

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21st September 2004, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs G Wright, Messrs M Stillman, N Crush, J Bowley, J Jarvis, J Fort, B Rogers, Dr M Garrard, Mrs J Robinson.

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

1. **Public questions** – Mr H Robinson, Chairman of the Twyford and Ruscombe British Legion, gave an update on recent events that has led to the decision to disband the section. The Poppy Appeal will still be held. There is £750 held in a reserve account for maintenance of the War Memorial, which can be called on by the Parish Council if work is required. The Chairman expressed his regrets and asked if the Remembrance Day Parade will still be held. Mr Robinson said he hoped that it would continue.
2. **Apologies**-, Mr R Mantel, Mr K Hogg, Mr J Jarvis.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2004**- Proposed Mrs G Wright seconded Mr M Stillman –carried unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Minute 9.1 The Clerk to put the deferred recommendation from the Planning and Amenities Committee of 5th July relating to a donation of £300 towards the cost of a Christmas tree on the agenda for the October Finance and General Purposes Committee.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – Mr R Sattar had put his name forward. A letter received from him giving his personal details was circulated to councillors. Mr Sattar was not at the meeting so it was proposed by Mr D Hymers and seconded by Mr B Rogers that his application is held over and he is asked to attend the next meeting. Carried, for 6 against 4. Mr M Dally had also put his name forward and an e-mail giving his personal details was circulated to councillors. Mr Dally was present. Voting unanimous to co-opt. Mr Dally was welcomed to the Council, signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took part in the remainder of the meeting.
7. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway was not present but he had reported to the Clerk that he has followed up on his e-mail relating to the graffiti on the wall behind the barbers. WDC will not remove it but are chasing up the property managing agents to get it cleaned off. The Clerk has received an e-mail from WDC regarding the action being taken by them.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Dane reported on their decision to erect an additional streetlight in Crest Close. There have been problems with flooding at the development on the Wood's Yard site and the situation is being monitored.
9. **Reports:**
 - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 02.08.04**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including planning applications at 68-74 Wargrave Rd, 103-105 Wargrave Rd and the request from a resident in Springfield Park for a residents parking scheme. **06.09.04**. Mrs Dane reported that the traffic lights have still not been put into full working order and that the Twyford News had already gone to print. It will be distributed in the near future. A litter pick will be arranged for October if required. Councillors were asked to let her have details of any locations requiring clearing.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 08.09.04- Mr Stillman reported on the meeting including the issue of the cricket club sign, removal of fencing in KGV, the problems with the tennis courts, the repairs required in the children's play area and an assessment of the work required for disabled access, an enquiry for a music event on Stanlake Meadow and the progress on the CCTV scheme. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to spend £223 on an additional dog waste bin and notices at Stanlake Meadow with an additional emptying cost of £182.40 per annum. Carried unanimously.

At this point the Chairman suspended the meeting.

He reported that he had been informed by Mr Stillman that he will be resigning after this meeting due to a change of job at WDC which could lead to a conflict of interest. The Chairman thanked Mr Stillman for the work he has put into being a councillor over the last five years, particularly as Chairman of the Lands Committee, and made a presentation of a memento. Mr Stillman thanked the Chairman and expressed his good wishes to the councillors.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 14.09.04 – Mr Crush reported on the meeting including the consideration of the provision of banking facilities and the financing for the CCTV scheme. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to make no comments on the WDC draft licensing policy other than to ask to be notified about requests for permanent changes to licensing hours or extensions for significant events. Carried 10 for, 1 abstention. The Committee recommend the following section 137 grant requests are made:

Twyford Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre - £300. Carried unanimously.

Vivace Girl's Choir - £50. Carried Nem Con.

Serinette Ladies Choir – no grant. Carried. For 9, 2 abstentions.

Wokingham and District CAB - £200. Carried. For 10, 1 abstention.

Henley and District CAB - £100. Carried. For 10, against 1.

Winged Fellowship Trust – no grant. Carried For 10, 1 abstention.

The Committee recommend to the Full Council that Public Questions are put on the agenda of all committee meetings. Carried. For 10, 1 abstention.

Mr Crush left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

9.4 Meet the Public 18.09.04. Mrs Reed of London Rd queried if the sign left on the verge advertising the tyre company in The Grove is permissible. The Clerk to raise this with WDC. She also raised the issue of the safety of pedestrians crossing the access road to Waitrose Car Park in London Rd. – referred to Planning and Amenities committee.

9.5 TVCMI- The next meeting is on 22.09.04. There will be changes to the Twyford link bus service from 04.10.04. The surgery runs will be dropped, the Henley service extended to go to Tesco and more services to Maidenhead. Details will be posted on notices around the village.

9.6 Other Representatives reports – A report was received from the Twyford and District Age Concern AGM. Mr Hymers reported on a meeting of Colleton School Governors. Their budget issue has been resolved, the building works have not started and they are concerned about the professionalism of the WDC staff and their contractors. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education has made an informal visit. Mr Hymers also reported on a meeting of the Loddon Hall Council. The accounts are now up to date and have been sent for audit. The patio area has been refurbished with help from Waitrose. Complaints from local residents regarding the operation of the alarm system have been addressed. They are planning a new system of charging for use of the hall and will consult before introducing it.

9.7 Clerk's report- The creeper has been removed from Twycombe Lodge and there is a considerable amount of rubbish to dispose of. Agreed the Clerk orders a skip if WDC will not take it away. A discussion has been held with TVCMI regarding progress on the skate park and they appear to have misunderstood who is responsible for progressing the scheme. The Chairman will raise this at the TVCMI meeting on 22.09.04. The order is about to be placed for the civil works associated with the CCTV scheme. Most vacant plots at Hurst Rd allotments have now been taken up. The toilets at Stanlake are blocked again and a plumber has had to be called out.

10. Councillors' Questions – Is it in order for the sign to be placed on the pavement outside the fish and chip shop in Wargrave Rd? The Clerk to check on the relevant regulations. What is happening about tidying up the paved area on Bell Corner – referred to Planning and Amenities.

11. Correspondence

11.1 WDC Meeting of Council Executive 07.09.04 - noted

11.2 WDC Proposed change of school category for Polehampton Junior School – discussed, no action required.

11.3 The Piggott School - noted

11.4 Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association - noted

11.5 WDC Meeting of District Council/Parish Conference 23.09.04 - noted

11.6 WDC Meeting of the Executive 29.07.04 - noted

11.7 WDC Meeting of the Council 29.07.04 - noted

11.8 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings 05.07.04 – 07.07.04 - noted

11.9 Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association - noted

11.10 Standards Board for England - noted

11.11 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – referred to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

11.12 WDC Meeting of the Council Executive Committee 20.09.04 - noted

11.13 NPFA – Grant Aid – discussed. The Clerk to register the Council's interest. Referred to Parish Lands Committee.

12. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 21.09.04. Proposed Dr M Garrard, seconded Mrs L Dane. Carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	04.10.04
Parish Lands Committee	06.10.04
Finance Committee	12.10.04

14. Date of next meeting 19th October 2004

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.
