

**Twyford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at 7.45p.m.

**Present:** Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs R.Mantel, J. Jarvis, J.Bowley, M Shepherd, Mrs K Peck, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, and Ms S Doughty. Mr C.Smith from item 7

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, District Councillor Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman Ruscombe PC and Mr S Clark.

1. **Public Questions** – none.
2. **Apologies** – Mr J Rowe, Mrs. B. Ditcham, Mr N Crush and Miss C La Trobe.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007** – proposed by J Jarvis seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr - approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

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

The Clerk to put the items raised at the Meet the Public meeting on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.

The Clerk to arrange for the bath tap at Twycombe Lodge to be replaced. Completed.

The Clerk to write to District Councillor Frank Browne about the library. Completed.

The Clerk to put notices on Stanlake Pavilion on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee. Completed.

The Clerk to write to Comets about parents parking on the footpath in Waltham Rd. Completed.

The Clerk to report the missing rubbish bin to WBC. Completed.

Councillors to contact Mr Mantel if they are interested in the vacancy for a trustee on Hurst Charities. No interest shown to date.

6. **Co-option of Councillor** – Mr Scott Clark has expressed an interest in joining the council and his details have been circulated to councillors. Mr Clark was co-opted on to the council by a unanimous vote. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took part in the rest of the meeting. He expressed a preference to join the Planning and Amenities Committee, which was agreed.
7. **Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: He has had discussion with WBC Head of Library Services about possible ways forward for Twyford and he has asked for the low rating on social service provision by WBC to be debated by the council. Further contact has been made with Borough Councillor Baker about highways matters and he is still waiting to hear how the conditions relating to the planning approval for the Children's Centre at Colleton School will be met. Following the cut of the Youth Mobile Provision without any consultation he has asked for the decision to be reconsidered and he has raised issues about rubbish and the uneven pavement at Longfield Rd shops. As they were without a borough councillor he has assisted Ruscombe PC on a number of planning issues. The village Christmas event was well supported by both business and residents.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs C Bulman reported on their last meeting. There are still issues relating to a planning application for a development off London Rd with access from Northbury Avenue. They had a presentation on highways matters from Borough Councillor Keith Baker and they are considering changing the lamps in their street lighting to a more efficient type. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December a plaque is to be unveiled in St James Church to commemorate the gentleman who has wound the clock for the past 50 years. They now have a full complement of councillors.

**9. Reports:**

**9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.12.07** Mr Jarvis reported on meeting including the planning applications received, refusals and approvals given. The bench in London Rd opposite Polehampton Infants School is to be replaced. First Great Western has agreed to reinstate peak time services in its new timetable. Final figures for submission in the precept were agreed.

**9.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.12.07.** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the new tenancy agreement for Twycombe Lodge and the problems delaying the start of the skate park project. Mr C Smith asked about item 11.1 - the decision not to put notices on Stanlake Pavilion and Mr Bowley outlined the reasons for this.

**9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 06.12.07** Mr Mantel reported on the meeting including the discussions relating to the 2008/9 precept.

**9.4 Other representatives Reports.** - Report from the Governors of Polehampton Infants School – noted.

**9.5 Clerk's Report.** – The resident in Sycamore Drive who has been asked to trim their hedge in the footpath next to the Roman Catholic Church has requested the footpath be closed while this is carried out. The Clerk has arranged to borrow signs from WBC and the footpath will be closed on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December for the morning.

**10. Councillors' Questions.** None.

**11. Correspondence -**

11.1 WBC Town and Parish News November edition - circulated on e-mail. Noted

11.2 BALC Councillor Training - circulated on e-mail. Councillors to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend.

11.3 Westminster Briefing Conference – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

**12. Authorisation of payments** – approval of expenditure on list dated 11.12.07 proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mr J Bowley and carried unanimously.

**13. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	07.01.08
Parish Lands Committee	09.01.08
Finance Committee	15.01.08
Meet the Public	12.01.08

**14. Date of next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.**

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Please note:** The date for the next Meet the Public meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 was inadvertently omitted from the last agenda and as a result no volunteers were sought at the meeting. Volunteers will be requested at the committee meetings in January.