

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 20th June 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr D Hymers, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs G Wright, Messrs J Rowe, N Crush, J Fort, J Jarvis, C Smith and R Mantel.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March and District Councillor Mr S Conway.

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Dr M Garrard, Mrs L Dane, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs J Robinson and Mr J Bowley.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2006** Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr J Rowe – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 The Clerk to ask Mrs Smith if she is willing to continue as the Age Concern representative for the council. Confirmation received that she will continue.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to confirm that councillors not at the meeting wish to serve on the same committees as last year. Completed. Details circulated.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to put items raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on the agenda of appropriate committees and ask for an update on the Safer Routes to School information. Completed. Reply on Safer Routes to School read to meeting. The Clerk to copy it to the resident who raised the question at the APM.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to report the youths in Longfield Rd to the police and the youth worker. Completed.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to nominate the pc mobile to receive text messages relating to emergencies/severe weather. Completed.
6. **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following. He has spoken to WDC about repairing the road surface at the junction of Springfield Park and London Rd, he spoke at the Highways Board on 12th June about residents parking in Springfield Park and various alternatives are being considered. The Mulberry Mead planning application will probably be refused and he is following up the removal of a number of trees on the site. The planning appeal for 86-94 Wargrave Rd has been allowed and he has submitted a motion to the WDC meeting asking them to adopt a single settlement option for Twyford to halt this type of backland development. The discussions about the library site have broken down but he is keeping pressure on WDC to purchase or lease the site. He asked the council to write another letter supporting this. Agreed Mr D Hymers and Mr J Jarvis to draft a letter. Mrs G Wright asked about the parking in Waltham Rd. Mr Conway replied that he has taken this up with WDC. Mr J Rowe and Mr C Smith asked about parking near Montreal Terrace in Station Road that was raised by a resident at the Meet the Public meeting. There is a meeting planned to discuss this and Mr Conway will speak to the resident who asked the question.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- No representative - no report.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 05.06.06**– Mr Jarvis reported on the meeting including: the graffiti in the centre of the village has been removed, the future of Twyford News is under discussion as Mrs L Dane will be giving up being editor. Mr J Jarvis expressed his thanks to Mrs L Dane for her work in this role over a number of years. The Chairman asked any councillors with ideas about Twyford News to feed them to the Planning and Amenities Committee. Mr Jarvis also commented on the planning application to move a fence line in Broad Hinton and the work carried out at Mulberry Mead where there are continuing concerns about the work going on at this site.

- 8.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.06.06** – Mr Hymers reported on the meeting including: the request to install a mobile phone mast on KGVR where following a meeting various alternative proposals are being considered. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to approve expenditure of £18,356 plus vat on a scheme to improve the facilities in the children’s playground as detailed in the quote from Playground Facilities Ltd subject to an alternative quote being obtained to confirm value for money. Agreed 8 for, 1 abstention.
- 8.3 Finance Committee 13.06.06** – Mr Crush reported on the meeting including: It was decided not to take up membership of the CCB. It was agreed that if the expenditure on the children’s play area is approved by the Full Council the cost is covered out of capital and the amount is precepted back over 10 years. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 Grant of £350 to the Twyford and Wargrave District Volunteer Centre. Agreed unanimously.
- 8.4 Meet the Public 17.06.06**– Mr J Rowe and Mr C Smith reported that two issues were raised. The first was the parking in Station Rd discussed with District Councillor Mr S Conway earlier. The second was raised by a resident of Station Rd who queried if satellite dishes are allowed on the front of buildings, as it is a conservation area. Agreed the Clerk makes enquiries.
- 8.5 Other Representatives reports** – Youth Workers report for May. Noted. Meeting of the Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School. Noted. Age Concern – invite to AGM. Noted.
- 8.6 Clerk’s report-** There appears to be further problems with the toilets getting blocked at Stanlake. The position is being monitored. The electricity has also tripped out on several occasions. This may be due to a faulty toaster used by the nursery school so this is also being monitored. The documents relating to the registration of KGVR have been returned by the Land Registry asking for clarification. The Clerk to mark the area to be registered and the Chairman and Vice Chairman to confirm this is correct before the documents are returned.
- 9. Councillors Questions** – Mrs G Wright asked if TVCMI could be contacted to ask what funding is available for the proposed skate park. The Chairman explained that representatives from the Youth Service and Groundworks have been invited to the next Parish Lands Committee meeting to discuss this. Agreed to wait until this takes place before taking any other action.
- 10. Correspondence** –
- 10.1 Home Start Wokingham District invite to AGM – noted.
- 10.2 WDC Chairman’s Gardening Competition – noted.
- 10.3 BALC – notice of AGM. Mr R Mantel to attend.
- 11. Authorisation of payments** – as detailed on list dated 19.06.06
Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr J Fort. Carried unanimously.
- 12. Clerks Remuneration** – The Clerk left the meeting during the discussion of this item. The Chairman proposed the application of Standing Order 66 as the item affected a named employee and the Council agreed unanimously. The Chairman reported on the Clerk’s Annual Review and proposed that the Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Clerk’s salary be increased by two scale points with effect from July 1st 2006. Agreed unanimously.
- 13. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 03.07.06 |
| Parish Lands Committee | 05.07.06 – Stanlake Pavilion |
| Finance Committee | 11.07.06 |
- 14. Date of next meeting 18th July 2006**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.09 pm

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.