

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

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

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

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

1. **Public questions-** A question was asked regarding the current situation relating to the proposed speed limits to be imposed around the village, as there was concern over road safety and the delay in implementing proposals. The current position relating to implementation of the traffic orders was explained together with details of the proposals to extend parking restrictions.
2. **Apologies-**, Miss P Lawrence.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2003-** Mrs G Wright proposed Mr T LeMare seconded - agreed unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising –**
Reply received from Inspector Finch regarding policing. The Clerk to provide a copy to members.
WDC have been contacted about the hedge in Longfield Rd. They are investigating ownership.
Letter sent to I Root regarding Skate Park
Information on payment of allowances to councillors provided by the Clerk. Referred to Finance and Amenities Committee for further consideration.
Mrs Dane has contacted both Polehampton Infants and Junior schools regarding funding. The Infants School are managing by not buying books or carrying out training. The Junior School are using reserves to balance their budget. Both would welcome support regarding their financial position.
Agreed a letter is drafted detailing the budget problems in Colleton and Polehampton Infants and Junior Schools and sent to national and local decision makers.
6. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway reported on Mulberry Mead planning application, which has now been refused. A meeting has been held with Inspector Finch to discuss policing in Twyford. A bid has been made for funding for CCTV in the centre of the village and is being considered by WDC policy team. A meeting has been arranged with Colleton School to discuss their problems with funding. An application has been made to WDC for a financial contribution to both the Scouts and Tennis Club to help rebuild their premises.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported on discussions with WDC regarding polling stations and with the police regarding parking in Pennfields.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 05.01.04 -** Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including the removal of the right turn arrow on the traffic lights, comments submitted about planning applications at Stricklands London Rd. 10 High St and the refusal of permission for Mulberry Mead. Additional comments have been submitted about the changes being made to the BP

Garage on the A4. The propose plans for Lincoln Gardens were displayed at the Meet the Public meeting and several residents visited to look at them. Their comments will be taken into account in the reply to be sent to WDC. A survey of Parish street lighting has been made to ascertain the work required to clean and number. It is proposed to include a sum in the budget for the cost of a refuse lorry to be parked in the village on six Saturday mornings throughout the year for residents to dispose of bulky items of rubbish. Following discussion it was agreed – 9 for, 3 against to implement this proposal. A litter pick for the village is proposed for Saturday 27th March. The route will be agreed nearer the date. It was suggested greater coverage could be given in Twyford News to events held by local organisations. Referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

Details of a study relating to Safer Routes to School have been received and the council have been requested to comment on proposals. Comments to be sent off agreed. There are follow up issues raised by parents relating the footpath in KGVR and Loddon Hall car park. Mrs L Dane, Mr B Rogers and Mr T LeMare agreed to attend a meeting to discuss with the consultants. A proposal has been received from WDC to implement a 50mph speed limit along the A4 from Charvil to Knowl Hill – Agreed this is not acceptable. The Clerk to reply to WDC.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.01.04-Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the reply from the police, work to the car park area adjacent to KGVR, use of water at the allotments and the unused area adjacent to the KGVR car park. He also explained the current position on the examination of quotes for CCTV to cover Parish Council property. Further clarification on the proposals is to be sought. The current position regarding the proposed skate park was outlined. The recommendation is withdrawn as a further letter has been received from the Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association Management Committee stating they do not wish the land between the Youth Centre and Loddon Hall to be considered as a possible location for the skate park. Clarification is to be sought at their meeting on 21st January.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes 09.12.03- Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the proposal to obtain prices for a replacement photocopier as spares for the current one are becoming difficult to obtain due to its age, the change to meeting dates, the expenditure against budget and capital statement to the end of December 2003. He also detailed the discussions held on the budget proposals. The meeting Chairman explained the figures to be included in the budget relating to vandalism costs. The recommendation to make a grant of £250 to the Scouts for the cost of the Remembrance Day band was discussed and agreed. A proposal was submitted to refer the decision not to make an award to Wokingham Job Support Centre back for further consideration but this failed, as it was not seconded. Following discussion it was agreed to put the method of dealing with negative decisions on the agenda for the next Full Council meeting. The recommendation to confirm that the Clerk is confirmed in post to be dealt with at the end of this meeting.

8.4 Meet the Public - Several member of the public attended. Most came to look at the proposals for the development at 15 Lincoln Gdns. Residents raised two other issues, the car parking problem in Waltham Rd and opposition to yellow lines being put along the full length of Hermitage Drive.

8.5 TVCMI- Nothing to report, as the next meeting is not until 29th January.

8.6 Other Representatives reports – Reports provided from Polehampton Infants School – noted.

8.7 Clerk's report- There have been a few incidents of minor vandalism such as bolts being taken out of the fence on KGVR and graffiti but these have all been dealt with. There are still problems with youths digging up the unused area adjacent to KGVR to make a bike track. The Ranger keeps replacing the earth and hopefully they will give up. WDC have made contact about the adoption of the Dog Fouling of Lands Act and possible training for our dog warden. WDC have been asked to send details. The Clerk reported on the training session he attended for Quality Assessment.

9.Councillors Questions – A request was made for the rear of Loddon Hall to be tidied up. This will be referred to their management committee.

Clarification was sought regarding disposal of the Christmas tree at Jubilee Corner. It was explained this is the responsibility of TVCMI. The issue of continuing problems with the traffic lights was raised. The current action being taken by WDC was explained.

10 Correspondence

10.1 Notification of Licence Transfer application at J W Greens - noted

10.2 WDC –request to used Stanlake Meadow pavilion for elections on 10th June 2004 - agreed. The Clerk to notify Yellow Brick Nursery.

10.3Letter from Scouts asking if land could be leased at Stanlake for rebuilding the Scout Hut. – referred to Parish Lands Committee.

11. Authorisation of payments

As detailed on enclosed list.

Approval of the above was proposed by Mr J Bowley seconded by Mr A Parkin-White and carried unanimously.

12. Confirmation of Clerk in post.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public under Standing Order 59 and the Clerk withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item. Agreed unanimously that the Clerk is confirmed in post.

13. Dates of meetings:

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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 02.02.04 |
| Parish Lands Committee | 04.02.04 |
| Finance Committee | 10.02.04 |
| Meet the Public | March – allotment holders to be invited to attend. |

14.Date of next meeting 17th February 2004

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| The meeting closed at 9.55. p.m. |
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