

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs R Mantel, J Jarvis, M Shepherd, N Crush, C Smith, S Clark, J Bowley, B Rogers, Mrs K Peck, Ms S Doughty, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr. In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, Borough Councillor Mr S Conway, Mr N Shaw WBC and two members of the press.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies –Mrs B Ditcham and Miss C La Trobe.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – Mrs K Peck declared an interest in item 8.3, report from Finance Committee as it contains a recommendation relating to Polehampton Infants School where she is a member of the PTA.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2008 – proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Ms S Doughty - approved 11 for, 1 abstention.

5. Matters arising and action points

The Clerk to put parking in Wagtail Close on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. Completed.

Mr C Smith to liaise with the residents of Wagtail Close regarding a petition. Petition being prepared.

The Clerk to put the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Wargrave Rd for Piggott pupils on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. Completed.

The Clerk to put the provision of new library facilities on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. Completed.

The Clerk to inform the police they can attend the MTP meetings and give them details of the location, time and dates. Completed.

The Clerk to complete and return the questionnaire about the proposed change of status of Piggott School. Completed.

6. Borough Council Matters – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: Discussions have been held with the WBC graffiti cleaning department to discuss alternative methods of removal to the present high pressure water system that can damage the surface being cleaned. He believes the cleaning service covers community buildings as well as domestic if the budget permits. The Broad Hinton play area report should be going to the Executive this month. He thanked the Parish Council for their support on the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Rd for Piggott School pupils. He had a follow up meeting with District Councillor Keith Baker and the Head Teacher of Piggott School and has been given an understanding that it will be considered with possible funding from Section 106 contributions. The following planning application is being considered. The additional 3 houses at 9 Wargrave Rd. The library petition now has 800 signatures and he is about to send it to WBC. Some possibilities have arisen in relation to this, which he will discuss with the Parish Council.

7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. – Mr C Smith was unable to attend the last meeting but reported there was nothing affecting Twyford on the agenda.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.03.08 Mr J Jarvis reported on meeting including the planning applications received, refusals and approvals given. The committee are still waiting to hear about progress on the Broad Hinton Play Area. The problem of parking in Wagtail Close was discussed and Mr C Smith is liaising with the residents about a petition. Following discussion a meeting is being requested with Mr F Browne Leader of WBC to discuss a way forward on the library issue.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.03.08 Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including discussions with the contractor appointed to install the new footbridge at the railway station regarding using spare land at the top of the Hurst Rd allotments as a works compound. Negotiations are under way regarding recompense for this. He confirmed the Twycombe Lodge kitchen has been completed and accepted following a site inspection. An attempted break in has been made on the cricket shed but the new security bolt prevented this. Minor damage occurred to the door and lock that the Village Ranger has repaired. The burial ground is nearly full so the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that burials in the burial ground continue beyond the beech hedge. Carried, 11 for, 1 against. With regard to the skate park he outlined the current position regarding finance with particular reference to the lighting scheme. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the scheme goes ahead without the lighting columns being installed on the understanding that cabling is installed to all lighting column positions and that the project consortium intends to complete the lighting installation in the future. Carried 11 for, 1 against. Details were then given about the reasons for considering alternative locations for the ballpark. Mr N Shaw of WBC provided information relating to the landfill areas which means only one location is possible without having the risk of damage due to further ground movement. As this is a new location a revised planning application will have to be submitted which will take about 8 weeks to be processed. To avoid unnecessary delays the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to agree that if necessary the skate park is completed first and the ballpark is completed afterwards. Carried 7 for, 5 against.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes committee 11.03.08. Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including the proposal by WBC to pay 10% of the precept earlier and the proposed appointment by WBC of Mr Mantel to the Standards Committee. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the wages of the Village Ranger, Park Warden and Cleaner be increased by 3% with effect from 1st April. Carried unanimously. Agenda items for the Town and Parish Council Meeting with WBC were discussed and the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the proposal from WBC to discuss their Vision Document is not taken up. Instead items suggested by Parish and Town Councils to be selected for discussion. Suggested items from Twyford are: (a) Provision of cemetery facilities. (b) Provision of local amenities that are the duty of the borough to provide and how town and parish councils can co-operate with WBC to facilitate this e.g. library provision. (c) Environmentally friendly public lighting. Carried 11 for, 1 against. The committee considered a number of grant requests. Charvil Girls Choir. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that no grant be awarded. Carried 11 for, 1 abstention. WBC Street Worker. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to The Full Council that the requested grant of £1670.42 be made. Carried unanimously. Mr Rogers requested that regular reports are received on the street workers activities. The Clerk to following this up with the Youth Centre manager. Polehampton C of E School PTA. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a loan of £5000 be made on the terms requested. Mrs K Peck withdrew from discussion on this item. Carried 10 for, 1 abstention.

8.4 Meet the Public 15.03.08. Mr C Smith reported. Apart from councillors there were two members of the police present and 1 member of the public visited. The member of the public raised concerns about the parking outside the photographers in Waltham Rd. The police spoke with them about possible action that can be taken. The police asked if bollards could be installed either side of London Rd from their

existing positions to the almshouses on the south side and the bus stop on the north side. Following discussion it was proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr J Jarvis to ask for the installation of bollards as far as the almshouses on the south side and as far as Apsley House on the north side of London Rd to be added to the wish list of items submitted to WBC for action. Carried 6 for, 5 against and 1 abstention.

8.5 Other representatives Reports. - None

8.6 Clerk's Report. – The Clerk reported the following: Refreshments have been arranged for the Annual Parish meeting. Unknown persons have removed one of the dog waste bins at Stanlake Meadow. The support and operating mechanism is still in place and a replacement bin can be obtained at a cost of £113.20 plus VAT. Agreed the Clerk orders a replacement bin. The glass in one side of the notice board outside Waitrose has been broken. Agreed the Clerk arranges for it to be replaced. The gatepost and fence post on the tennis court entrance to KGVR have rotted and snapped off at ground level. The Clerk is obtaining a quote for their repair. The Clerk has arranged for graffiti to be removed from the electricity substation in the Wargrave Rd car park. It reappeared a few days later and has been removed a second time.

9. Councillors Questions – Mr M Shepherd asked what is happening about the enforcement of parking regulations. Referred to the Planning and Amenities Committee and Mr C Smith to raise at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group. Mr B Rogers asked if the CCTV at Jubilee Corner is operational. As this is not owned by the Parish Council Mr C Smith will check at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group. Mr R Mantel is representing the Parish Council at a meeting with the Chief Executive of WBC and asked if there were any particular items councillors wanted put on the agenda of the meeting. Agreed that parking problems, the provision of library facilities, provision of cemetery facilities and environmentally friendly public lighting be put forward as agenda items.

10. Correspondence -

10.1 WBC Town and Parish News February – circulated on e-mail. Noted

10.2 VAWB Training Bulletin 07.03.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted

10.3 CAWB Supporting Community Groups – circulated on e-mail. Noted

10.4 WBC Corporate News re Wokingham Vision – circulated on e-mail. Noted

10.5 WBC Management Reorganisation – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.6 Letter from WBC Youth Worker Manager regarding mobile provision. Noted.

10.7 WBC Local Involvement Meeting 29.03.08. Noted.

10.8 BALC Invite to reception for retirement of the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Noted.

11. Authorisation of payments – List dated 17.03.08. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley. Approved unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	07.04.08
Parish Lands Committee	09.04.08
Finance Committee	15.04.08

13. Date of next meeting – 22nd April 2008

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.