

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs C.Smith, B.Rogers, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, J Rowe, N Crush, Mrs K Peck, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Ms S Doughty

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Conway, one member of the press, Miss Clayre La Trobe and one member of the public.

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – R.Mantel and Mrs. B. Ditcham.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2007** – proposed by J Jarvis seconded by C Smith - approved unanimously.

5. **Matters arising and action points**

Mr Mantel to discuss the incident at the railway station with the police. Completed.

The Clerk to ask District Councillor S Conway about mobile CCTV at the station. Mr Conway will give information on this in his report to the council.

The Clerk to nominate councillors for BALC training – completed.

6. **Appointment of Councillors** Clayre La Trobe has expressed an interest in joining the council. A copy of her CV has been sent to councillors and Clayre has attended the various committee meetings this month to see what they deal with. Proposed Mrs K Peck seconded Mr J Jarvis and carried unanimously that Clayre be co-opted on to the council. Miss La Trobe signed her acceptance of office and participated in the rest of the meeting. She has attended all three council committees and expressed a wish to join all three. Agreed unanimously.

7. **Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: He has spoken to WBC and their temporary CCTV unit will be employed on the station forecourt at appropriate times. The planning application for the proposed Children's Centre at Colleton School will be considered at the next meeting on 26th September following a site visit and a planning application has been made for an Italian restaurant at J W Greens. He has had a meeting with residents of Springfield Park about traffic using it as a cut through and discussed possible traffic calming measures with the highways department at WBC. He has also had discussion with them about a pedestrian crossing at the top end of Wargrave Rd to enable schoolchildren to cross to use the footbridge over the A4. A meeting has been held with residents regarding parking in the centre of the village. Following an increase in the allocation of the number of houses to be built in the WBC area he will be asking WBC to push the government for an early release of the land at Arborfield Garrison to ease the situation.

8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman reported on their last meeting when the green belt area, survey on veteran trees and the waiting list for Age Concern were discussed. They have received an award for the village ponds and work on the Village Design Statement is on hold pending work being carried out by WBC planning department.

9. **Reports:**

- 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 06.08.07 and 03.09.07.** Mr Jarvis reported on the following for the August meeting: Planning applications for 7 Station Rd, Haweli Tandoori, Loddon Park Farm, 27 Orchard Estate, 15 London Rd and the proposed Children's Centre at Colleton School. For the September meeting he reported on the following: Planning applications for the Tennis Club, 24 Waltham Rd and 25 London Rd. A request from Hurstlane to make a presentation about the proposed Bridge House development was refused as it could create a precedent for other developers.

The Broad Hinton play area has still not been resolved and the Jubilee Clock has developed a fault on the side facing the High St.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.09.07 Mr. J Bowley reported on the following. The clearance work has been carried out at the allotments and the additional plots let. A high water bill has been received for London Road allotments. The tenant responsible for this has been identified and billed. The equipment for the ball and skate park on KGVR has now been ordered.

The Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Style Windows for £1190 + VAT to replace the broken patio door in Twycombe Lodge. Carried unanimously.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 11.09.07 Mr Crush reported on the meeting. The details for the Parish Council on the village web site will be updated. Councillors need to advise the Clerk if they will be attending the Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11th November. There are a number of questions to be raised about the Annual Report from The Polehampton Charities. Mr B Rogers asked when would this information be available. The Clerk replied he has to wait for a reply to his letter. The Clerk to let Mr Rogers have sight of the report.

The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that Broadband from BT be installed for the Clerk's use. The cost is £21.99 a month for a 12-month contract. If the council signs up for Business Reward 200 for the telephone service the existing terms are retained, there is no minimum contract period and if the total spend exceeds £200 in the next 12 months there will be one month free for both line rental and call charges. Carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 Grant Of £350 to the Twyford and Wargrave Volunteer Centre. Carried unanimously.

9.4 Meet the Public 15.09.07 – Ms S Doughty was present but no members of the public attended.

9.5 Other representatives Reports.

Age Concern – Minutes of AGM – noted.

Governing Body of Polehampton Infant School – noted.

9.6 Clerk's Report. Willmet Solicitors Woodley has been briefed to prepare the certificate of title required for KGVR in association with the lottery grant for the skate park. The new seat has been ordered for the children's play area. The gate stop on the pedestrian gate to KGVR by Twycombe Lodge has been removed again. The Clerk and Ranger have established who was doing this and why. The stop has been refitted and the spring tension adjusted to reduce the noise when the gate closes.

10 Councillors' Questions. Mr C Smith raised the situation regarding membership of the Neighbourhood Action Group where Twyford currently only has one representative. Mrs K Peck suggested an article about this is put in the spring edition of Twyford News. Mr J Jarvis to provide. Ms S Doughty asked about the Veteran Tree Project. The Chairman outlined details of the scheme. The Clerk to copy details about a proposed talk on "The Ancient Tree Hunt" to Ms Doughty.

11. Revised Code of Conduct – Resolution "That Twyford Parish Council adopts the model code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2)". Carried unanimously.

12. Correspondence -

12.1 WBC Town and Parish News July and August editions - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.2 BALC training on Local Government Bill – details circulated on e-mail. Noted

12.3 WBC Borough Alert Website – details circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.4 Invite from Mayor of WBC to banquet on 21st September – details circulated. Noted.

12.5 CVA-WD Celebrate Age Week – circulated on e-mail – Noted.

13. Authorisation of Payments. List dated 18.09.07 circulated. Authorisation proposed by Mr J Jarvis and seconded by Mr J Bowley agreed unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.10.07
Parish Lands Committee	03.10.07
Finance Committee	09.10.07

15. Date of next meeting –16th October 2007

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.