

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

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

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs R.Mantel, C.Smith, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, N Crush, Mrs K Peck, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs. B. Ditcham, Miss C La Clayre and Ms S Doughty

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk and one member of the press.

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – None
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2007** – proposed by J Jarvis seconded by C Smith - approved 10 for, 1 abstention.
5. **Matters arising and action points**

Councillors to advise the Clerk if they will be attending the Remembrance Day service. Completed. The Clerk to reserve pews in the church.

The Clerk to let Mr B Rogers see the Polehampton Charities Annual Report. Completed.

Mr Jarvis to provide an article about the Neighbourhood Action Group for the spring issue of Twyford News. Carried forward.

The Clerk to copy details of the proposed “Ancient Tree Hunt” talk to Ms S Doughty. Completed.

6. **Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to report on the following: There is no news on the Lottery Grant for the library. He is following this up, as an announcement should have been made by now. He will be attending the Planning Committee meeting on 17th October to express his concerns about the proposed Children’s Centre at Colleton School. District Councillor Keith Baker has been contacted regarding progress on the request for a pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Road for children going to Piggott School.

7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mr Smith reported on their last meeting when the survey on veteran trees was discussed.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 01.10.07 Mr Jarvis reported on the planning applications received and approvals given. Residents parking schemes and the reappearance of graffiti at the back of Waitrose were also discussed. He will be attending the Planning Committee meeting on 17th October to put the committee’s comments about the planning application for the proposed Children’s Centre at Colleton School. He is concerned that additional information about parking arrangements, proposed transport methods and the possibility of a second centre that are included in the notes with the agenda for the meeting have not been copied to the council for comment.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 03.10.07 Mr. J Bowley reported on the following. Mr Loyd from Friends of Ruscombe Wood (Forwood) has mentioned that the Hazel Copse at Hurst Rd allotments should be coppiced in the near future and the Clerk has been asked to see if Forwood can carry this out. Work will be starting on the construction of the Skate and Ball Park in November. There seems to be some doubt about the CCTV and lighting so the point has been reiterated to WBC that these must be completed before the council will take over responsibility for the skate and ballparks. The Scouts request to hold their annual Donkey Derby on KGVR in June 2008 has been approved. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from J & W Services for £2765 to replace the kitchen in Twycombe Lodge. Carried unanimously.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 09.10.07 Mr Mantel reported on the meeting. The details for budget expenditure and capital statement to 30th September have been circulated there are no items requiring further examination. Details of the proposed changes to Standing Orders were explained. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to approve the proposed changes. Carried unanimously. Details of the proposed meeting dates for 2008 have been circulated. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to approve the list of dates. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 grant of £500 to TVCMI. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a Section 137 Grant of £235 to the Wokingham and District CAB. Carried unanimously.

8.4 WBC Town and Parish Conference 10.10.07 – Mr J Jarvis and Mr D Hymers reported on this meeting. Disappointment was expressed that it was a series of presentations on the achievements, aims and objectives of WBC rather than a conference, which allowed full participation from delegates. The presentation on Section 106 funding emphasised the need to have a Village Design Statement to be able to gain the full benefit of Section 106 contributions. Town and Parish representation was quite low.

8.5 Other representatives Reports.

Mr D Hymers and Mrs B Ditcham reported on a recent meeting of TVCMI, which did not appear to have a clear objective. There was a presentation from a representative of SEEDA, which mentioned the possibility of grant funding linked to a Village Design Statement. TVCMI could possibly initiate the production of this if they can recruit enough volunteers. Miss C La Trobe suggested if there was a local threat such as building on open spaces more local people could be galvanised into action. Another meeting is proposed in the near future and the Chairman collected names from persons who may be interested in forming a new committee.

8.6 Clerk's Report. Nothing to report.

9. Councillors' Questions. Miss C La Trobe asked about the request to submit draft priorities for consideration for inclusion in the Local Area Agreement. It was suggested the construction of a new library could be included. After some discussion it was agreed that Miss C La Trobe and Mrs K Peck submit draft priorities on behalf of the council. Mrs S Harriott –Kerr raised a problem of name-calling and racial abuse that she had recently experienced from local youths. She was advised to report the incident to the local police and the appropriate department in WBC. Mrs Peck agreed to raise this with the Area Youth Committee. Mrs C La Trobe asked if the council could consider a Village Design Statement. Agreed the Clerk to put it on the agenda of the next Planning and Amenities Committee meeting.

10. Correspondence -

10.1 WBC Town and Parish News September edition - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.2 WBC invite to attend Environment Team Induction - details circulated on e-mail.

The Clerk to reply with details of councillors who have asked to attend.

10.3 WBC declaring an interest flowchart - details circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.4 Police poster about Halloween. Noted

10.5 Notice of BALC AGM. Noted Mr Mantel agreed to attend.

10.6 VAWB Request for draft targets for Local Area Agreement – discussed under item 9.

10.7 WBC Meeting about Black History Month 19.10.07. Noted.

11. Authorisation of Payments. List dated 16.10.07 circulated. Authorisation proposed by MS S Doughty and seconded by Mr J Bowley carried unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.11.07
Parish Lands Committee	07.11.07
Finance Committee	13.11.07
Meet the Public	17.11.07

Mr J Jarvis and Miss C La Trobe to attend.

13. Date of next meeting – 20th November. 2007

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.