Twyford Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

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

Present: Mr R Mantel (Vice Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs M Stillman, K Hogg, N Crush, J Bowley, B Rogers, Dr M Garrard.

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

1. **Public questions –** None
2. **Apologies-** Mr D Hymers, Mrs J Robinson.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2004**- Approved after one correction to minute 8.5 on page 2. Proposed Mrs G Wright seconded Mrs L Dane –carried unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising –**
   All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Replies received from Thames Valley Police and Teresa May MP in response to Council's letter to Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.
6. **Co-option of Councillors –** Mr J Jarvis has put his name forward. A letter received from him giving his personal details was circulated to councillors. Voting – 6 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions. Co-opted. Proposed by Mrs L Dane, seconded by Mrs G Wright that Mr Jarvis is asked to serve on the Planning and Amenities Committee. 8 for, 1 abstention. Carried. Mr J Fort who has been a councillor before has put his name forward. Voting 7 for, 2 against. Co-opted. Proposed by Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mrs G Wright that Mr Fort serves on the committees he has suggested, Finance and Parish Lands. 8 for, 1 against. Carried.
7. **District Council Matters-** Mr Conway's reported on the following:
   He has received an e-mail confirming a contribution of £4000 will be made by WDC towards a CCTV system. Rachel Dalby Community Safety Officer at WDC has offered to help with overseeing the installation of the scheme. The trees at Bell Corner were removed due to alleged damage to building foundations so WDC are not insisting on them being replaced. The Kings Gardens landscaping scheme is not as approved and the enforcement officer has been asked to take this up. He will be speaking at the WDC Development Control Meeting about a proposal to convert warehouses to offices at Ruscombe Business Park and the affect this will have on traffic flows. In particular there is concern at the proposal to install a footpath through the site to Springfield Gdns, which may increase parking in this road. Mrs L Dane also expressed concern on the impact this will have on the lake and surrounding area in the business park. He also commented on the planning applications for Gas Lane and 80 Springfield Park.
   Mr K Hogg asked if anything has happened about the problem he raised with the developers blocking the ditch at the bottom of their site in Hurst Rd. Mr Conway reported that WDC have visited the site and do not consider there is a problem.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported on their discussions on section 106 funding for the footpath to Springfield Park mentioned by Mr Conway. They have agreed a site for a new bus shelter on the development at Woods site in Ruscombe Lane. They are looking for 2 additional councillors.
9. **Reports:**

9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 05.07.04 – Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including contact with WDC to start work on the project involving

the improvements to cycle paths using section 106 funds, planning applications at Old bath Rd and Gas Lane and highways matters relating to a traffic survey in Milley Lane, parking restrictions in Paddock Heights, the 50mph speed limit on the A4 and changes to the Waltham Rd /Hurst Rd junction to improve pedestrian safety. A reply has been received from Great Western Trains stating proposals are in hand to carry out some of the work requested at the station. The Committee recommend to the Full Council that the Council contacts the local schools and invites them to approach the Council when a vacancy occurs for a community governor to ask them to nominate a person to serve as a representative of the Parish Council. – **Carried** unanimously. It was agreed this should include The Piggott School. A second recommendation was asked to be deferred to the September meeting so that it could be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee first.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.07.04- Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the reinstatement of a joint hole in the Wargrave Rd car park by Southern Electric. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to spend up to £300 on a notice board for the allotments in Hurst Rd. This will be in dark green aluminium with brown recycled plastic posts. For 8, 1 abstention. **Carried.** The Committee recommend to the Full Council to purchase two replacement benches at a cost of £1277. These will have cast iron ends and hardwood slats. The cost includes fitting an engraved plate on one to contain the inscription relating to the Women's Institute. **Carried** unanimously. The Committee recommend to the Full Council that from 1st September the Dog Wardens be empowered to issue fixed penalty notices under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 at their discretion. **Carried** unanimously. The Committee recommend to the Full Council that a CCTV scheme be installed in the Loddon Hall area based on the specification supplied by Securipol including the optional extras at a cost of £18,207. Contributions of £4,000 and £1,000 have been offered by WDC and Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association, which brings the net cost down to £13,207. An amendment to the recommendation to make this decision subject to a satisfactory financial credibility check was proposed by Dr M Garrard and seconded by Mr K Hogg. For 8, 1 abstention. Carried. A further amendment to the recommendation to recover the capital cost over 5 years by precept of £2600 a year was proposed by Mr J Bowley and seconded by Dr M Garrard. For 8,1 abstention. Carried. Voting on the amended recommendation – For 8, against 1. **Carried.**

9.3 TVCMI- Nothing to report, as there has not been a meeting.

9.4 Other Representatives reports – A report was received from the Governors of Polehampton Infant School. Mr Mantel reported on a meeting of the Trustees of the Almshouses.

9.5 Clerk's report- Routine maintenance work is up to date. Comments have been received from local residents about how neat KGVR is at present. The Ranger has started work on treating the children's climbing frame with preservative. An order has been place to cut the hedge and trim round the trees in the Millennium Garden. The temporary pavilion has been installed in the tennis club without any damage to the playing surface in KGVR. A plumber had to be called out to Stanlake Pavilion to clear a blockage caused by paper in the WC. Agreed the Clerk writes to the playgroup advising them that if it occurs again they will have to bear the cost.

10. Councillors' Questions – Mrs L Dane asked councillors to look at the planning application for the Scout Hut and let her have any comments. A pile of rubble has been dumped on the side of the road in Stanlake Lane. The Clerk to report this to WDC. Information was requested on the current

position relating to the advertising board outside the chemists in London Rd. Planning permission has been refused. The point was raised why public questions is not included on the agenda of committee meetings. To be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. A request was made to have the hedge at the side of the footpath by the Catholic Church trimmed. The Clerk to check if this is on the maintenance contract.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Resignation of Mr T le Mare - noted.

11.2 Highways Agency – Summer travel advice - noted

11.3 WDC Performance Plan – noted

11.4 Notification of change of licensee at Unwins 17 London Rd – noted

12. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 20.07.04. Proposed Mrs G Wright, seconded Mr M Stillman. **Carried** unanimously.

13. Charity Commission – Annual Return KGVR - details of return given to meeting. Agreed for submission.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	02.08.04, 06.09.04
Parish Lands Committee	08.09.04
Finance Committee	14.09.04
Meet the Public	18.09.04

Mrs G Wright and Mr J Bowley to attend.

15. Date of next meeting 21st September 2004

The meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.