

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs N Crush, J Fort, R Mantel, J Bowley and Dr M Garrard.

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), 6 members of the public and two members of the press.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr K Hogg, Mr B Rogers, Mr J Jarvis.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- Mrs G Wright declared an interest in the skate park due to her membership of TVCMI and left the meeting during discussions on this item.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2004**- Proposed Mrs G Wright, seconded Mrs L Dane – Carried 7 for, 1 abstention
5. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Mr D Hymers read out the proposed text of a letter to be sent to the police. Agreed he can send the letter. Following a site meeting Thames Water have agreed to bore under the London Rd allotments rather than dig an open trench. A reply from the Department of Transport regarding consultation on restrictions on night flying at Heathrow was read to the meeting.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – There are still two vacancies to be filled. Request made to representative of Twyford Advertiser to put in an article requesting persons to come forward. Mrs Dane to draft.
7. **Appointment of Mr M Dally to Committees**. Mr M Dally was not at the meeting so this item is held over to the next meeting.
8. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway was unwell and sent his apologies. In his absence the Clerk read out his report. He is continuing with his efforts to raise funds for the village centre CCTV scheme and has nearly reached the required amount. A query has been raised by Mrs L Dane about a planning application for Serangoon in Byron Rd. He has not seen the details yet but hopes to look at the plans in the near future. He welcomes any comments from the Council on the proposal.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Dane reported that they have received three planning applications, which should have either been sent or copied to this council. In particular there is an outline planning application for 120 – 128 London Rd Ruscombe, which will have an impact on Twyford.
10. **Reports:**
  - 10.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.11.04** – Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including planning applications at 18 London Rd and 18 Wagtail Close. A request has been received for more visits by the green waste lorry. WDC have no budget to expand the service but are prepared to consider providing a vehicle for an hour on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2005 to collect Christmas trees. Agreed the Clerk contacts WDC to find out the cost.
  - 10.2 **Parish Lands Committee 03.11.04** – As the committee chairman had not been at the earlier part of the meeting and the vice-chairman was not present at this meeting the council chairman reported on the meeting including discussions about the proposed sewer across the allotments. Mr Bowley reported on the later part of the meeting including the discussions about a possible revised location for the skate park behind

the Youth Centre. Councillors made comments about the proposal relating to proximity to houses, usage times, noise and safety of persons using the footpath behind the Youth Centre. It was also explained that the skate park and hard play area do not have to be sited next to each other. The Chairman then suspended the meeting and asked members of the public present if they wished to make any comments. Views were expressed about the effect on the Scout Hut users, problems with gaining access to the field for their activities and the loss of the floodlit training area for Twyford Comets. The Chairman then re-convened the meeting and the recommendation from the Parish Lands Committee to the Full Council to accept the proposed location behind the Youth Centre was put to the vote. For 0, against 4, abstentions 3. Recommendation failed. The Clerk to advise TVCMI about the decision to leave the skate park in its original location. A question was raised about the disturbance to the verge outside the London Rd allotments. This was due to Thames Water digging a trial hole in relation to the proposed sewer. The Clerk has already mentioned it to Thames Water. If allotments holders require further action they will need to speak to WDC who are responsible for the verge. The size of the area fenced off round the bonfire at the bonfire carnival was raised. It caused problems for people wanting to leave the field after the bonfire was lit. Agreed the Clerk to speak to the Round Table

- 10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 09.11.04** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee recommend to the Full Council that no grant is awarded to Wokingham Job Support Centre. Agreed unanimously. The committee recommend to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £100 to keep Mobile. Proposed by Mrs G Wright, seconded by Mr N Crush to increase this amount to £200. Carried 5 for, 3 against. The revised recommendation was then put to the vote. Carried 5 for, 3 against. Mr D Hymers reported that quite substantial changes will be required to standing orders to bring them in line with the latest requirements.
- 10.4 Meet the Public 13.11.04** – Mr D Hymers reported on this meeting. Only two members of the public attended. One expressed concern at the sighting of the CCTV camera at Loddon Hall in relation to his property and any possible increases in lighting levels, The other asked if there was any news on the proposed development at Mulberry Mead in Winchcombe Rd.
- 10.5 TVCMI-** Mrs Dane reported on the latest meeting. Most of the discussions centred round the Christmas event. There have been talks with WDC about reducing the cost of the road closure measures and the public liability insurance will have to be increased to £5M. The Christmas tree is due for delivery on 30th November and a temporary CCTV camera will be installed on the garage to cover it. 31 stalls have been let and 7 are available with possible offers on 3 of these.
- 10.6 Other Representatives reports** – Meetings of the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School – noted.  
Mobile Youth Provision – noted.  
Mrs L Dane reported on the recent police liaison meeting. Unfortunately the guest speaker was unable to attend but Inspector Andy Bagnall ran a question and answer session, which was well received.  
Dr M Garrard reported on a recent meeting of Colleton Governors where concern was expressed at the poor coverage of their school in an article in Twyford News compared with other schools in the village. The editor,

Mrs L Dane replied that the next time there is an article she would be quite happy for the school to write it themselves.

**10.7 Clerk's report-** The sycamore trees along the side of the children's play area have been cut back and the cuttings disposed of in the bonfire. Repairs have been completed to the safety surfaces in the children's play area. The Clerk has been contacted by WDC regarding responsibility for the payment of rates on Stanlake Pavilion. It appears that as it is let to multi users the Council are responsible. The Clerk has asked for clarification in time for discussions on charges to users and setting next year's precept. The Village Ranger is on holiday until 26<sup>th</sup> November. The water was turned on and left running at the London Rd allotments. The Clerk has turned it off for the winter at the main stopcock.

**11. Councillors' Questions** – Mrs L Dane expressed concern at the lack of attendance by some councillors at meetings. Agreed the Chairman sends a note to councillors asking them to attend whenever possible and always send in apologies when they are unable to attend.

**12. Correspondence**

12.1 Round Table – noted.

12.2 WDC Wokingham Primary Schools Carol Concert – noted

12.3 TVCMI – noted

12.4 WDC State of the District debate – noted

12.5 Smith of Derby – alterations required to Jubilee Clock electronics to deal with changes to date for reverting to GMT in October. Agreed that as further alterations may occur in future no action will be taken until the final proposals are agreed. The Clerk to inform Smiths

**13. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 16.11.04 Proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.

**14. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	06.12.04
Parish Lands Committee	08.12.04
Finance Committee	11.01.05

**15. Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004**

The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.
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