

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 13th December 2005, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs B Ditcham, Messrs R Mantel, J Bowley, N Crush, J Rowe, J Fort, C Smith, J Jarvis and Dr M Garrard.

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

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mrs L Dane and Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2005** Proposed Dr M Garrard seconded Mr J Fort – approved 8 for, 1 abstention.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 Clerk to write to the managing agents of JW Greens. Letter sent and reply received read to meeting.
 - 5.2 Mrs Dane to investigate Areas of Special Character. Information obtained by Mrs Dane read to meeting.
 - 5.3 Mrs Dane to report problems with the Stanlake Lane traffic lights to the District Council. Completed.
 - 5.4 Mrs Dane to seek clarification of the consultation on housing strategy from WDC. Carried forward.
 - 5.5 Mrs Dane to speak to Inspector Jim Weems about Police Community Support Officers. Contact made and reply received read to meeting.
 - 5.6 Mrs Dane and Mr Fort to liaise over the holly hedge on the corner of Springfield Park and London Road. Hedge trimmed.
 - 5.7 Mr Hymers to respond to consultation on Electoral Reviews. Completed.
 - 5.8 Mrs Dane to investigate consultation on Community Support Officers. Covered under item 5.5.
6. **District Council Matters**- Mr S Conway reported on the following: the CCTV camera at Jubilee Corner is installed and working. The other camera is due for installation before Christmas. He thanked the Parish Council for their support in requesting WDC to obtain the site of JW Green's for a Public Library. Discussions are taking place and he is optimistic about the outcome. He commented on the refused appeal for 50-52 London Rd, where he was pleased to see additional reasons for refusal, which had been added in committee, had been accepted by the planning inspectorate. He noted the planning application for 1-3 Westview Drive where he has concerns about over development. He has asked the WDC highways inspector to take action about the kerbs and road surface that have been damaged by the developers in Lincoln Gdns.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- No representative present.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 05.12.05**– Mr Jarvis reported on the meeting including: Mrs Dane speaking at the Development Control meeting on 23rd November raising issues on behalf of the Parish Council about the proposed skate park. This has now received planning approval. The planning application for Mulberry Mead has now been taken to appeal and the appeal for 50-52 London Rd has been refused. Comments have been submitted to WDC on Developing a Land Use Strategy. WDC are will have a Christmas tree recycling collection at Wyevale Garden Centre on 28th January. It was decided not to provide funding for an additional Police Community Support Officer for the village.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.12.05 – Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including: the council will be taking over responsibility for installing the cross, poppies and flowers on the War Memorial for the Remembrance Day ceremony, the CCTV camera has been installed at Jubilee Corner, there are on-going discussions with the Tennis Club about their new rental agreement. More information is being sought about an inquiry that has been received regarding holding car boot sales on Stanlake Meadow.

8.3 Finance Committee 08.12.05 – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the Telefonica offer for O₂ shares and the application by Beechwood Tree Care for a goods vehicle operators licence.

The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £100 to the Air ambulance. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £50 to Forwood. Agreed unanimously.

8.4 TVCMI- nothing to report as no meeting has been held. The Village Christmas Event, which they organised, seemed quite successful in spite of the weather. Mr D Hymers reported on a meeting he attended with TVCMI, WDC and Ground works regarding the KGVR skate park project. The CCTV and floodlighting are still subject to planning approval and an archaeological survey has been requested but the reason for this is not clear. He outlined the funds available of £53k and the likely total cost of £150k for a full skate park and hard court area. They are optimistic that funding can be provided for the full cost. It is likely that, due to funding initially only half the ball court area and part of the skate park will be installed. The anticipated time scale for completion is 4 months from order. A discussion had been held about what to do next and Mr Hymers pointed out that detailed information is required to enable the Parish Council to give final approval for the scheme and landscaping must be included. The information required would be supplied in time for the Full Council meeting in February. Another meeting is to be held at WDC offices on 26th January commencing at 5.30pm.

8.5 Other Representatives reports – None

8.6 Clerk's report- The Clerk reported there had been another blockage in the toilets at Stanlake Pavilion, which required a plumber to be called out. It appeared to happen over the weekend so he will be contacting the football club.

9. Councillors Questions – None

10. Correspondence –

10.1 BALC Special General Meeting 14.01.06 – noted Mr R Mantel to attend.

10.2 WDC – Invite to attend Carols in the Mall 21.12.05 – noted

11. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 13.12.05.

Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 03.01.06 (Tues)

Parish Lands Committee 04.01.06

Finance Committee 10.01.06

Meet the Public 14.01.06

Mr D Hymers, Mr N Crush and Dr M Garrard to attend.

13. Date of next meeting 17th January 2006

The meeting closed at 8.41p.m.
