

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18th January 2005, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs J Fort, R Mantel, N. Crush, J Jarvis and J Bowley. In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), District Councillor Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman Ruscombe PC and three members of the press.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mrs G Wright and Mr B Rogers.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- Mrs L Dane declared an interest in Item 10.1.1 – planning application for 86-94 Wargrave Rd
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2004** Proposed Mrs L Dane, seconded Mr J Fort– Carried 7 for, 1 abstention.
5. **Matters Arising** –
All action points arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. WDC have completed repairs at the Waltham Rd/Broad Hinton roundabout. The Clerk to contact WDC about removing the traffic cones that have been left on site.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – To date nobody has come forward.
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 reported on the following: Care Village proposal. He thanked the council for copying him in on correspondence and stated he shares the concerns expressed. He has written to the policy and planning section at WDC asking them to retain the existing settlement boundary. The CCTV finance is in place and the system should be installed in the near future. WDC are dealing with the associated revenue support and legal matters. He thinks the planning application for 7 New Rd will be refused. The planning applications for the rear of 46/48 Wargrave Rd and 86-94 Wargrave Rd have similar issues relating to the design, layout and relationship with neighbouring properties. Both include blocks of houses with no front garden and the original application at Lincoln Gardens was refused on this basis.
Mr Hymers asked if anything further could be done about the graffiti on buildings in the village centre. Mr Conway explained that WDC will not clean commercial property. They have contacted the owners without success but are unable to enforce any action. Mrs Robinson asked about the process of changing settlement boundaries. Mrs Conway said the next review is due in 18 months to 2 years time when details will be circulated prior to a public enquiry.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Bulman reported on: the negotiations to have a new light installed in Crest Close, attempts to get the private drains in Northbury Avenue adopted by Thames Water and the planning application to extend the new development in London Rd which has prompted them to raise questions about section 106 contributions. A contribution towards the cost of the CCTV scheme is being considered.
10. **Reports:**
 - 10.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 04.01.05**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including planning applications at The Grove, which has been withdrawn, Serangoon, Byron Rd, which has been refused and 7, New Rd. Concerns were expressed at the recent meet the public meeting about the parking provisions on the proposed development at the rear of 46/48 Wargrave Rd. She also gave details of the reorganisation of the police into areas matching the local authority areas.

10.1.1 Planning application 86-94 Wargrave Rd

Mrs Dane left the meeting whilst this was discussed. The type of property proposed is out of keeping with adjacent properties. A precedent was set with the development in Lincoln Gardens where blocks of dwellings were not permitted. There are too many dwellings on the site and insufficient parking for visitors. There could be problems with access due to the restricted width of the entrance road. The layout restricts further development at the rear of adjacent properties.

10.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.01.05 – Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including an incident with youths at Stanlake Pavilion, a request to keep chickens on an allotment and progress on the installation of the CCTV scheme.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 11.01.05 – Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including the quarterly capital and budget statements, the precept where the figures are nearly finalised, the review of standing orders and information received about becoming a quality council. The Committee recommended to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £100 to Relate – carried unanimously. The Committee recommend to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £1670.42 to WDC Making Connections for the annual cost of a street worker – carried 7 for, 1 abstention.

10.4 Meet the Public 15.01.05 Mr Hymers reported on points raised at the meeting including an issue regarding difficulties created for residents parking in The Grove because the 30 minutes parking restriction is not being enforced in the evening. Agreed the Clerk writes to WDC to ask for a change in the parking restrictions to residents only after 6.30pm and to the police to request enforcement of the existing parking restrictions. A resident of Sycamore Drive whose property backs on to Loddon Hall car park raised concerns about the new CCTV camera and parking of large vehicles adjacent to his fence. These items were referred to the Parish Lands Committee.

10.5 TVCMI- Mrs Dane reported that Christmas tree survived intact – possibly due to the presence of CCTV cameras. The Clerk has received a note from the Chairman indicating they are looking for a new minutes secretary.

10.6 Other Representatives reports – The Clerk has received a report from the WDC street worker for their activity in November and December and a report from the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School regarding their OFSTED inspection.

10.7 Clerk's report- Another slat has been broken out of the back of one of the benches at Jubilee Corner. Referred to the Parish Lands Committee. Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association have made contact regarding the use of the existing broadband connection at Loddon Hall for the CCTV monitoring connection. They do not use the existing connection which costs them £40 a month and they offer to let the Parish Council have use of it for CCTV at a cost of £20 a month. Views were expressed that a cheaper connection could be obtained from an alternative supplier. Agreed that further discussions take place with T&RCA regarding the broadband connection. Mr Hymers to raise it at their next meeting.

11. Councillors' Questions – None

12. Correspondence

12.1 WDC District Parish Conference 16.03.05 The Clerk to request the following point to be put on the agenda. "Will Wokingham District Council consider the extension of the green waste service to include a Christmas tree disposal service and the provision of this service to other parishes?"

12.2 District Councillor P Bray Regarding making Wokingham District a Fair Trade Zone – noted.

12.3 Standards Board for England – details of their investigation on the complaint made against Councillor Martin Garrard that he failed to withdraw from a meeting when a matter in which he had a prejudicial interest was discussed. The outcome

of this was that the Ethical Standards Officer found no evidence of any failure to comply with the Code of Conduct – noted.

12.4 Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Freedom of Information Act 2000 – noted.

12.5 MMO2 regarding restructuring proposals and offer of new shares to replace existing holding or a cash alternative. Agreed the new share offer is requested.

13. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 12.01.05 Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Jarvis. Carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 07.02.05

Parish Lands Committee 09.02.05

Finance Committee 15.02.05

15. Date of next meeting 22nd February 2005

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
