

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

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

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

In attendance: none.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies-** J Jarvis, S. Conway. The Clerk, J March, was on annual leave.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005** Proposed Mrs G Wright, seconded Mr C Smith – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points for the Clerk arising from the last meeting have been dealt with. The managing agent for Twyford House has agreed to arrange for the graffiti on the side wall to be removed. It was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent also suggesting that measures be taken to prevent a repeat of the graffiti perhaps by making it more difficult to stand on the wall in some way. Mrs L Dane is still making enquiries about the status of an area of special character.
6. **Election of Councillors to Committees** – Mrs B Ditcham was unanimously appointed to the Planning and Amenities Committee.
7. **District Council Matters-** Mrs Dane gave the following report received from Mr S Conway: the CCTV system in the village centre is due to be installed on November 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> and should be in operation in time for the Christmas Fair. He has commenced discussions with the Chief Executive of WDC about obtaining the site of JW Green's for a Public Library. Problems with the traffic lights in Stanlake Lane will be reported to the WDC by Mrs Dane.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council-** Mrs Dane reported that Ruscombe has written to WDC to support the library proposal and has reached agreement with WDC on the siting of vehicle activated signs in New Road, Ruscombe.
9. **Reports:**
  - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.11.05**– Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting, including concerns shared with Ruscombe PC on post-application changes being agreed by WDC without further consultation and summarised the comments sent to WDC on the draft Local Transport Plan. It was agreed that Mrs Dane would speak at the Development Control meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November raising issues on behalf of the Parish Council about the proposed skate park. The Council discussed the Draft Core Strategy for the Local Development Framework and agreed that the WDC consultation documents were confusing. Mrs Dane would seek clarification in time for the next committee meeting. Mrs Dane will contact Inspector Jim Weems about recruiting a replacement Police Community Support Officer and an item about sharing the cost of a PCSO would be put on the next committee agenda.
  - 9.2 **Parish Lands Committee 09.11.05** – Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including memorials in the graveyard and the electrical faults at Stanlake pavilion. In answer to a question he confirmed that the amount of electricity being consumed by the Comets' temporary floodlights had proved to be minimal. He also confirmed that despite the apparently high delivery costs, the total cost of the new bench for the KGVR was competitive. Mrs Dane reported

that the insurance company has given the go-ahead for replacing the kitchen door to the pavilion.

- 9.3 Finance Committee 15.12.05** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the agreement reached over the rates demand for Stanlake Pavilion, and the correspondence from Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Age Concern. Standing Order 66 was applied for discussion on items 5.1 and 10.1 of the minutes in view of the confidential nature of the issues. No press or public, nor the Clerk, were present to be asked to withdraw during this item and the Chairman reminded members of Standing Order 71 which states that items under this heading must not be discussed with anyone outside the Council.
- 9.4 Meet the Public** – Mr Mantel, Dr Garrard and Mrs Dane had attended and reported on three callers – Mr Rid Evans of Wargrave Road concerned about the consultation over the skate park – had residents of the newer houses been consulted. Mrs Dane agreed to raise the point at the Development Control meeting. Mrs Vass of Springfield Park had asked if there was any progress on the appeal on the corner of Springfield Park and London Road – she was advised that nothing further had been heard. Mrs Tattersall of Ruscombe raised the issue of an overgrown holly hedge on the opposite corner of Springfield Park Mrs Dane will liaise with Mr Fort over what action if any to take.
- 9.5 TVCMI-** nothing to report.
- 9.6 Other Representatives reports** – Written reports received from WDC Youth Worker and Meeting of the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School – noted.
- 9.7 Clerk’s report-** The Clerk was not present at the meeting. There was nothing to report in addition to the items covered in the minutes of the committee meetings.
- 10. Councillors Questions** – Mrs Wright had received a letter from a resident asking for a mini-roundabout on the A4 outside Wyevale Garden Centre. This was referred to the Planning and Amenities Committee for consideration. Mrs Dane asked if white paint could be used to indicate the correct entry to the northwest corner car park in the Recreation Ground – referred to Parish Lands Committee.
- 11. Correspondence –**
- 11.1 A poster and letter had been received from the Me2 Club – noted.
- 11.2 WDC – Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting 24.11.05 – noted
- 11.3 WDC - invitation to the Wokingham Schools Carol Concert – noted
- 11.4 BALC – The Communicator newsletter – Mr Hymers undertook to respond to the Government consultation on electoral reviews on behalf of the Council, and Mrs Dane agreed to investigate on the Home Office consultation on Community Support Officers.
- 12. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 15.11.05  
Proposed Mrs G Wright seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.
- 14. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 05.12.05 |
| Parish Lands Committee           | 07.12.05 |
| Finance Committee                | 08.12.05 |
- The Chairman reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will be meeting on a Thursday and that the Council will be meeting on the second Tuesday, not the normal pattern.
- 15. Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

The meeting closed at 8.57p.m.