

Twyford Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 19th June 2007 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers [Chairman], Messrs, R.Mantel, C.Smith, B.Rogers, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, Mrs K Peck and Ms S Doughty (co-opted from item 6)

In attendance: Mr. S. Conway and one member of the press.

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs. S Harriott-Kerr and Mrs. B. Ditcham.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2007** – proposed by Mr. J Jarvis, seconded by Mr C Smith - approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
The Clerk to reply to Berkshire Fire Service regarding offer to attend meeting.

Completed.

The Clerk to report the potholes in Springfield Park to WBC. Completed. Mr Jarvis reported that the filling has sunk and the potholes need refilling. The Clerk to contact WBC.

The Clerk to place CCTV at Stanlake on the agenda of the next Parish Lands Committee meeting. Completed.

Councillors to inform the Clerk if they wish to have their e-mail addresses published. Completed.

The Clerk to place list of councillors on the notice boards. Waiting for result of tonight's possible co-option.

The Clerk to place vacancy notices on the notice boards. Completed.

The Clerk to reply to Loddon District Scouts regarding the invitation to attend their AGM. Completed.

6. **Co-option of Councillors.** Ms S Doughty has expressed an interest in joining the Council. Details of her CV have been circulated to councillors and there were no questions raised. A ballot was taken and Ms S Doughty was co-opted. She signed her declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting from this point.

7. **Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following.

Mulberry Mead has been resolved and the remedial work is now complete. The new application for 63 London Road does not resolve the situation and enforcement action is being considered. At 36 New Rd the new property has been built too near the front of the site, which affects the proposed parking, arrangements and he is in discussions with the planning officer. The highways inspector at WBC has been contacted about the condition of the road surface in Springfield Park. It is hoped to have a meeting with residents about parking in Waltham Rd and Station Rd. Further discussions have been held with the WBC Education Officer about school admissions and it is hoped to increase the capacity of local schools. There are on-going discussions about the proposed Children's Centre and he has suggested the use of JW Greens if the library proposal goes ahead. There are continuing rumours about a large-scale development off London Rd Ruscombe and he has arranged a meeting with Jim Dunning WBC Planning Officer to discuss this.

Mr Hymers asked if there has been any discussion about a name for the Mulberry Mead development. Mr Conway will investigate.

8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mr C Smith reported on their last meeting where most of the discussion was about the possibility of a development off London Rd. The Ruscombe Chairman has asked to attend the next Twyford Planning and Amenities Committee to discuss this.

9. Reports:

9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 04.06.07. Mr. Jarvis reported on the following. Planning applications for 63 London Rd, 32 Malvern Way and 48 Wargrave Rd, the request from the police for volunteers to carry out various tasks and the proposed consultation on the Broad Hinton play area. Mr Rogers asked what facilities the proposed Children's Centre would provide. Mrs Peck replied that no details are available at present but a planning application should be submitted in the near future.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 06.06.07 Mr. J. Bowley reported on the following. The proposed signs to Millennium Garden, the investigations for soil contamination at KGVR prior to construction of the skate park and the proposal to consider CCTV for Stanlake Pavilion on the advice of the Police Crime Reduction Officer. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Alda Landscapes for £2600 + VAT to clear and level space for more allotments at Hurst Rd - agreed by a unanimous vote.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 12.06.07 Mr Mantel reported on the following. A letter has been received from the Twyford Summer Play Scheme indicating it will not be run any more. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to pay telephone bills to BT by direct debit to avoid their proposed surcharge for paying by cheque. The same controls used for cheque payments regarding checking and reporting will apply. Agreed 7 for, 1 abstention. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £600 to Readibus. Agreed 7 for, 1 against. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £300 to Keep Mobile. Agreed by a unanimous vote.

9.4 Meet the Public 16.06.07. Mr Smith reported that a resident had raised concerns about the speeding in London Rd, the grass at the edge of the tennis courts needs strimming and dog fouling on KGVR. The Clerk to check the grass at the tennis courts and the dog fouling referred to Parish Lands.

9.5 Other representatives Reports. Mrs Smith has replied to the Clerk indicating that she wishes to step down as the council representative for Age Concern. Mrs Ditcham has agreed to take on this role if required. Agreed Mrs Ditcham is the council representative for Age Concern. The Clerk to reply to Mrs Smith thanking her for carrying out this role.

Mr Hymers read out a message from Debbie Coleman Youth Worker detailing proposed changes to the deployment of the Youth Trailer. The Clerk to check details of the proposals.

Mr Smith reported on a meeting to discuss the future of WBC Highways Board. Items discussed were the need to give the board more power to decide on small issues, more frequent meetings and better communications with parish councils on items affecting their area. Agreed Mr Smith becomes the council representative to the Highways Board.

9.6 Clerk's Report Morris Dancers have requested permission to perform in Wellington Square on 30th June. The Clerk has spoken to WBC and Waitrose to arrange permission. The Village Ranger is about to take annual leave for 2 weeks and there is nobody available to cover his duties although the Clerk has arranged for the Park Warden to empty rubbish bins and report any problems. Agreed the Clerk contacts neighbouring councils to see if they can provide any assistance. The council's mobile

phone is faulty and keeps cutting out. Agreed the Clerk can spend up to £100 to purchase a replacement.

10 Councillors' Questions

Mrs Peck asked what was happening about the question raised by a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the road crossing on the London Rd entrance to Waitrose Car Park. Referred to Planning and Amenities.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Polehampton Junior School – invite to Polehampton Day Celebrations. Noted.

11.2 Children First Partnership News – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.3 CVA –WD Admin request for comments on draft LSP Partnership Agreement. Discussed and agreed no comments to be made.

11.4 CCB Invite to attend a conference on Saving the Planet. Noted.

12 Authorisation of Payments. Revised list dated 19.06.07 circulated. Authorisation proposed by Mr. J. Jarvis and seconded by Mr. J Bowley agreed unanimously.

13. Clerk's Remuneration. Confidential discussion under Standing Order no 66.

The Chairman asked the member of the press to leave the meeting due to the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed and the Clerk also left during discussion of this item. Agreed unanimously to accept the **RECOMMENDATION** from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of 12th June to advance the Clerk's salary two points on the salary scale to SCP28 with effect from 1st July 2007.

14. Dates of Meetings

Planning and Amenities Committee	02.07.07
Parish Lands Committee	04.07.07 (Stanlake Pavilion)
Finance Committee	10.07.07

15. Date of next meeting – 17th July 2007

The meeting closed at 9. 30pm.