

Twyford Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 19th February 2008 at 7.45p.m.
Present: R Mantel (Vice-Chairman) Messrs J Jarvis, M Shepherd, N Crush, C Smith, S Clark, J Bowley, Mrs K Peck, Mrs B Ditcham, Ms S Doughty, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Miss C La Trobe.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, District Councillor Mr S Conway, one member of the press and 4 members of the public

1. Public Questions – Members of the public, who are residents of Wagtail Close, raised their concerns about the parking problems they are experiencing. Commuters park cars in the close all day and sometimes block access for delivery vehicles, service vehicles and residents. They have taken this up with WBC and Councillor Stephen Conway and would like support from the Parish Council. Agreed the Clerk puts this on the agenda of the next Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. Parish Councillor Mr C Smith who lives in Springfield Park to liaise with the Wagtail Close residents regarding a petition.

2. Apologies – Mr. D. Hymers.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2008 - amended to include apologies from Mr M shepherd and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr – proposed by Mrs K Peck seconded by Mr C Smith - approved 11 for, 1 abstention.

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 – to be supplied by 22nd February.

The Clerk to write to WBC about the issues relating to the uneven road surface in Station Rd. Completed.

The Clerk to write to Mrs Dowell informing her about the action being taken on point 2. Completed.

The Clerk to investigate why the Loddon Hall Council meeting did not take place on 16.01.08. A Loddon Hall Council member has spoken to Mr Hymers.

The Clerk to put records of key holders on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee. Completed.

The Clerk to circulate the information and questionnaire about the proposed change of status of Piggott School to councillors and put this on the agenda of the next meeting. Completed.

The Clerk to inform WBC the council does not wish to have sponsorship of village name signs. Completed.

The Clerk to put the Annual Conference on the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Completed.

Letter to WBC regarding an update on the request for a new library. The Clerk has not had a reply from Councillor Dianne King as promised so he has sent a follow up letter.

6. Borough Council Matters – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: His motion on the provision of social care services was discussed at the last WBC Full Council Meeting but was voted down. He has also raised the young persons petition about the skate park, traffic calming measures for Springfield Park and the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Rd for Piggott School pupils. District Councillor Keith Baker has responded saying he is in discussion with parish councils about the pedestrian crossing. No contact has been made with Twyford to date. Agreed the Clerk puts this on the agenda of the next Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. The following planning applications are being considered. The additional house at 86-94 Wargrave Rd and the Station Footbridge where new plans

are to be submitted. He is in discussion with library services about a new library and has raised a petition to send to WBC. He understands the J W Greens site is back on the market. Agreed the Clerk puts the provision on new library facilities on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee meeting.

7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** – Mr C Smith reported that they have decided to agree to the proposed changes to the London Rd /A4 junction providing no other alteration is made later.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 04.02.08 Mr J Jarvis reported on meeting including the planning applications received, refusals and approvals given. The consultation about adding additional capacity at Heathrow Airport was discussed and the committee does not agree to any proposals for increased flights that will lead to planes flying lower and creating more noise over the village. A suggestion to make the village plastic bag free was discussed and Mr Hymers was asked to take this forward to the TVCMI meeting. A litter pick is planned for 28th June and details will be circulated nearer the event. The problem of parking in Wagtail Close was discussed and Mr C Smith has raised it at a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group. Mrs S Harriott-Kerr asked about the Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Mr Jarvis gave details what they were. They do not relate to residents of Twyford. Mr Jarvis also reported that he understands the Youth Mobile Unit will be in operation again from the beginning of April.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 06.02.08. Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including the proposal to get prices for layering the hedge adjacent to Stanlake Meadow in Waltham Rd, the installation of dog fouling notices on the recreation grounds and the follow up action that the Park Warden has been asked to take. Permission has been given to the cricket club to install the storage container currently adjacent to the Scout HQ on Stanlake Meadow. With regard to the skate park the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to accept the revised landscaping and tree planting proposals as detailed in Groundworks drawing no GWK/LD815/02B Revision C dated Jan 08. Agreed unanimously. Mrs K Peck then gave details of the latest information on the lighting scheme which will cost about £27,000 and the Clerk gave details of the cost to reinforce the base of the ball park where a contingency sum of £10,000 had been allowed but the initial quotes have been about £30,000. WBC has indicated they may have to come back to the Parish Council to ask them to reconsider the location of the ballpark.

8.3 Other representatives Reports. - Mr C Smith reported on a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group. Another PCSO is due to be trained in Mid March and then Jacqui Daniels, the existing PCSO, will cover just Twyford and Ruscombe. The police have asked if they can have a presence at the Meet the Public meeting. Agreed. The Clerk to give details of the dates and times to the police. In Mr Hymers absence the Clerk read out written reports from him on the General Meeting of TVCMI held on 13.02.08 and the AGM of the Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association held on 05.02.08. Noted.

8.4 Clerk's Report. – The Clerk requested to attend a regional briefing meeting of the Society of Local Clerks at a cost of £45. Agreed.

9. Resolution submitted by Mrs K Peck “ That the Parish Council considers making a donation to the Ball Court and Skate Park project on KGVR”. In view of the current uncertainty about the total cost of the project Mrs Peck withdrew this resolution.

10. Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting – Draft circulated on e-mail. Proposed version agreed. To be printed on pink paper.

- 11. Proposed change of status for Piggott School.** Details discussed. Proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr C Smith that the Parish council does not reply to the questionnaire. For 3, against 7 and 2 abstentions. Motion lost. Proposed Mr J Jarvis seconded Ms S Doughty that the Parish Council votes in favour of the change. For 2, against 7 and 3 abstentions. Motion lost. Proposed Mrs S Harriott-Kerr seconded Mr S Clark that the Parish Council votes against the proposal. For 6, against 2 and 4 abstentions. Motion carried. The Clerk to complete and return the questionnaire.
- 12. Refusal of Mrs K Peck's Membership Application for Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association.** The background to this was discussed and noted.
- 13. Councillors Questions - None**
- 14 Correspondence -**
- 14.1 WBC Town and Parish News January – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 14.2 VAWB Voluntary Action News – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 14.3 WBC Stronger Communities Partnership – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 14.4 Wokingham Local Area Agreement – GOSE Business Critical targets – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 14.5 WBVSF Invite to Community Lunch – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 14.6 WBSP Briefing – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 15. Authorisation of payments – see enclosed list.** Revised list dated 19.02.08. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley. Approved unanimously.
- 16. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 03.03.08 |
| Parish Lands Committee | 05.03.08 |
| Finance Committee | 11.03.08 |
| Meet the Public | 15.03.02 |
- Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Smith agreed to attend the Meet the Public meeting and Mrs B Ditcham agreed to be reserve.
- 17. Date of next meeting – 18th March 2008**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.