

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 19th October 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs N Crush, K Hogg, J Jarvis, J Fort, B Rogers.

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), District Councillor Mr S Conway and two members of the press.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr R Mantel, Mr J Bowley, Mrs J Robinson.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2004**- Proposed Mr K Hogg seconded Mrs G Wright –carried 7 for, 1 abstention
5. **Matters Arising** –
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Regulations relating to signs on pavements; -The highways authority will only consider action if the sign causes an obstruction and then it is referred to the police. The police have been contacted regarding the sign for the tyre company in The Grove and do not consider it is necessary to take any action. The Clerk has spoken to the tyre Company and asked them to make sure their sign is kept to the side of the footpath to allow clear passage.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – Mr R Sattar had been invited to this meeting but was not present so this item is held over to another meeting.
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. **Election of representative to Area Youth Committee.** Mr J Jarvis volunteered to be the Council representative, which was agreed. The Clerk to provide details about the committee to Mr J Jarvis.
9. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway reported on:- a petition he has made on behalf of residents of Wessex Gdns regarding Thames Water taking over their sewerage system, requesting more police resources to deal with the arson problem in the village, funding to help the Scouts with rebuilding the Scout Hut, problems regarding the development at 103-105 Wargrave Rd and the latest position regarding the CCTV scheme for the village centre. Mr K Hogg asked if another letter could be sent to the police expressing the Council's concern about the latest act of vandalism at the London Rd allotments. Agreed. Mr Hymers and Mrs Dane to draft a letter.
10. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Dane reported on their discussions relating to the Twyford PC request for a contribution to the CCTV scheme. They are about to produce a newsletter and they now have a full complement of councillors.
11. **Reports:**
 - 11.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 04.10.04**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including correspondence with the police regarding empty accommodation adjacent to the police station and the recent litter pick where it was noticed that there is a problem on the grass verge beside the shop in Longfield Rd. Agreed the Clerk writes to the shop owner asking them to keep the area clean. The traffic lights now appear to be working correctly and a request has been made for a temporary speed indication device to be placed at various locations in the village to help reduce the speed of traffic. She also reported on the problem raised by a shopper about wheel clamping in the car park at the back of Phillips Chemists. The

position has been clarified and the person who complained has been written to.

11.2 Parish Lands Committee 06.10.04- Mr Rogers reported on the meeting. Following the resignation of Mr Stillman, Mr Bowley has now been elected Chairman of this committee. The civil works for the CCTV scheme are being carried out and investigations are to be made about an alternative location for the skate park on KGVR. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to approve the replacement of the soffits and fascias at Twycombe Lodge with plastic at a cost of £2400 plus VAT. The Clerk has confirmed that the specification of the quote from Style matches that of the other companies who quoted. Carried – unanimously.

11.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 12.10.04 – Mr Crush reported on the meeting including the consideration of the Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees and Review of Restrictions on Political Activities of Local Authority Employees. The Committee recommend to the Full Council that the Council Chairman completes the Audit Commission survey on WDC on behalf of the Council. Carried – unanimously. The Committee recommend the following section 137 grant requests are made:

Twyford Scouts -Remembrance Day Band - £250. Carried 7 for 1 abstention.

Item 9.2 from Planning and Amenities Committee 05.07.04 referred from Full Council meeting 20.07.04 to recommend to the Full Council that the Council contributes up to £300 to the cost of purchasing erecting and disposing of a Christmas tree for the village Carried 6 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

11.4 TVCMI- Mrs Dane and Mr Hymers reported on the meeting held on 22.09.04. The plans for the Christmas Event are well advanced. Mr N Raybone is retiring as administrator and a paid replacement is being sought who will also carry out additional work such as fundraising and seeking charitable status. Discussions are being held about possible restructuring and a change of name. Mr Hogg asked why don't local businesses contribute to this organisation as it benefits them. It was explained that events organised also benefit local residents and the village centre CCTV scheme came from a TVCMI initiative.

11.5 Other Representatives reports – Mr Hymers reported on a meeting relating to the skate park, which has been reported in the Parish Lands Committee minutes. He attended the District/Parish Council Conference where the following items were covered. Section 106 agreements - WDC to review arrangements including consultation with Parish Councils. Speed limits – WDC policy to be reviewed. Cross Thames bridge – Oxfordshire have requested reconvening the working group and a meeting is to be held soon. Three week time limit on responding to planning applications – this is the statutory time allowed and increasing it would cause problems to WDC meeting their performance target. Local Development Project – consultations are to be held soon. Liveability project – action has been taken on fly tipping, graffiti removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles.

11.6 Clerk's report- The post in the hedge in KGVR has been removed. There is a possibility that a small metal container will be obtained by the allotment holders in London Rd to replace the sheds that were burnt down. Dates of meeting have been finalised and details were provided to councillors. Following discussions with the auditor the audit return has been amended and the alterations need to be approved by the Chairman. The lawn mower used in the children's play area needed servicing and repair. This has been carried out at a cost of £91.50. The sycamore trees along the side of the

children's play area are getting quite large and causing moss problems on the ground round the swings so they need cutting back. This is a job the Ranger can do. Agreed.

12. Remembrance Day - the Council's wreath has been ordered and a pew reserved for councillors in the church. The Scouts will start their march at 10.10am and the wreath laying will take place at 10.30am. Councillors are invited to participate, joining the march at La Fontana.

13. Councillors' Questions – Mrs J Robinson asked if the Council would agree to writing about the proposed increase in flights to Heathrow and the affect it will cause on local residents. There is a form that can be completed on The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead website. Proposed that the Clerk completes an entry expressing the Council's concern. 4 for, 4 against – carried on the Chairman's casting vote.

14. Correspondence

14.1 WDC Wokingham District News - noted

14.2 Thames Water – notification of intent to lay new sewer across the London Rd allotments. Concern expressed at the width of land required for the works to be carried out and the disturbance to allotment holders. The Clerk to discuss further with Thames Water and put on the agenda of the next Parish Lands Committee meeting.

14.3 WDC – notification of vacancies for LEA governors in local schools - noted

14.4 WDC – booklet Contacting the Council. The Clerk to request a copy for each councillor.

14.5 Thank you letter from Mr M Stillman – noted

14.6 Telephone call from Mr Harper to the Chairman regarding the positioning of the Youth Mobile Vehicle in Loddon Hall car park. The Clerk has discussed this with the Youth Workers and agreed alternative arrangements. Mr Harper informed.

14.7 WDC proposed series of public meetings to discuss the 10-year vision to improve the quality of life in Wokingham District – noted

14.8 WDC proposed workshops on the Local Development Framework for the next 10 years – noted.

15. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 19.10.04 Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.

16. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 01.11.04

Parish Lands Committee 03.11.04

Finance Committee 09.11.04

Meet the Public 13.11.04

Mrs L Dane and Mr D Hymers to attend.

17. Date of next meeting 16th November 2004

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.
