to report.

8.5 Other Representatives reports – Reports provided from Polehampton Infants School, Polehampton Junior School and Age Concern – noted.

8.6 Clerk's report- Emergency work had to be carried out to remove and make safe streetlight 180 in Amberley Drive, which was in danger of falling over. The cost for this was £246.75. Emergency work had to be carried out to remove two benches from Jubilee Corner, which had been vandalised and were at risk of further damage. The cost for removal and repair is £165. The internal audit has been booked for 20th April. A list of member's e-mails has been prepared. It was agreed which members wished their e-mail addresses to be circulated to other members. The Clerk gave details of proposed holiday dates – noted.

9.0 Resolution 1/04 moved by Mrs G Wright – “That the Council will make a financial contribution to the TVCMI for their costs associated with the Christmas Village Event” Seconded by Mr K Hogg. Under standing order 21 referred to the Finance and General Purposed Committee for consideration. Agreed it will be held over to the meeting on 11th May as Mrs Wright is on holiday in April.

10. Councillors' Questions – The streetlights on Go Easy Travel and Phillips Chemist are still not working – the Clerk to report to WDC. In London Rd, Hurst Rd and Wargrave Rd the posts with lights that held the speed limit signs have been left in place although the signs have been removed-noted, situation to be reviewed at next meeting. The Twyford Link buses do not seem to be used by many passengers. What can be done to improve the situation? The situation regarding the operation of the service was explained. It is a three-year experiment and we are only at the end of the first year.

11. Correspondence

11.1 WDC meeting of the Council 26.02.04 - noted

11.2 WDC Meeting of the Executive 26.02.04 - noted

11.3 WDC Minutes of District/Parish Conference 21.01.04 - noted

11.4 Standards Board – Consultation on investigations and determination of misconduct allegations - noted

11.5 Calor Village of the Year – Twyford is unable to enter as the population exceeds 5000.

11.6 WDC District News - noted

11.7 BALC – Berkshire Communicator - noted

11.8 Home Office – Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century consultation document – noted

11.9 Letter from resident regarding parking outside his property – referred to Planning and Amenities.

11.10 Local Council Review March 2004 – articles on skate parks and allotments brought to the attention of members.

12. Authorisation of payments

As detailed on list – dated 16.03.04. Proposed Mr T Le Mare, seconded Mrs G Wright. Approved unanimously

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	29.03.04
Parish Lands Committee	31.03.04
Finance Committee	13.04.04

14. Date of next meeting 20th April 2004

The meeting closed at 9.26. p.m.
