

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18th July 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mrs L Dane, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs, J Bowley, J Fort, J Jarvis, C Smith, B Rogers and Dr M Garrard.

As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present, proposed by Mr J Jarvis Seconded by Mrs B Ditcham that Mrs L Dane takes the chair for the meeting.

Agreed unanimously.

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

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies-**, Mr D Hymers, Mr R Mantel, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, and Mr N Crush.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-** none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2006** Item 6 single settlement option changed from Twyford to the District. Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr J Bowley – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 The Clerk to copy the reply about Safer Routes to School to the resident who raised it at the APM. Completed.
 - 5.2 Mr D Hymers and Mr J Jarvis to draft a letter to WDC in support of the proposed library on the J W Greens site. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to make enquiries about satellite dishes in conservation areas. Reply received from WDC read to meeting. The Clerk to report a recent new installation in Station Rd to the WDC Enforcement Officer.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to mark up a drawing of the KGVR area to be registered with the Land Registry and copy to Mr D Hymers and Mr R Mantel to check. Completed and registration submitted.
6. **District Council Matters-** District Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following. He has raised the library site at the Full Meeting of WDC on 29th June and is now preparing a briefing to allow further discussions to be held. He has raised various unauthorised activities taking place at the Hermitage site with the WDC enforcement officer. He will be attending the appeal for Mulberry Mead on 26th July.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs C Bulman reported on the following: They have asked for improvements to be made at the London Rd /A4 junction and asked for support with this. Agreed to be put on the agenda of the next Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. There is a speed check to be carried out in London Rd later this month. They have received a planning application for a property in the green belt and have asked for it to be listed on the Planning Committee agenda to make sure Wokingham District Council don't make a decision that will create a precedent. They have had another meeting to discuss the Village Design Statement. Mr Bowley asked about the proposed vehicle activated signs and Mrs Bulman confirmed they would not be installed. Mr Rogers asked about walls in the front gardens in Northbury Ave and Mrs Bulman replied that they had checked with WDC and walls up to 1m high are permitted.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 03.07.06** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning applications for 15 Sycamore Drive and Loddon Park Farm.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 05.07.06** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the discussions on the skate park prior to the formal meeting where Groundworks expressed concern at the long delay in the project and indicated

that funding may be withdrawn if a decision is not finalised in the near future.

The Committee **Recommend** to the Full Council to purchase an Urban Furnishing Seat at a cost of £570, to be allocated to capital expenditure. Agreed 8 for, 1 against. The proposed logo to go in the centre of the Remembrance Day wreath was shown to the meeting. Agreed it be used 8 for, 1 abstention.

8.3 Finance Committee 11.07.06 Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting including the decision to purchase the latest version of the reference book "Charles Arnold Baker" for use by the Clerk.

8.4 TVCMI 17.07.06 Mrs L Dane and Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the discussions on the library and a review by the chairman on CCTV, the Christmas Fair and the Old Peoples Forum. They currently have £8500 reserves. The annual grant from WDC for £4600 will be used to pay for the Christmas Fair. The skate park was also discussed and TVCMI have earmarked funds to pay for further fundraising activity. They will notify the council about any grant applications they make. TVCMI were concerned about the level of local support for the project. A public meeting is to be arranged for November.

8.5 Library Public Meeting 13.07.06 Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting, which was very well attended. Presentations were made by local representatives about the value of a library to the local community. This was followed by an open discussion where comments on the proposal were invited. The points made will be collated to make the case to WDC for it to go ahead. Mrs J Robinson has been asked to be a member of the action committee.

8.6 Other Representatives reports – none.

8.7 Clerk's report

8.7.1 One of the benches at Jubilee Corner has been damaged. The Clerk has asked for a quotation to have it repaired.

8.7.2 The surface of the car park at Loddon Hall is starting to break up. Agreed the Clerk contacts a contractor to assess the extent of the problem and obtain a price for remedial work.

9 Councillors Questions – Mr C Smith asked if the village centre CCTV covered Jubilee Corner and what recording was made. The Clerk replied that the adjacent camera scans the Jubilee Corner area and all activity in the area is recorded. Securipol had been asked to view the recording to see if they could see the damage being done to the bench but due to the uncertainty of when it happened had been unable to locate any relevant images.

Mrs J Robinson asked about progress on the proposed mobile phone mast site. The Clerk replied that the consultants had been advised about a possible location in the Hurst Rd allotments and had passed this on to Orange for consideration. A reply is still awaited.

10 WDC – Views on District Parish Conference – copy of questionnaire enclosed. Proposed reply discussed and agreed. The Clerk to send the reply to WDC.

11 Queens Award for Voluntary Service- Details of the award provided to the meeting. Discussed and agreed that the Polehampton Swimming Association be nominated. Mrs L Dane and Mr J Jarvis to arrange completion of the nomination form.

12 Correspondence

12.1 Invite from Chairman of WDC to enter team into his charity golf day. Noted.

12.2 Notification of open day at Police Museum Sulhamstead. Noted.

12.3 Notification of Art Exhibition for Churches in the Wokingham area. Noted.

12.4 Questionnaire on Thames Valley Journey Time. Agreed to be referred to Planning and Amenities Committee.

13 Authorisation of payments – list dated 18.07.06. Details of cheque no 03088 added to list. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr C Smith, and carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	07.08.06, 04.09.06
Parish Lands Committee	06.09.06
Finance Committee	12.09.06
Meet the Public	16.09.06 – Mr J Jarvis and Mrs
L Dane to attend. Mrs B Ditcham reserve.	

15. Date of next meeting 19th September 2006

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.
