

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17th January 2006, at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March, District Councillor Mr S Conway and two members of the press

1. **Public questions** – none
2. **Apologies**- Mr J Bowley, Mrs J Robinson and Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- none.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2005** Proposed Mr C Smith seconded Mr J Jarvis – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 Mrs Dane to seek clarification of the consultation on housing strategy from WDC. Completed
 - 5.2 The Clerk to make payment of grants to the Air Ambulance and Forwood. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to advice BALC that Mr R Mantel will be attending the SGM on 14.01.06. Completed.
6. **District Council Matters**- Mr S Conway reported on the following: He shares the council's concerns about the planning applications for 1-3 Westview Drive and 62-64 Wargrave Rd. The library re-location proposal is moving forward slowly. A bid has been made and a response is being waited for. There has been a delay in installing the second CCTV camera but this should be completed next week. He is involved in submitting two petitions to WDC. One relates to the un-adopted sewers in Wessex Gardens and Colleton Drive. The other relates to the installation of a CCTV camera on the station forecourt. Mrs Dane asked if the Tennis Club has been consulted about the planning application for 62-64 Wargrave Rd. Mr Conway would check. Mrs Dane also raised two points relating to planning. Firstly when planning enforcement matters are raised a quick initial response is received but nothing more is heard about action taken. Secondly when comments on planning applications are made by e-mail the method of acknowledging seems rather cumbersome and requires an attachment letter to be downloaded and viewed. Mr Conway will take these points up with WDC planning department.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**- No representative present. Mrs Dane reported that they have a meeting tonight to discuss progressing the Village Design Statement.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 03.01.06**– Mrs Dane reported on the meeting including: the concerns about the planning applications for 1-3 Westview Drive and 62-64 Wargrave Rd. There has been a meeting about the Police Neighbourhood Action Group, which was attended by Mr Jarvis. This will be reported on at a later meeting.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 04.01.06** – Mr Hymers reported on the meeting including: the proposal to consider a wild flower area adjacent to the copse in Stanlake Meadow and registration of council owned land with the Land Registry.
 - 8.3 **Finance Committee 10.01.06** – Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including: The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council not to make a section 137 grant to Age Concern. Agreed 10 for, 1 abstention. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £100 to

Relate. Agreed unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £1670.42 to WDC Youth Service. Agreed 10 for, 1 abstention. Item 11 Clerk's Remuneration. This will be deferred to the end of the meeting for discussion and Standing Order 66 will be applied.

8.4 TVCMI- nothing to report as no meeting has been held. Agreed the Clerk writes to the chairman of TVCMI to ask what is happening as no meetings have been held for some time.

8.5 Other Representatives reports –

Mobile Youth Provision – Aug to Nov 05 – noted.

Governors of Polehampton Infant School 07.11.05 – noted.

Governors of Colleton School – Mr Hymers reported that their OFSTED inspection is due this week.

Northern Area Youth Committee – Mr Jarvis reported that the committee is running smoothly and the youth workers are keeping control of the youth in the area.

8.6 Clerk's report- The Clerk reported that the gas cooker at Twycombe Lodge had been checked and had to be turned off, as it was unsafe to use. The engineer reported that due to its age and condition it would be uneconomic to repair. In view of this a replacement has been ordered at a cost of £304.94 Inc VAT. The Clerk to check if the council should supply a carbon monoxide detector for Twycombe Lodge.

9. Councillors Questions – None

10. District Parish Conference 8th March 2006. Questions have to be submitted for inclusion on the agenda by 27th January. Discussed and agreed the Clerk submits the following two questions. (1) When consultation documents are issued on various policies can revisions be marked to make it easier to see the changes that have been made? (2) When queries are raised with WDC, particularly relating to planning enforcement, a quick acknowledgement is received but there is no response received within the stated time scale. Why is this happening? (Samples to be enclosed to illustrate the point)

11. Correspondence –

11.1 Neighbourhood Policing Presentation 26th January - noted

11.2 CVA –WD Training. Counselling Course 31.01.06 – 28.02.06 - noted

12. Authorisation of payments – as detailed on list dated 17.01.06

Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mrs L Dane. Carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 06.02.06

Parish Lands Committee 08.02.06

Finance Committee 14.02.06

14. Date of next meeting 21st February 2006

15. Clerks Remuneration. The Chairman proposed that Standing Order 66 be applied, as this is a confidential item. The press and Clerk left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Council considered the request from the Clerk for a Staff Responsibility payment and voted by 9 votes to 2 against a proposal to alter the Clerk's contract in this respect.

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.
