

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

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman), Mrs L Dane, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Messrs R Mantel, J Bowley, J Rowe, J Jarvis, J Fort, C Smith and Dr M Garrard and Mrs B Ditcham from item 6.

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

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr N Crush, Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005** Proposed Mr C Smith seconded, Mr J Jarvis – 9 for, 1 abstention.
5. **Matters Arising** –  
All action points for the Clerk arising from the last meeting have been dealt with except circulating details about the open day at Twyford Police Station where he is still waiting for details.  
Mrs L Dane is still making enquiries about the status of an area of special character.
6. **Co-option of Councillors** – Mrs B Ditcham, who has expressed an interest in joining the council, was present. Details about her interests have been circulated to councillors and there were no further questions. A vote was taken and Mrs Ditcham was elected to the council by a unanimous vote. The Chairman welcomed her to the council. Mrs Ditcham signed her declaration of acceptance and took part in the rest of the meeting.
7. **District Council Matters**- Mr S Conway reported on the following: The planning application for Mulberry Mead where he shares the council's concerns. A proposed development in Ruscombe off London Rd with access from Northbury Ave was discussed at the Development Control Committee and refused. He has raised the possibility of having a CCTV camera on the station forecourt with WDC and discussions are in hand with the railway authorities. Village centre CCTV. A revised planning application is now going through the system. He has asked WDC to investigate if the J W Greens site will be available to use as a library. He has attended two public meetings. The first related to the private sewers in Colleton Drive and Wessex Gardens and the second about the new licensing laws, particularly the application for the Golden Cross. At the WDC Full Council meeting he proposed a motion for WDC to have input to the review of the licensing laws by the Government in 2006 and this was approved.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Bulman gave more information about the proposed development off London Rd. They are concerned that the planning approval to erect toilets at St James Church does not include a condition that it must match the existing building. They are hoping to start work on the village design statement soon and are going to send out a newsletter to residents. The council notice board in Pennfields has been shot at with an air rifle. 27 and 28 Pennfields have applied for permission to convert the properties to maisonettes. WDC have offered 2 speed-indicating devices in New Rd but unfortunately the proposed locations are on the same side of the road within a short distance of each other.
9. **Reports:**
  - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 03.10.05** – Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting, including the planning application for Mulberry Mead. She also gave information about her visit to the waste recycling plant at Beenham. Twyford

does not have cover following the departure of the local Police Community Support Officer. The new one appointed covers Hurst Sonning and Charvil and it is not know when one will be appointed to cover Twyford. Twyford News has been distributed. A question was asked about the reply received from Teresa May MP relating to the Crossrail proposals and Mrs Dane provided details.

- 9.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.10.05**– Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including the replacement of the sign giving contact information on the tennis courts which is out of date, the proposal to install a bench in the NW corner of KGVR, the break in at Stanlake Pavilion and the proposal to obtain prices for a replacement door in steel to give added security. A fault on the electrical installation at Stanlake has been investigated and found to be a short on a lighting circuit caused by heat from a light fitting.
- 9.3 Finance Committee 11.10.05** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the ongoing discussions about the rates demand for Stanlake Pavilion, which will be covered in more detail at the end of the meeting and the quarterly expenditure against budget and capital statements, which have been circulated to councillors. The committee recommends to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £250 to Twyford Scouts for the cost of the Remembrance Day band Agreed unanimously. The committee recommends to the Full Council not to make a section 137 grant to Age Concern Berkshire. Agreed unanimously.
- 9.4 TVCMI-** nothing to report.
- 9.5 Other Representatives reports** –. Mrs Dane reported on the AGM of the Community Association. Their finances are quite healthy and letting income has increased. They have had considerable difficulties completing the license renewal under the new licensing regulations. Plans are in hand to refurbish the toilets.  
Mr Hymers and Mr Mantel reported on a recent meeting of WDALC. Most items discussed covered preparations for the District/Parish Council Conference.
- 9.6 Clerk's report-** The Clerk reported he has completed the annual charity return for KGVR and circulated details of the accounts, which were noted. The licence for the CCTV column at Jubilee Corner has been received for signature. A reply has been received from the managing agents of Twyford House requesting photographs of the wall containing graffiti. The Clerk will supply these.
- 10. Remembrance Day** – The wreath has been ordered and two pews reserved in the church. The Chairman gave members details of the arrangements and asked for an indication of numbers attending – 12 including partners. The Clerk to inform the church. The details of the route for the march are still being discussed. The Clerk to distribute this to members when it is available.
- 11. Councillors Questions** – Mr Rowe asked why Twyford is not preparing its own village design statement. Mrs Dane explained this was investigated some time ago. It requires community involvement and there was none offered.
- 12. Correspondence**
- 12.1 Agenda for District/ Parish Council Conference. The Chairman gave details of the items to be covered – noted.
- 12.2 Standards Committee Training – noted.
- 12.3 Rural Town meeting at WDC – noted
- 12.4 Request from police for volunteers to participate in local Neighbourhood Policing Project. Following discussions Mr J Jarvis agreed to attend the first meeting to find out more about the project. The Clerk to put his name forward and obtain details of the date, time and location for Mr Jarvis.
- 13. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 18.10.05  
Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr J Bowley. Carried unanimously.
- 14. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 07.11.05 |
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Parish Lands Committee	09.11.05
Finance Committee	15.11.05
Meet the Public	19.11.05

Mr D Hymers and Dr M Garrard agreed to attend.

- 15. Exclusion of the Public and Press** – The Chairman proposed the following resolution under standing order 66: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. This related to the negotiations about the rates on Stanlake Pavilion. The resolution was approved unanimously. Members were also reminded about standing order 71 relating to confidential business.
- The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Finance Committee will report back to the next Full Council Meeting.

- 16. Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005**

The meeting closed at 9.34p.m.
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