

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21st November 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March.

1. **Public questions** – None.
2. **Apologies**- Mr B Rogers.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2006.** Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr J Jarvis approved unanimously
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 The Clerk to put access to KGVR on the Parish Lands Committee agenda. Completed.
 - 5.2 Mr J Jarvis to raise the issue of traffic “jumping” the traffic lights at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Policing Committee. Carried forward.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to put the planning approval for the Grove on the Planning and Amenities Committee agenda. Completed
 - 5.4 The Clerk to place orders for repairing the children’s roundabout, extending the hazel copse and repairing Loddon Hall car park. Completed
 - 5.5 Councillors to provide details of faulty streetlights to the Clerk. Completed
 - 5.6 The Clerk to report the faulty street lights to the appropriate bodies. Completed.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to reserve 13 seats in the church for the Remembrance Day service. Completed
 - 5.8 The Clerk to provide councillors with details of the Remembrance Day parade. Completed
 - 5.9 The Clerk to nominate Messrs D Hymers, R Mantel, J Bowley and J Jarvis to attend the BALC training course on 22.11.06. Completed.
 - 5.10 The Chairman to send a letter to the Privy Council about the WDC proposal to apply for borough status. Completed and acknowledgment received.
- 6 **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to present the following comment. He has discussed the planning application for Mulberry Mead with the planning officer who appears to be satisfied with it. He still has concerns so if she recommends approval he will ask for it to go before the full planning committee.
- 7 **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs L Dane reported on the following: They have had the pond at the junction of Castle End Rd and Waltham Rd tidied up and some more clearance and refurbishment work will be carried out round it. A meeting has been held with the vicar regarding possible alternatives to provide more burial facilities.
- 8 **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 06.11.06** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning applications for 20 Harrison Close, 4 Wessex Gdns and 63 London Rd. He also mentioned the faulty street lighting in Hurst Rd and the footpath to the station, which has been reported. These faults are still not repaired so the Clerk will follow this up. A street lighting column has been knocked down outside 26 Amberley Drive and the resident has asked for it to be moved when it is replaced. The resident will be asked to pay for the additional cost associated with this if the relocation is approved after consultation with neighbouring residents.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 08.11.06 Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the order that has been placed to repair the broken roundabout in the younger children's play area on KGVR. An order has been placed to install replacement and new equipment in the younger children's play area on KGVR following receipt of a grant for the Lottery Awards for All scheme. Permission has been granted to Comets FC to run an Easter training school on Stanlake Meadow.

8.3 Finance Committee 14.11.06 Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including introduction of a new form to request information when a grant application is made and the decision to make a small administration charge to cover the cost of the additional work undertaken by the Clerk dealing with the request to move a street lighting column outside 26 Amberley Drive. The following grant requests were considered: Mobile Information Centre. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £75 be made. Carried 12 for, 1 abstention. Bethanne Rea. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a grant of £50 be made. Carried 12 for, 1 against. Keep Mobile. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £210 be made. Carried unanimously.

8.4 Meet the Public 18.11.06. One resident attended to discuss the planning application for Mulberry Mead. The concerns were noted and the Planning and Amenities Committee will be raising an objection to the application. A resident at 100 Hurst Rd asked if the council could contact WDC regarding their refusal to allow him to create an off road parking area in the front of his property. Referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

A resident at 10 Waltham Rd raised the problem relating to residents parking. They would like a meeting to discuss this further and suggested alteration to the operation of parking permits for residents. Referred to Planning and Amenities Committee. A resident of Weavers Way raised the problem of motorists crossing the traffic lights at the crossroads when they show red. This has already been raised with the police and WDC. There is insufficient time for pedestrians to cross this junction diagonally when the lights are red to allow pedestrians to cross. The narrow pavements in the High St are dangerous, particularly when lorries are passing. Can a lorry ban be imposed or a 20mph speed limit applied? All three points referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

8.5 Other Representatives reports –

8.5.1 Mobile Youth Provision. – noted.

8.5.2 Loddon Hall Council – Mr Hymers reported on a recent meeting when thanks were expressed for the grant towards the cost of the kitchen repairs. This work is now going ahead. They hope to refurbish the toilets in the near future. The central heating is being repaired. Repairs to the car park were also discussed.

8.6 Clerk's report – The annual maintenance of the CCTV system has been completed and everything is working correctly. The vicar has spoken to the Clerk regarding the provision of burial plots. A meeting has been held with the Lawn Tennis Association regarding the surface on the tennis courts. A report will be made to Parish Lands.

9. Councillors Questions – Mrs Wright asked if the council would contact other parish councils in the area to find out if there is any interest in paying for joint funding for an addition Police Community Support Officer. Referred to Planning and Amenities.

10 Dates of meetings 2007 – The Chairman pointed out the unusual dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Planning and Lands Committee meetings in May 2007. This is due to the election of the Parish Council, which takes place in May. – noted.

11 Correspondence

11.1 Highways Agency – advice booklet on winter driving – noted.

11.2 Notification from PC S Loudwell that he is being seconded for a 3 month period to a new crime team which will take him away from the village. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Bowley that Mr J Jarvis drafts a letter to the police expressing concerns about the effect this will have on local policing. Carried unanimously.

12. Authorisation of payments – list dated 16.11.06. – Additional cheque no 003186 for £12.62 payable to Woods Yard for Ranger’s materials to be added to the list. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs G Wright and carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	04.12.06
Parish Lands Committee	06.12.06
Finance Committee	09.01.07

14. Date of next meeting 12th December 2006

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.
