

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

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Messrs R Mantel, N. Crush, J Rowe, J Bowley, B Rogers, and Dr M Garrard.

In attendance: Mr J March (Clerk), District Councillor Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman Ruscombe Parish Council, one member of the press and two members of the public.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mrs J Robinson, Mrs G Wright, Mr J Fort and Mr J Jarvis.
3. **Election of Chairman** – Mr D Hymers proposed by Mrs L Dane, seconded by Mr J Rowe. Elected by a unanimous vote.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Mr R Mantel proposed by Mr N Crush, seconded by Mrs L Dane. Elected by a unanimous vote.
5. **Appointment of Councillors to Committees** – Dr M Garrard indicated he would like to join the Planning and Amenities Committee. All other members to remain. Agreed unanimously. Parish Lands Committee – all existing members to remain. Agreed unanimously. Finance and General Purposes Committee – all existing members to remain. Agreed unanimously. See enclosed list.
6. **Appointment of Councillor Representatives** – The following change was proposed. Mrs L Dane resigned as representative on TVCMI. All other representatives to remain the same. Agreed unanimously. See enclosed list. The Clerk to confirm that Mrs J Smith is prepared to continue as the Age Concern representative and Mr J Jarvis as the Youth Committee representative.
7. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none
8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005** Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr J Bowley, – Carried unanimously.
9. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points for the Clerk arising from the last meeting have been dealt with.
10. **District Council Matters**- Mr Conway reported on the planning application for 50-52 London Rd. It is recommended for refusal at the next Development Control Meeting and he hopes to reinforce the reasons for refusal. He has some concerns about the application for the rear of 46-48 Wargrave Rd, which he will raise. He shares the council's concern about the proposal at the rear of 6 Church St but is thinks that some points indicated as acceptable at previous appeal hearings may mean that it will be difficult to get a refusal. There are two applications for 86-94 Wargrave Rd. The previous application was refused on highways grounds and he thinks the same will happen with the application for 12 houses. He is not sure about the application for 5 houses and will be having more discussions with the planning officers. He has met the new Police Community Liaison Officer. The CCTV scheme is progressing slowly as there has been a delay due to the need to apply for planning permission for the column in Jubilee Corner.
11. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Bulman reported that their Annual Meeting of the Council was held 2 weeks ago. They do not have any vacancies. They are still having difficulties getting 30mph speed limits implemented throughout the parish. Some section 106 money is available and WDC offered to use this to install two vehicle-activated signs in New Rd but they decided against this. WDC have now offered to change the layout of the New Rd/London Rd junction and install rumble strips. They will be notifying parishioners about the tree preservation orders in the parish. It is still proposed to produce a Village Design Statement if they can raise sufficient interest. They have supported concerns about difficulties getting doctors appointments raised at

a recent Age Concern Meeting. They are investigating parking in Pennfields, which has now become a problem.

## **12. Reports:**

**12.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.05.05**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting, including the planning application for 85 Colleton Drive. The Committee have written to support Early Town Council's approach to WDC to provide new burial facilities in the district. An alternative suggestion has been made to WDC regarding the proposed numbering for the new development at 103-105 Wargrave Rd. She asked for approval to attend the Development Control meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May to talk on the planning applications in Twyford. Agreed. It has been decided to wait and see the effectiveness of the new Police Community Liaison Officer before considering if funding should be provided towards the cost of an additional officer.

**12.2 Parish Lands Committee 04.05.05** – Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including the completion of the work by Thames Water at the London Rd allotments and the discussions about the installation of a CCTV camera at Jubilee Corner. The ROSPA inspection has been made at the children's play area and a site meeting held to agree the remedial work required. The Tennis Club has asked for a meeting to discuss their use of the temporary pavilion. Prices are being obtained for additional trees to be planted at Stanlake Meadow and KGVR. Dr M Garrard asked about the cost of the ROSPA inspection – details are provided in the list of cheques to be approved. He also asked if the temporary tennis pavilion would be allowed to stay. This will be discussed after the meeting with the Tennis Club. He also said he was unhappy about the result of the work carried out in the NW corner of KGVR, particularly the gaps left in the hedge on the Longfield Rd boundary. The Clerk explained that the hedge had been left because the residents had written to the council asking for it not to be altered by height, depth or foliage in any way. It was suggested that the Lands Committee inspect this area after their meeting with the Tennis Club. Agreed.

**12.3 TVCMI-** They are proposing an open forum on 7<sup>th</sup> June. No details are available at present.

**12.4 Other Representatives reports** –. Report on a meeting of the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005 – noted.

**12.5 Clerk's report-** The Clerk has had another set of keys cut for the CCTV cupboard and enclosure. Agreed the chairman of the Parish Lands Committee retains them.

**13. Approval of Audit Return** – The Annual Audit Return has been completed by the Clerk following the visit of the Internal Auditor. The details of information in the return were explained to the meeting. The return was then approved, 6 for 2 abstentions and signed by the Chairman.

**14. Councillors' Questions** – None

## **15. Correspondence**

15.1 WDC Annual Meeting of the Council 12.05.05. – noted.

15.2 WDC Meeting of the Standards Committee 11.05.05. – noted.

15.3 SLCC Training Day 11<sup>th</sup> June – noted.

15.4 WDC Meeting of the Personnel Board 19.05.05 – noted.

15.5 WDC details of the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council – noted.

15.6 WDC Meeting of the Highways Board 06.06.05 – noted.

15.7 Groundworks – proposed layout for skate park and ball court on KGVR.  
Referred to Parish Lands Committee for consideration.

**16. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting** - Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2005 were circulated to councillors. Approval proposed by Mrs L Dane and Seconded by Dr M Garrard. Agreed 6 for, 2 abstentions.

**17. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 17.05.05. Dr M Garrard questioned if the BALC membership fee should be paid. It was explained that

this had been decided as part of the annual budget setting process and had already been discussed in the Finance Committee and Full Council Meeting. Proposed Mr J Bowley seconded Mrs L Dane. Carried unanimously.

**18. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	06.06.05
Parish Lands Committee	08.06.05
Finance Committee	14.06.05
Meet the Public	18.06.05

Dr Martin Garrard, Mr N Crush and Mr R Mantel to attend.

**19. Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005**

The meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.
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