

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

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March, District Councillor Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman Ruscombe PC and two members of the press

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr J Jarvis, Dr M Garrard and Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006** Proposed Mr C Smith seconded Mrs J Robinson – approved Nem. con.
5. **Matters Arising** –
  - 5.1 The Clerk to write to TVCMI. Completed. Reply received read to meeting.
  - 5.2 The Clerk to check if a carbon monoxide detector should be installed at Twycombe Lodge. There is no legal requirement for one.
  - 5.3 The Clerk to submit two questions for inclusion on the agenda of the District Parish Conference in March. Completed
6. **District Council Matters**- Mr S Conway reported on the following planning applications: 1-3 Westview Drive, 99-101 Wargrave Rd and The Grove. He has been in touch with the enforcement officer about Mulberry Mead and the current work is allowed under permitted development. WDC propose to take no further action about the petition relating to sewers in the Wessex Gardens area. The petition about the library has been submitted to WDC and he has held further discussions with them. He is mildly optimistic about a favourable outcome. First Great Western has been contacted regarding the proposed changes to the railway timetable, which will affect Twyford residents who use this facility. Mrs L Dane asked if Mr Conway had details of the section 106 expenditure of £172k for Twyford that has been quoted by WDC. He did not but one of the representatives of the press said they might be able to provide this information. Agreed that if it is not available from this source the Clerk writes to WDC asking for details.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Bulman reported on the meeting to discuss progressing the Village Design Statement. Ruscombe have asked for their section 106 money to be put towards the library. They are concerned with the lack of interest from planning enforcement about changes to the front garden walls in Northbury Ave. The speed indication signs in New Rd have not been installed yet. Their Annual Parish meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006.
8. **Reports:**
  - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 06.02.06**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including: the planning applications for Waitrose and Mulberry Mead. She also reported on the workshop she attended on the Scoping Report for Residential Design and a meeting of the Thames Crossing Councils Group.
  - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 08.02.06** – Mr Rogers reported on the meeting including: the proposal to redecorate the ground floor and exterior of Twycombe Lodge and the need to have the mud on the car park surface at Stanlake Meadow cleaned off.
  - 8.3 **Finance Committee 14.01.06** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including: The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to set a precept of £54,800. The Clerk reported he had received further information about the cost to empty the dog waste bins, which is approximately £500 higher than the budgeted amount. After discussion it was proposed by Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mrs L

Dane to set a precept of £55,300. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk to inform WDC. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to increase the wage rates for the Village Ranger, Park Warden and Cleaner by 3.5 % with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £450 to Readibus. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £150 to Henley Citizens Advice Bureau. Agreed unanimously.

**8.4 TVCMI-** nothing to report as no meeting has been held.

**8.5 Other Representatives reports –**

Governors of Colleton School – Mr Hymers reported that their OFSTED inspection had produced a grading of outstanding.

Mr Hymers reported on the skate park meeting he and Mr Bowley attended. Additional planning permission will be required and an archaeological and contaminated land survey may be required. The total cost is estimated to be £158k. There is a shortfall in existing funding so Groundworks are investigating additional sources of funds. Details about the proposed ramps will be provided to the council. TVCMI will be hosting a meeting with the residents who objected to the planning application.

Mr Hymers reported on a meeting of the Loddon Hall Council. The Broadband connection for the CCTV should be installed soon. Waitrose are providing funding to redecorate the annex. They are looking for volunteers for additional personal licence holders for the social club as they only have two at present. They will pay for the training required. The kitchen units will be replaced and the room decorated. Repairs have been made to the roof lights and a new boiler has been installed. They will check the controls to prevent rooms being overheated. The social club is now profitable and they are getting a good number of hall lettings.

**8.6 Clerk's report-** Nothing to report.

**9. Councillors Questions –** None

**10. District Parish Conference 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.** Written replies have been received to the two questions raised.

**11. Correspondence –**

11.1 WDC Vacancies for LEA Governors - noted

11.2 WDC Meeting of The Executive 23.02.06 – noted

11.3 WDC Meeting of the Council 23.02.06 – noted

11.4 Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre – noted

11.5 Mrs J Barnes re Quality Councils – noted. The Clerk to reply.

11.6 Mr C Allen regarding proposed train service cuts – referred to Planning and Amenities.

**12. Authorisation of payments –** as detailed on list dated 21.02.06

Proposed Mr C Smith seconded Mrs J Robinson Carried unanimously.

**13. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee 06.03.06

Parish Lands Committee 08.03.06

Finance Committee 14.03.06

Meet the public 18.03.06

Mrs B Ditcham and Mr C Smith agreed to attend.

**14. Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006**

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.
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