

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

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

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs R Mantel, N. Crush, J Jarvis and B Rogers.

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), Mr J Rowe prospective councillor, Mr J Hardman Ruscombe PC and one member of the press.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr J Fort, Mr J Bowley and Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005** Minute 12.3 amended by the addition of alleged after Councillor Martin Garrard in line two. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs L Dane – Carried unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. The replies from WDC and the police regarding parking restrictions in The Grove have been copied to the resident who raised this with the council.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – Mr John Rowe has kindly put his name forward and his details were circulated to members with the agenda for the meeting. Mr Rowe was present and introduced himself to members. He was co-opted on a vote 6 for, 1 against. He was welcomed to the Council, signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took part in the rest of the meeting. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs L Dane that Mr Rowe sits on the Planning and Amenities Committee – agreed unanimously.
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 this item is held over to the next meeting.
8. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway sent his apologies. He had spoken to Mrs Dane and there was nothing to report.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mr Hardman reported that Ruscombe are considering the preparation of a Village Design Statement and asked if Twyford would consider doing the same. The Chairman replied that although one had been started it had not been completed as the councillor dealing with it had left. It was not felt there was the same urgency for Twyford, as it does not have the same large areas of open land as Ruscombe. Mrs Dane also reported that speed surveys were being arranged for New Rd and London Rd with a view to having the current speed limits reduced. They have agreed a precept of £8000 for 2005/6.
10. **Reports:**
  - 10.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.02.05**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including the planning application at 86-94 Wargrave Rd, which has been withdrawn and the proposed Care Village development which District Councillor Mr S Conway thinks will not be considered further by WDC until October. It is proposed to erect an additional streetlight in Loddon Hall car park to illuminate the dark area near Twycombe Lodge.
    - 10.1.1 **Comments on South East Regional Plan** – Mrs Dane gave the background to the plan and explained the reasons for more housing developments being proposed in the area. The point was made on the need to focus this in other areas such as the M3/A30 corridor where more land is available. Mrs Dane's proposed comments were circulated to members who were asked to consider them further so they can be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

**10.2 Parish Lands Committee 09.02.05** – Mr Rogers reported on the installation of the CCTV scheme, which has now been handed over to the Council. Times for remote monitoring of the system are still to be decided. The time spent by the Clerk on running the system is to be kept under review. The system has been demonstrated to the local resident who was concerned that it may look into his property and he is satisfied with the set up.

**10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 15.02.05** – Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including dealing with requests for information to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The Committee recommended to the Full Council to appoint Mr G Weir as internal auditor– carried unanimously. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to not to make a section 137 grant to Wokingham CAB as a grant was made in October 2004 – carried unanimously. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to not to make a section 137 grant to Twyford Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre as a grant was made in October 2004 – carried unanimously. The precept for 2005/6 has been discussed and a figure of £54,700 agreed. However a large electricity bill has just been received for Stanlake Pavilion so it was agreed to increase the precept by £600 to cover the increased annual cost. The Committee recommended to the Full Council to set the precept for 2005/6 at £55,300 – carried unanimously. The Council Standing Orders have been reviewed to bring them into line with current legislation and tidy up a few minor points. There are no substantive changes. Copies of the revised version were distributed to members. The Committee recommended to the Full Council to adopt the revised Standing Orders dated February 2005 – carried unanimously. The recommendation to nominate Mr D Hymers to attend a Royal Garden Party was withdrawn, as Mr Hymers will be on holiday.

**10.4 TVCMI-** Mr Hymers reported on the January meeting. The village centre CCTV scheme should be completed by the end of May. The skate park scheme is waiting for the planning application to be made. They are considering registering as a charity so they can employ staff.

**10.5 Other Representatives reports** – The Clerk has received a report from the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School covering items such as the Healthy Schools evaluation and Remodelling. Mr Hymers reported on a meeting of the Loddon Hall Council. They will be raising their hire rates from April. They have had to install new partition doors in the main hall at a cost of £4,000 and a new boiler at a cost of £4,500. The Social Club is going to contribute more to the running costs of the hall.

**10.6 Clerk's report-** The Clerk reported on a recent meeting of Clerks with the Chief Executive of WDC. Among items discussed were: the role of Town and Parish Councils in the delivery of the Community Strategy, Regionalisation – Western Corridor and review of the Parish Charter.

**11. Councillors' Questions** – None

## **12. Correspondence**

12.1 WDC Vacancies for LEA Governors – noted. Any interested councillors to contact the Clerk.

12.2 Community Voluntary Action – list of training courses – noted.

12.3 Standards Board for England – questionnaire on Code of Practice – referred to Finance and General Purposes Committee

12.4 WDC Meeting of the Executive 24.02.05 - noted

12.5 WDC Meeting of The Council 24.02.05 - noted

**13. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 21.02.05. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs L Dane. Carried unanimously.

## **14. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee                      07.03.05

Parish Lands Committee 09.03.05

Finance Committee 15.03.05

Meet the Public 19.03.05

Mr N Crush and Mr B Rogers to attend. Agreed to hold the Meet the Public meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June by the Parish Council notice board outside Waitrose. The Clerk to confirm this is acceptable to Waitrose and inform the United Reformed Church.

**15. Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005**

The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.
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