

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs G Wright, Messrs R Mantel, N. Crush, J Rowe, J Fort, J Bowley, Dr M Garrard and Mr J Jarvis from 8.20.

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

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- B Rogers.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005** Proposed Mrs L Dane, seconded Mrs J Robinson – Carried unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points for the Clerk arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. Councillors to consider comments on South East Regional Plan – the proposed comments prepared by Mrs L Dane were discussed and a small amendment made to one comment. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs G Wright and agreed unanimously. Thanks were expressed to Mrs L Dane for preparing the comments. The Clerk to send SEERA
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – The Clerk has had an enquiry from an interested resident and sent him details about the role of councillors.
7. **Appointment of Mr M Dally to Committees.** The Chairman and Clerk have not been successful in making contact with Mr M Dally. As he was not at the meeting and has not attended a meeting for 6 months his membership of the Council has now lapsed. The clerk to inform Mr Dally and post a vacancy notice.
8. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway reported on queries raised with him by the Planning and Amenities Committee, which have been passed to WDC to deal with. He has spoken to Mark Moon at WDC about the amended sign in Loddon Hall Rd and WDC has offered to pay half the cost. Agreed. Mr Conway will inform Mr Moon. Thanks were expressed to Mr Conway for negotiating this reduction. He also commented on the planning applications for Serangoon in Byron Rd, 7 New Rd and 36 New Rd.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Dane reported on their last meeting where they had a presentation on Village Plans by Sarah Ward of WDC. The planning application for 122-130 London Rd with a revised entrance from Northbury Lane was discussed and several resident attended to express their views. They have some Section 106 money to spend on highways. They originally considered speed activated signs but are now considering alternative proposals.
10. **Reports:**
  - 10.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.03.05**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including the planning application at Batemans Church St for new signage, the request for a revised quote for a new street light in Loddon Hall car park and unwanted signs around the village which councillors were asked to report. A letter has been sent to Theresa May MP regarding the Cross rail proposal. It was copied to Lindsey Ferris who has supplied some additional background information. The Police station will be opening in the near future and they are looking for volunteers to man the desk. Twyford News is at the printers. Mrs Dane asked for volunteers to help her with stuffing the inserts on 31<sup>st</sup> March.
  - 10.2 **Parish Lands Committee 09.03.05** – Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including the emergency repair to the water heater at Stanlake Meadow, the

Ranger telephone number being given to the Yellow Brick Nursery as an additional emergency contact and the CCTV scheme signage and registration required under the Data Protection Act. The committee recommend to the Full Council to increase the wages of the ranger, park warden and cleaner by 2.9% from 1<sup>st</sup> April. – Carried 10 for, 1 abstention.

**10.3 Meet the Public 19.03.05** -Mr Hymers reported that only one person attended. This was a resident of Haydon Court who complained on behalf of a blind neighbour about cars parking on the forecourt of the photographers and blocking the pavement. Agreed the Clerk to ask the police to check for obstructions and to write to the photographers to ask them if they can put a chain across the forecourt when they are not open.

**10.4 District Council/Parish council Conference 16.03.05** – Mr Hymers reported on various items raised and discussed including the council's request to extend the green waste collection service. A trial is to be run in the Colleton Drive area for 6months. Speeding review in Parishes, this has been delayed by the issue of new government guidelines. Section 106 arrangements where new government guidelines were issued in Nov 2004 and WDC are reviewing their consultation procedure. They are considering lowering the threshold to 3 or even 1 property. It was suggested that money from small developments goes straight to the town or parish councils and from larger developments to WDC. They will consider this. Other items covered were Village Design Statements, the Licensing Act 2003, Budget Planning, Local Transport Schemes, Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Planning Service Update

**10.5 TVCMI-** Mr Hymers reported on a recent meeting. They are still progressing registering as a charity so they can employ staff. They have found they can get assistance to complete this. The proposed name is Twyford and District Community Partnership. Mr Hymers read out their mission statement. The next meeting is due on 7<sup>th</sup> April. They are looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas event organisation.

**10.6 Other Representatives reports** –. Mr Hymers reported on a meeting of the Colleton School Governors. Their draft budget for next financial year shows a deficit of £14K, which they hope to rectify. They had 55 applicants for the 30 places available and 37 were in their catchment area. The extension is on schedule for completion in June and the oil boiler needs replacing. When this is done it will be converted to gas.

**10.7 Clerk's report-** The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of Clerks where a representative has been agreed to sit on the WDC Local Strategic Plan Management Group. Caroline Holden WDC Income Generation Officer will now be circulating information on sources of external funding. The internal audit has been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> April. The ROSPA playground inspection will take place in April. There has been a problem with the streetlights in Chaseside Ave and Arnside Close due to a cable fault. This took a considerable time to repair, which caused several residents to make a complaint.

**11. Councillors' Questions** – Mrs Dane showed the meeting the draft agenda for the Annual Parish meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Agreed. To be printed and distributed with the Twyford News. Committee Chairmen were asked to prepare their reports and let the Council Chairman have them before the meeting. The Clerk to put this on committee agendas for the April meetings. Mrs Dane to arrange refreshments and prepare name badges. Mr Rowe asked if councillors had seen the WDC Draft Scoping Report. Mrs Dane replied this would be discussed at the next Planning and Amenities Committee Meeting. Mr Mantel asked if councillors required a copy of the electoral roll. Agreed it would be useful. The Clerk to request an electronic copy from WDC and e-mail it to councillors. Mrs Wright requested a hard copy. Mr Hymers has received a letter of complaint from a local resident regarding the action of a councillor. He has replied to the

resident and reminded councillors of Standing Order 65(B) which states that they shall not issue orders, instructions or directions unless authorised to do so by the Council or the relevant committee or sub-committee.

**12. Correspondence**

12.1 WDC Meeting of the Executive 17.03.05 - noted

12.2 WDC Meeting of The Council 17.03.05 - noted

12.3 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings for the period 24.01.05 – 24.02.05 - noted

12.4 WDC A Guide to Civil Contingencies and Resilience copies supplied to councillors.

**13. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 22.03.05. Proposed Mrs L Dane, seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.

**14. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	04.04.05
Parish Lands Committee	06.04.05
Finance Committee	12.04.05

**15. Date of next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.
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