

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at 7.45 p.m.

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J March, and 1 member of the press

1. **Public questions** – None.
2. **Apologies**- Mrs B Ditcham, Dr M Garrard and Mr J Bowley.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**- None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2007.** Proposed Mrs L Dane seconded Mr C Smith, 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. To be raised at meeting on 28th February.
 - 5.2 Mr Jarvis to draft a letter to the police about the secondment of PC S. Loudwell. Carried forward.
 - 5.3 Councillors to check if the street lights on the path to the station have been repaired and inform the Clerk. Completed
 - 5.4 Mr Hymers to draft a letter to WDC supporting the library application. Completed and reply received.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to put speed activated sign for Wargrave Rd on the agenda of the February meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed
 - 5.6 The Clerk to put dealing with litter around the village on the agenda of the February meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
 - 5.7 Mrs Dane to consider an article on bonfires for Twyford News. Completed.
 - 5.8 Mr Mantel to draft a reply to the WDC Consultation on Future District Parish Communication Arrangements. Completed. Reply received asking if the council are in favour of a newsletter to keep them updated. Agreed a newsletter will be useful. The Clerk to reply to WDC.
 - 5.9 The Clerk to reply to the letter from the Mayor of Earley Town Council. Completed.
6. **District Council Matters**- District Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies. He asked for the following to be reported. There is now a good chance that a lottery bid will be made for lottery funding for library facilities. He is not sure if this will be just for Twyford or shared. Progress is slow on his efforts to get CCTV installed at the station. The new planning application for Mulberry Mead has been received and he is considering what action needs to be taken.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs L Dane reported on the following: the planning application for two large Chinese lion statues in a front garden in London Rd was refused. The chairman attended a meeting about the A4/London Rd junction. A number of alternative proposals were discussed one of which was a no right turn from London Rd, which would affect traffic in Twyford. The Clerk to write to WDC asking them to keep Twyford informed and asking to be invited to any future meetings.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 05.02.07** Mr Jarvis reported on the meeting including the stand of Japanese Knotweed mentioned in the report relating to the proposal to build a care village adjacent to Bridge House. Mr Fort reported he has seen other stands to the West of the village. He will check the locations and pass the information to the Clerk to report to the authorities. Mr Jarvis also reported on the WDC Highway Policy meeting where speed limits were discussed and the need for consistency in their application was emphasised. There are proposals to introduce variable speed limits outside schools. A request has been submitted for a vehicle activated speed sign in Wargrave Rd. The planning application for 63 London Rd was objected to due to concerns about over development of the site. Mrs Robinson

asked how speed limits are decided for various roads. Mr Jarvis explained the consultation that is taking place to try to make all speed limits consistent with the road conditions.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.02.07 Mr B Rogers reported on the meeting including the committees gratitude for the excellent work being carried out by the Village Ranger and that the work has now been completed in the children's play area on KGVR. It was discussed how to overcome the problem of access while the grass is re-establishing itself in the area around the equipment. Agreed a temporary path of paving slabs to be constructed. The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to carry this out. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full council to accept the quote for £327.92 + VAT to renew the white lines on Loddon Hall car park. Carried unanimously. Mrs Dane asked about progress on the skate park. Mr Hymers explained he and Mr Bowley are to attend a meeting on 22.02.07 to discuss this.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 13.02.07. Mr Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council not to make a section 137 Grant to Wokingham Job Support Centre. Carried unanimously.

8.4 Other Representatives reports –

8.4.1 Meeting of Governors of Polehampton Infant School – noted.

8.4.2 Loddon Hall Council Meeting – the work is now completed in the kitchen, the gas heating installation is being overhauled, the next project is to refurbish the toilets and the new caretaker has settled in very well.

8.5 Clerk's report – There has been a graffiti attack on Stanlake Pavilion. The Clerk has obtained a quote from the cleaning contractor of £450 - £500 to have it removed. Approval agreed unanimously for the Clerk to spend up to £500 for the removal of the graffiti. The Clerk has arranged for the election nomination papers to be sent to him to save candidates having to go to Wokingham.

9. Precept 2007/8. Proposed precept of £55,300 agreed unanimously.

10. Annual Parish meeting 25.04.07. Agreed the meeting agenda to be the same format as in previous years. Mrs Dane to ask the church to provide refreshments.

11. Councillors Questions – Mrs Dane asked if there was any information available about the proposal, reported in the local newspaper, to establish a fire station in Twyford. The Clerk reported he has not received any information about this. Agreed the Clerk writes to Berkshire Fire Brigade asking to be kept informed.

12 Correspondence

12.1 Enjoy England – Celebrate St George's Day – noted.

12.2 WDC Governor Vacancies – noted.

12.3 WDC Minutes of Committee Meetings 17.01.07 – 07.02.07 – noted.

12.4 WDC Meeting of the Council 22.02.07 – noted

12.5 WDC Medium Term Financial Plan – noted.

12.6 WDC Community Conference – noted.

12.7 TVCMI Meeting about Skate Park project on 22.02.07. Mr Hymers outlined the items to be discussed and reported that he and Mr Bowley will be attending

13. Authorisation of payments – list dated 20.02.07. Note transaction 251 relates to the capital expenditure on the children's play area. It was confirmed that the work had been completed to the satisfaction of the Lands Committee so this item of expenditure could be authorised. –. Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Mr C Smith and carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 05.03.07

Parish Lands Committee 07.03.07

Finance Committee 13.03.07

Meet the Public 17.03.07 Mrs Dane and Mr Jarvis to attend.

15. Date of next meeting 20th March 2007

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.