

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 12th December 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers (Chairman) Mrs L Dane, Mrs B Ditcham, Dr M Garrard, Messrs, R Mantel, N Crush, C Smith, J Fort and J Bowley from item 5.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March.

1. **Public questions** – None.
2. **Apologies**- Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs G Wright, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs J Robinson and Mr J Rowe.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2006.** Proposed Mr C Smith seconded Mrs L Dane approved unanimously
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 Mr J Jarvis to raise the issue of traffic “jumping” the traffic lights at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Policing Committee. Carried forward.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to follow up repairs to streetlights in Hurst Rd and the station footpath. Completed. The repairs to the lights in the station footpath are still not completed so the Clerk will follow this up again.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to place the following items on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee.
 - Mr Olney 100 Hurst Rd - off road parking.
 - S Thompson 10 Waltham Rd – residents parking
 - Mr Rudman 9 Weavers Way – traffic jumping the traffic lights, time allowed for pedestrians to cross at lights and problems created by the narrow pavement in the High St. Completed.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to place Mrs Wright’s request to contact other parish councils about funding for an additional PCSO on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
 - 5.5 Mr Jarvis to draft a letter to the police about the secondment of PC S. Loudwell. Carried forward.
6. **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to present the following comments. He will be opposing the planning application for Mulberry Mead when it goes before the full planning committee. He is still trying to get CCTV installed at the station.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs L Dane reported on the following: They have had problems with their notice boards being vandalised. The village design statement is progressing and they are developing a village web site. The notice board at the station has been damaged. The Clerk to contact WDC as it was installed by them.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 04.12.06** Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting including the planning applications for Mulberry Mead, 7 Station Rd and Hurstwood Cottage Ruscombe Lane. The resident has agreed to pay for the additional cost associated with relocation of the street light outside 26 Amberley Drive and the neighbours have no objection so the order has been placed for this to be carried out. A report has been received from Bell Cornwell relating to the proposal to build a care village adjacent to Bridge House. A resident has asked the committee to consider requesting changes to the way the residents parking schemes work so the Clerk has asked WDC for information about the existing schemes.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 06.12.06** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the extension to the Hazel Copse at Hurst Rd allotments and the work required to clean and repair the safety areas in the children’s playground on KGVR. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Chiltern Sports

for £875 + VAT to power clean the tennis courts which have become dangerous to use. (An alternative quote has been obtained from SpadeOak Sports Division which was £1320 + VAT) Agreed unanimously.

8.3 Other Representatives reports –

8.3.1 Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School – noted.

8.3.2 T&R Community Association – Mr Hymers reported on their AGM. The level of hall bookings remains good. Julia is leaving and her post will be advertised. The finances are quite healthy. They appear to have had some odd advice from WDC regarding their eligibility for a lottery grant. The Clerk has provided information about the Scouts lottery application in an attempt to clarify the position. The officers have been re-elected. The hall will become a non-smoking area from Jan 2007. When the kitchen is refurbished it will be locked to prevent petty theft.

8.4 Clerk's report – The Loddon Hall car park repairs have been completed. A special reading has been arranged for the electricity meter at Stanlake, as there have been a number of bills based on estimated readings.

9. Councillors Questions – Dr M Garrard asked about the future of Twyford News. Mrs L Dane assured him it would continue as new persons have come forward to edit it. Mr Hymers reported that the map of the village at Twyford station has been removed to make space for new ticket machines. He asked the Planning and Amenities Committee to consider what action to take regarding this.

10 Correspondence

10.1 Police questionnaire on anti-social behaviour – noted.

10.2 WDC Consultation on Future District Parish Communication Arrangements. The Clerk to put on the agenda of the January meeting.

10.3 Letter from Privy Council regarding WDC application for borough status. Draft of proposed reply read to the meeting by the Chairman and agreed. It was also suggested that the Chairman informs the press. Agreed the Chairman will check the facts and if appropriate contact the press.

11. Authorisation of payments – list dated 12.12.06. –. Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr C Smith and carried unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 02.01.07 (Tuesday)

Parish Lands Committee 03.01.07

Finance Committee 09.01.07

Meet the Public 13.01.07

Mr R Mantel and Mrs B Ditcham to attend. Dr M Garrard – reserve.

13. Date of next meeting 16th January 2007

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.
