

**Twyford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council**

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

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

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

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Dr M Garrard
3. **Election of Chairman** – Mr D Hymers – nominated by Mrs L Dane, seconded by Mr J Jarvis. No other nominations. Mr Hymers elected unanimously.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Mr R Mantel – nominated by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr C Smith. No other nominations. Mr Mantel elected unanimously.
5. **Appointment of Councillors to Committees** – all councillors present wish to stay on the same committees (list attached) – agreed. The Clerk to contact the councillors not at the meeting and confirm they wish to remain on the same committees.
6. **Appointment of Council Representatives** – The following representatives were proposed and agreed.  
BALC and District/Parish Conference-Mr Mantel and Mr Hymers (share)  
Ruscombe Parish Council-Mrs Dane  
Loddon Hall/TRCA- Mr D Hymers  
Age Concern-Mrs Jean Smith  
Hurst Consolidated Charity-Mr Mantel  
Village Centre Management Initiative- Mr Hymers  
North Parishes Area Youth Committee- Mr Jarvis  
The Clerk to confirm Mrs Smith is prepared to continue.
7. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006** Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr J Jarvis – approved unanimously.
9. **Matters Arising** –
  - 9.1 The Clerk to circulate the current version of Standing Orders to councillors on e-mail. Completed.
  - 9.2 The Clerk to put graffiti on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
  - 9.3 The Clerk to inform Hurst Charities that the appointed representative is Mr R Mantel. Completed.
10. **Approval of External Audit Report** – Details of Audit Report discussed. Proposed Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, seconded Mr J Jarvis to approve the External Audit Report – agreed unanimously.
11. **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway was unable to attend and asked the clerk to report the following. Nothing additional to report following his report at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. All items raised at that meeting are being followed up.
12. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- Mrs Bulman reported on the following: the election of officers has been postponed to the next meeting but she will continue as the representative to attend Twyford PC meetings. Residents are unhappy about the proposed location for the vehicle activated signs in New Rd and following a further survey it has been decided not to install them, the London Rd, New Rd junction has been re-aligned to improve safety and the Banner Homes application for 14 dwellings on land at the rear of 122-

130 London Rd Ruscombe is due to be discussed at the next WDC planning meeting where she thinks the recommendation is for it to be refused.

### **13. Reports:**

**13.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 02.05.06**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including: the planning applications for Montreal Terrace, 122-130 London Rd and the Grove. The appeal relating to 52 London Rd has been dismissed and she has had discussion with the enforcement officer regarding the work carried out on Mulberry Mead where the developer has been told the work exceeds permitted development rights and planning application needs to be made. Papers have been received to nominate an officer for a Community Policing Award but it was agreed that there was no suitable nominee.

**13.2 Parish Lands Committee 03.05.06** – Mr Bowley reported on the meeting including: introduction of the Clean Neighbourhoods Act, which will affect the operation of the Park Warden in relation to dog fouling. The proposed skate park on KGVR was discussed and in view of the high annual running costs further information has been requested on the level of support from local young persons. The new and old stiles at Stanlake Meadow were discussed and it was agreed to take no action about the new stile and obtain prices to replace the old stile in Stanlake Lane. A request has been received to install a mobile phone mast on KGVR and a meeting is being arranged with the consultants handling this.

**13.3 Finance Committee 09.05.06** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including: It was decided not to take up the offer for a meeting with officers from WDC as there is nothing significant to discuss at present. A meeting may be arranged in the future if an urgent issue arises. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that they make no comment on the application for Street Trading Consent for Dave's Whippy ice cream van. Agreed 7 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 Grant of £125 to the Berkshire County Blind Society. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full council to make a Section 137 Grant of £600 to the Twyford and District Play Association. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a loan of £10,000 at nil interest and repayable over 5 years to 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scouts towards the cost of rebuilding the scout hut. Agreed 11 for, 1 abstention.

**13.4 Annual Parish Meeting 11.05.06** – Minutes of the meeting discussed and approved. The following actions were agreed on the questions raised by parishioners. 8.1 referred to Planning and Amenities Committee, 8.5 The Clerk to ask for an update on the information relating to Safer Routes to School, 8.7 referred to Planning and Amenities Committee, 8.8 and 8.9 referred to Parish Lands Committee.

**13.5 TVCMI** – nothing to report.

**13.6 Other Representatives reports** – Youth Workers report for March and April. Noted. Mrs S Harriott-Kerr reported that youths are congregating outside the shops in Longfield Rd during the evening. Agreed the Clerk to raise this with the police and the youth worker.

Mr D Hymers reported on a recent meeting of the Loddon Hall Council. There have been problems with the roof windows, they have a need for more licence holders for the social club where they have experienced problems with under age persons entering and refusing to leave. They are waiting for a quote from BT regarding a broadband connection for the CCTV monitoring and for British Gas to sort out a maintenance contract so the radiator controls can be rectified. They are planning to refurbish the kitchen.

**13.7 Clerk's report-** The managing agents for Apsley House have agreed to pay to have the graffiti removed. Details of the proposed changes to the charging

structure for post have been received and there are no significant implications for the council.

**14. Councillors Questions – none.**

**15. Correspondence –**

15.1 WDC Annual Meeting of the Council 18.05.06 – noted.

15.2 WDC Meeting of the Audit Committee 18.05.06 – noted.

15.3 WDC offer to send text message to nominated mobiles giving information on emergencies or severe weather warnings. Agreed the Clerk nominates the council mobile to receive this information.

**16. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 15.05.06**

Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mrs S Harriott-Kerr. Carried unanimously.

**17. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee 05.06.06

Parish Lands Committee 07.06.06

Finance Committee 13.16.16

Meet the Public 17.06.06

**Note: Volunteers required to attend the Meet the Public Meeting. Please notify the Clerk if you are available.**

**18. Date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

The meeting closed at 8.54 p.m.
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