

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17th October 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Messrs, R Mantel, N Crush, J Jarvis, C Smith, J Bowley, J Rowe, J Fort and B Rogers.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March, District Councillor Mr S Conway, 1 member of the press and 21 members of the public.

1. **Public questions** – Mr S Conway has been contacted by an elderly lady who is having difficulty opening the gates to get into KGVR. Referred to Parish Lands for consideration.
2. **Apologies-**, Mrs G Wright and Mrs B Ditcham.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September.** Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mrs L Dane approved 7 for, 4 abstentions.
5. **Matters Arising –**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to ask WDC to check if the Church St detectors on the traffic lights are working correctly. Completed. Work was reported being carried out there on Monday 16th.
 - 5.2 Mr J Jarvis to raise the issue of traffic “jumping” the traffic lights at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Policing Committee. Meeting later in October.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to ask the police to check for vehicles “jumping” the lights. Completed. The police have also asked WDC to monitor the situation.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to ask for clarification on the PCSO’s interpretation of parking regulations. Completed.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to ask WDC if no loading/unloading restrictions can be added to the yellow lines in London Rd near the traffic lights. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to send the reply to the questionnaire on the Thames Valley Journey Time to the Highways Agency. Completed.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to send the reply about the proposed application for Borough status to WDC. Completed.
 - 5.8 The Chairman and Vice Chairman to draft a question for the District Parish Conference. Completed.
6. **District Council Matters-** District Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: the WDC proposal to apply for borough status; he has made renewed objections about potential development sites detailed in the WDC Land Use Strategy consultation document. He also commented on the planning applications for Mulberry Mead, Station Rd and the change of use relating to the Hermitage London Rd. He is applying pressure for a CCTV camera to be installed on the station forecourt and is trying to raise funds for a third CCTV camera in the village centre. Mrs L Dane asked him about the planning approval for the Grove where concerns raised about the effect on Jubilee Corner do not appear to have been addressed. He suggested this is raised with the planning officer concerned. Referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs L Dane reported on the following: They have issued a public questionnaire on the proposed village design statement and were pleased to get a 21% response and they have asked their district councillor to check if the nursery at Hare Hatch has permission for the markets they are holding.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 02.10.06** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning application for Mulberry Mead.

- 8.2 Parish Lands Committee 04.10.06** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting. The roundabout in the younger children's section of the playground in KGVR is broken. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the Playground Facilities quote to replace the existing body at a cost of £1563.87 + VAT. Carried unanimously. It is proposed to extend the existing hazel copse in the Hurst Rd allotments. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Aspects Gardening Services for £300 to complete this work. Carried unanimously. A request has been received from TVCMI to give approval for the skate park proposal to enable them to apply for further grants. The Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the Council approves the full scheme as set out in planning approval F/2005/4846 and confirms that Twyford Parish Council will take over ownership, management and all associated costs of the facility upon completion. Discussed and agreed two additional conditions are incorporated in the recommendation: that the ramps in the skate park are constructed of polymerised concrete and that the landscaping scheme has to be approved by the Parish Council. Amended recommendation carried. 8 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. The surface of the Loddon hall car park has started to break up in a number of places. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the Trade Mark quotation for £4200 + VAT to carry out the required repairs. Carried unanimously.
- 8.3 Finance Committee 10.10.06** Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including the expenditure for the first 6 months and the proposed method of recovering the cost of repairing Loddon Hall car park. The following grant requests were considered: Little Acorns Pre-School. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that no grant be awarded. Carried unanimously. Wokingham and District CAB. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £210 be made. Carried unanimously. Emma Haynes. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a grant of £50 be made. Carried 10 for, 1 against. Scouts – Remembrance Day Parade. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £250 be made. Carried unanimously. Christopher Clark. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a grant of £50 be made. Carried 9 for, 2 abstentions. Loddon Hall. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £5000 be made. Carried 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. TVCMI. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £300 be made. Carried 9 for, 2 abstentions.
- 8.4 Other Representatives reports –**
- 8.4.1** Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School 25.09.06– noted.
- 8.4.2** Governing Body of Colleton School– noted.
- 8.5 Clerk's report –** nothing to report.
- 9. Councillors Questions –** A number of councillors reported problems with streetlights. The councillors concerned were asked to provide more specific information so the Clerk can report them.
- 10 Remembrance Day –** the chairman asked for an indication of the numbers attending the service so the Clerk can reserve space in the church. 13 members and partners will be attending. The Clerk will circulate details of the parade when this has been finalised by the Scouts.
- 11. Correspondence**
- 11.1 WDC Agenda for District Parish Conference - noted.
- 11.2 Wokingham Disability and Sensory Needs Partnership Board exhibition - noted.
- 11.3 WDC Children and Young People's Plan – noted
- 11.4 BALC proposed distance learning and training courses. The Clerk to nominate Messrs D Hymers, R Mantel, J Bowley and J Jarvis to attend the course at Shinfield on 22.11.06.

11.5 WDC. Letter from the Chairman regarding the proposal to apply for borough status. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, that he sends a letter to the Privy Council raising the same points as those in the letter sent to WDC, seconded Mr J Jarvis. Carried 10 for, 1 against.

12. Authorisation of payments – list dated 17.10.06. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Fort and carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	06.11.06
Parish Lands Committee	08.11.06
Finance Committee	14.11.06
Meet the Public	18.11.06
Mr R Mantel and Mr J Rowe to attend. Reserve Mr D Hymers	

14. Date of next meeting 21st November 2006

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.
