

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 22nd June 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mr R Mantel, Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs G Wright, Messrs M Stillman, K Hogg, N Crush, J Bowley, Dr M Garrard. Mr B Rogers from 9.10pm.

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk) two members of the press and 10 members of the public.

1. **Public questions** – A question was asked if the Dog Wardens are now able to issue on the spot fines. It was explained that they have been trained but the matter has to be considered further by the Parish Lands Committee before implementation. Another resident raised continuing issues with policing, traffic light phasing, speeding and bicycles being ridden on pavements. Actions taken were detailed, the Chief Constable has been written to, some repair work has been carried out on the traffic lights and the Council are in contact with WDC regarding completion, the police have had speed traps in Hurst Rd and Wargrave Rd and following an earlier complaint the police are in touch with a resident regarding cycling on footpaths. A further question was raised regarding traffic speeding in Hilltop Rd. This will be considered by the Planning and Amenities Committee.
2. **Apologies-** Mr T Le Mare
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** Advice taken from BALC regarding the Skate Park was read to the meeting. Mrs G Wright and Mrs J Robinson declared an interest in this item. Mrs G Wright declared an interest in relation to resolution 1/04. It was put to Dr Garrard that he might have an interest in item 9 but he made it clear that in his view he did not.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2004-** proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mrs G Wright – For 9, Against 0, Abstentions 1 – carried.
5. **Matters Arising –**
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Reply received from WDC regarding communication with schools. Passed to Planning and Amenities for further consideration.
6. **District Council Matters-** In Mr Conway's absence the following notes were read to the meeting by the Clerk. Advertising sign outside chemist in London Rd. Enforcement action was taken and just prior to prosecution planning approval was applied for. The conservation architect is not in favour of approval but the consultation period has to be allowed to expire before further action can be taken. CCTV – he has continued discussions with Paul Turrell Deputy Chief Executive of WDC for a contribution towards the cost of the scheme proposed by the Council and has now received a verbal commitment for a contribution of £4000. He is waiting for written confirmation.
The Clerk to raise the issue of parking in Waltham Rd with him.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported they have had their election and Maurice Harvey is now their Chairman. A planning application has been received for comment regarding a large greenhouse complex proposed adjacent to the junction of the A4 and Mumberry Hill
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.06.04** – Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including a planning application received for a development at the rear of 6 Church St, section 106 money which has been “ring fenced” for

use on the skate park and maintenance of the jubilee clock. She also asked for volunteers to help with the preparation of Twyford News.

- 8.2 Parish Lands Committee 09.06.04-** Skate park matters were deferred for discussion under item 9 on the agenda. Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the work being carried out by the Village Ranger, the vandalism to another bench at Jubilee Corner, the repairs to showers at Stanlake, training on dog fouling enforcement for the Dog Wardens and clearance work at Hurst Rd allotments. The excavation of a joint hole in the Wargrave Rd car park and its reinstatement by Southern Electric were discussed. To be discussed further by the committee. The current position regarding CCTV was outlined. Now there appears to be a commitment from WDC for a donation to the cost this will be discussed further by the committee.
- 8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 15.06.04 –** Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the annual audit figures, which have been circulated with this meeting's agenda. Item 11 Clerks annual review to be taken at the end of the meeting.
Resolution 1/04 . Mrs G Wright left the meeting for this item. The position regarding the sequence of events leading up the raising of this resolution was explained to the meeting. The committee **RECOMMENDED** to the Council not to make a grant to TVCMI for the 2003 Christmas event. For 6, against 3 – agreed.
- 8.4 TVCMI-** Cedric Gibson is now the Chairman.
- 8.5 Meet the Public 19.06.04 –** Mr Stillman attended and there were about 25 members of the public who visited. Non-skate park items - It was suggested there should be another litter pick in the autumn. The District Councillor for S Twyford and Hurst introduced herself.
- 8.6 Other Representatives reports –** Community Association - Mrs L Dane reported on the AGM. It was a very poorly run meeting without correct reporting. The accounts were disputed and the election arrangements did not appear to be in order. There is concern at the legality of the same persons being officers of both the Community Association and the Management Committee. A letter has been received from a resident raising similar concerns. The Chairman has been asked to attend a meeting on 28th June and will raise the points made by Mrs Dane and the resident.
Youth Committee - Mr M Stillman reported on a recent meeting. There were discussions on the skate park and issues relating to crime and drugs.
Polehampton Infant School – minutes of a meeting of the Governors was read to the meeting.
- 8.7 Clerk's report-** Routine maintenance work is up to date. The youth shelter has been repainted. Both benches in the Millennium Garden have been cleaned and stained and one has been re-fixed in the ground. A report has been received from the tennis club that two areas of tarmac are lifting.
- 9. Skate Park –** Mrs J Robinson and Mrs G Wright left the meeting during discussions on this item. The details behind the first recommendation from the Parish Lands committee relating to a skate park were explained to the meeting by Mr M Stillman. All councillors have received information on the proposals, which contains quite detailed information. Various points had been raised by members of the public at the recent meet the public meeting. A discussion followed at which points such as CCTV, the proximity to property, the annual maintenance being a significant proportion of the annual budget and the policing and supervision required were raised. The Chairman then suspended the meeting and asked for comments from the members of the public who were present. Several views were

