

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16th January 2007 at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March, District Councillor Mr S Conway and 1 member of the press

1. **Public questions** – None.
2. **Apologies**- Mrs G Wright, Dr M Garrard, Mr J Jarvis, Mr J Fort and Mr N Crush.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2006.** Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mrs B Ditcham, approved unanimously
5. **Matters Arising** –
 - 5.1 Mr J Jarvis to raise the issue of traffic “jumping” the traffic lights at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Policing Committee. Mr Jarvis not present so carried forward.
 - 5.2 Mr Jarvis to draft a letter to the police about the secondment of PC S. Loudwell. Mr Jarvis not present so carried forward.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to follow up repairs to streetlights in the station footpath. Completed. Councillors to confirm if repairs have been carried out.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to contact WDC regarding the notice board at the station. Completed.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to put the map of the village at the station on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to put WDC Consultation on Future District Parish Communication Arrangements on the agenda of the January meeting. Completed
 - 5.7 The Clerk to send the Chairman’s letter to the Privy Council. Completed
 - 5.8 If appropriate, the Chairman to contact the press regarding the WDC application for borough status. Letter sent at 5.7 only acknowledged so no further action required at present
6. **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: He is disappointed the planning application for Mulberry Mead was approved by the full planning committee and has concerns about the retrospective planning application for 63 London Rd and the application for an additional property in Westview Drive. Efforts are continuing to get CCTV installed at the station. Following information that Lottery money may be available to provide library facilities he is seeking more local support for establishing a library on the J W Greens site. Agreed the Chairman drafts a letter of support from the Parish Council. Mr Conway also reported on the consultation about proposed changes to Social Care Services and the likely impact on local residents. Mrs Dane raised the changes in the method of notification of the outcome of planning applications by WDC, the delay in the consultation relating to Broad Hinton play area and errors in a road closure notice issued by WDC. Mr Conway will take these up with the appropriate departments in WDC. Mr Hymers asked if there was any further news about the WDC application for borough status. Mr Conway had nothing new to report on this.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs L Dane reported on the following: Historical investigations about the pond in Castle End Rd have found there was another pond located in the field opposite the end of Northbury Ave. They have received a planning application for two large Chinese lion statues in a front garden in London Rd. They expect their precept to rise by about 5%.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 02.01.07** Mrs L Dane reported on the meeting including the request, agreed by WDC, to have Loddon Hall Rd included in the pavement salting/snow clearance schedule and the stand of Japanese Knotweed mentioned in the report that has been received from Bell Cornwell relating to the

proposal to build a care village adjacent to Bridge House. She also reported on the WDC consultation document relating to the proposed changes to Social Care Services which details the changes to support that will be provided for the various categories listed. Consideration does not appear to have been given to the effect of the changes and there is concern about the quality of the assessments being carried out. There is also a danger that the proposed changes will be implemented before suitable alternative arrangements are put in place. Agreed Mrs Dane to draft comments for discussion at the Planning and Amenities Committee meeting on 5th February.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 03.01.07 Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the problems finding a contractor to renew the white lines on Loddon hall car park and the approval of the proposed landscaping scheme for the skate park on KGVR.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 09.01.07. Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the discussions relating to the precept for 2007/8. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 Grant of £175 to Henley CAB. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 Grant of £150 to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 Grant of £50 to Home Start Wokingham District. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 Grant of £100 to Relate. Carried unanimously.

8.4 Meet the Public 13.01.07. Mr Mantel and Mrs Ditcham reported on the meeting where a resident raised the following items. Parking in Wagtail Close, road safety in London Rd at the entrance to Waitrose car park and litter around the village. Another resident raised the problem of speeding in Wargrave Rd - referred to Planning and Amenities to consider an application for a speed activated sign, the nuisance caused by bonfires – referred to Mrs Dane to consider for an article in Twyford News and litter at various locations around the village – referred to Planning and Amenities.

8.5 Other Representatives reports –

8.5.1 Mobile Youth Provision– noted.

8.6 Clerk's report – When work was started on installing new equipment in the children's play area on KGVR it was found that the bases under the safety zones were in poor condition and required additional remedial work. This involved additional costs of £800 + VAT and the Clerk obtained authority from the Chairman under Standing Order 75 for this to be carried out.

9. Councillors Questions – None

10. WDC Consultation on Future District Parish Communication Arrangements. Proposals discussed. Agreed Mr R Mantel to draft a reply.

11 Correspondence

11.1 Letter from the Mayor of Earley Town Council relating to the WDC application for borough status. Agreed the Clerk to reply that the council are opposed to any changes that will incur costs.

12. Authorisation of payments – list dated 16.01.07. –. Proposed Mr J Bowley seconded Mr C Smith and carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.02.07
Parish Lands Committee	07.02.07
Finance Committee	13.02.07

14. Date of next meeting 20th February 2007

The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.