expressed indicating support for the project and some concerns were raised regarding siting and supervision.

The meeting was recommenced and The Parish Lands Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that permission is given for the construction of a skate park in KGVR adjacent to the youth shelter and tennis courts by either Eibe or Bencrete, in accordance with the outline plans provided by Groundworks, subject to the following conditions.

1. The project is overseen and managed by TVCMI in conjunction with WDC and Groundworks.
2. Planning permission is granted by WDC.
3. TPC is to be consulted at every stage of the detailed planning and construction process.
4. Ownership of the skate park passes wholly to TPC on completion.
5. WDC youth service agrees to provide support in the initial stages of the operation of the skate park.
6. CCTV coverage of the facility is provided.

The following amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Mr M Stillman, seconded by Mr D Hymers. Addition of extra condition no 7 – The Parish Council are not required to contribute to any costs including fencing arising from or associated with the planning or construction of the facility. Carried unanimously.

The revised recommendation was then put to the vote. For 5, against 3, abstentions 1 – carried.

Recommendation 2 was then explained by Mr Stillman and a discussion was held. The Chairman suspended the meeting for members of the general public to comment. Views were expressed in favour and concerns raised about controls on use of the area.

The meeting was recommenced and the Parish Lands Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that permission is given for the construction of a hard court area in KGVR adjacent to the youth shelter in accordance with the plans provided by Groundworks, subject to the following conditions.

1. The project is overseen and managed by TVCMI in conjunction with WDC and Groundworks.
2. Planning permission is granted by WDC.
3. TPC is to be consulted at every stage of the detailed planning and construction process.
4. Ownership of the area passes wholly to TPC on completion.
5. WDC youth service agrees to provide support in the initial stages of the operation of the area.
6. CCTV coverage of the facility is provided.

The following amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr M Stillman. Addition of extra condition no 7 – The Parish Council are not required to contribute to any costs arising from or associated with the planning or construction of the facility. For 8, against 0, abstentions 1 – carried.

The revised recommendation was then put to the vote. For 7, against 1, abstentions 1 – carried.

Recommendation 3 -to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that priority is given to the construction of a hard court area was not carried at the Parish Lands Committee so this was brought to the Full Council and discussed as a proposal to give priority to the construction of a skate park. For 4, against 5 – not carried. The Council thus decided to give priority to the construction of the hard court area.

- 10. Councillors' Questions** – Mr B Rogers asked why the Twyford Link Bus only serves Colleton School from Charvil and not Polehampton Junior School. Mrs L Dane will raise this at the next meeting of the TVCMI transport group.
- 11. Annual Audit Return** – acceptance of the return previously circulated to councillors proposed by Mr R Mantel and seconded by Dr M Garrard. Carried unanimously.
- 12. Correspondence**
- 12.1 Jean Smith confirmation as representative of Age Concern – noted
 - 12.2 Fundatia New Life – noted
 - 12.3 Age Concern AGM notice – noted
 - 12.4 BALC communicator – noted
 - 12.5 BALC AGM notice – noted
 - 12.6 NPFA newsletter – noted
 - 12.7 Letter from Teresa May MP regarding letter to Chief Constable – noted.
- 13. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 22.06.04. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded Mr M Stillman. Carried unanimously.
- 14. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 05.07.04 |
| Parish Lands Committee | 07.07.04 |
| Finance Committee | 13.07.04 |
- 15. Date of next meeting 20th July 2004**
- 16. Confidential business** – under Standing Order 59 the press and public were asked to leave the meeting. The Clerk also left the meeting for this item. Clerk's Annual Review - The Finance and General Purposes Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the Clerk be advanced on salary scale LC2 one point from SCP22 to SCP23 with effect from 1st July 2004 - accepted nem con.

The meeting closed at 9.59. p.m.
