

Twyford Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 20th May 2008 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Mrs. S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs. B. Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Messrs R Mantel, C. Smith, B.Rogers, N.Crush, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, S Clark and M Shepherd.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk and Mr C Tennant.

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – Ms S Doughty and Miss C La Trobe.
3. **Election of Chairman** – Mr D Hymers nominated by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr seconded by Mrs K Peck. No other nominations. Mr Hymers elected by a unanimous vote. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair for the rest of the meeting.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Mr R Mantel nominated by Mr D Hymers seconded by Mr B Rogers. No other nominations. Mr R Mantel elected by a unanimous vote.
5. **Appointment of Councillors to Committees** – councillors expressed their preferences for membership of committees. Membership as detailed on the attached list dated 21.05.08 was agreed.
6. **Appointment of Councillor Representatives.**
BALC and District/Parish Conference Mr D Hymers and Mr R Mantel (share)
Ruscombe Parish Council – Mr C Smith
Age Concern – Mrs B Ditcham.
Hurst Consolidated Charity – Mr R Mantel
Twyford Village Partnership – Mr D Hymers
North Parishes Area Youth Committee – Mrs K Peck
Neighbourhood Action Group –Mr C Smith.
All above appointments agreed, as there is no change to the existing representatives.
Loddon Hall/TRCA – Mrs K Peck nominated by Mr J Bowley seconded Mr J Jarvis.
Mr D Hymers - nominated by Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mr B Rogers. Mrs K Peck elected by a majority vote of 6 to 4 with 1 abstention.
All details on attached list dated 21.05.08
7. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2008** – proposed by Mr. J Jarvis seconded by Mr S Clark approved unanimously.
9. **Matters arising and action points**
Mr C Smith to raise enforcement of parking restrictions and Jubilee Corner CCTV at the next NAG meeting. Completed. He has noticed that parking tickets have been issued in some locations. The CCTV is working correctly.
The Clerk to write to Loddon Hall about their National Lottery grant application. Completed.
The Clerk to put stones from residents' drives spilling on to footpaths on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
The Clerk to make enquires about the WBC pest control service timescales to visit. Completed and details passed to Mr S Clark to reply to the resident who raised this.
Councillors to complete and return questionnaire on anti-social behaviour. Completed.
10. **Co-option of Councillor.** Mr Chris Tennant has put his name forward for co-option. His details and interests have been circulated to councillors and there were no

further questions. Vote taken and Mr C Tennant co-opted 11 for, 1 against. Mr C Tennant signed his declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting. He expressed a wish to join the Parish Lands Committee, which was agreed.

11. Borough Council Matters – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to report the following: Planning Matters – revised drawings are still awaited for the replacement footbridge at the railway station and the application for 24 High St has been refused. He hopes to be re-elected to the Planning Committee at the WBC Annual Meeting on Thursday. A meeting has been arranged with the WBC Chief Executive and members of the Twyford Village Partnership to discuss the library issue. He hopes to meet the new leader of the council shortly regarding the library.

12. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. No report.

13. Reports:

13.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 06.05.08. Mr. Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning applications, appeals, approvals and refusals. He also gave details of cost for a new street light in the footpath from London Rd to Loddon Hall Rd and the proposal to obtain a price for a solar/wind-powered alternative. The committee have given their support to the preparation of a Village Plan. They are still waiting to hear about the Broad Hinton play area and the action that can be taken about stones spilling on to footpaths from residents' drives was discussed.

13.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.05.08 Mr. J. Bowley reported on the meeting. He referred to item. 7.1 the use of spare ground at Hurst Rd for a site compound by the company working on the railway footbridge and item 9.1 the skate park and ball park where work has now started on site. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quotation from Mr R Girdler to layer the Waltham Rd boundary hedge of Stanlake Meadow at a cost of £10,024 + VAT. The Clerk has made enquiries and the cost to erect a fence instead of layering the hedge will be about £20,040 plus the cost to clear the hedge. Recommendation carried unanimously. The Finance Committee will consider the best method of financing this project, as the cost has not been included in this year's precept.

13.3 Other representatives Reports. Mrs B Ditcham reported on the Children's Centre meeting. The size has been reduced due to budget constraints and at present no costs have been allowed for services. Requests have been made for a secure gate to the Verey Close entrance and a footpath across the school field from Colleton Drive. It is hoped work will start in July with completion in November. She has asked for a letter to be sent to parents of children at the school and pre-school, with a copy to the Parish Council, to tell them what is happening. The question was raised that if the site has been redesigned why haven't the Parish Council been asked to comment on the revised plans. The Clerk to check with WBC.

Mr C Smith reported on a recent Neighbourhood Action Group meeting. Another policeman will be operating in the village from 1st June. District Councillor Keith Baker reported that the Piggott School crossing should be completed for the start of the autumn term in September.

13.4 Clerk's Report The children's playground mower has broken and due to its age and condition it is not economic to repair it. A replacement Hayter Ranger 48 mower can be purchased from Twyford Mowers at a cost of £549 including VAT. The Clerk has made enquiries to Hayter and Moss End Garden Centre and both have quoted a price of £589 plus VAT. The cost of a replacement mower has been allowed for in

the precept. Agreed the Clerk orders a Hayter Ranger 48 from Twyford Mowers. The Clerk asked if additional pickers would be required for the litter pick in June. It was agreed that more would be useful. The Clerk to borrow some from adjacent parishes. A film crew have asked for permission to park on Stanlake Meadow whilst filming at Twyford Station. The Clerk has agreed arrangements with them together with an appropriate fee.

14. Councillors' Questions – None

15. Renewal of Insurance Cover – The Clerk has obtained two additional quotes to compare with the renewal quote from the existing insurers. A schedule was circulated to councillors showing the level of cover, excesses and costs for each of the companies. All have quoted to provide levels of cover to meet the current requirements of the council. The quotes for annual cover are: Zurich £5,043.76, AON £3,551.66 and Norwich Union £3,655.00. Norwich Union offers a 5% discount for a 3-year deal giving a net premium of £3,472.25. Proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mr J Bowley to accept the quotation from Norwich Union. Agreed unanimously. Proposed by Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mr M Shepherd to accept the three-year agreement from Norwich Union. Carried 10 for, 3 against.

16. Correspondence

16.1 VAWB Local Area Agreement and the Voluntary Sector – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

16.2 Sonia Lawlor WBC –moving on – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

16.3 VAWB May edition of The Volunteer newsletter – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

16.4 WBC Town and Parish News April 08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

16.5 WBC Making a complaint about an elected councillor's conduct. Noted.

16.6 VAWB Training News May – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

16.7 WBC Discover Culture 2008. Noted.

17. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley Approved unanimously. Questions raised by the public at the meeting were discussed. All items had been dealt with. Mrs B Ditcham asked for the issue of aircraft noise to be put on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee for further discussion.

18 Authorisation of Payments. Revised list dated 20.05.08 distributed. Details of two cheques added; 003570 £2,000 loan to Polehampton Swimming Association and 003573 £3,280 to Fericon for printing Twyford News. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley. Carried unanimously.

19. Dates of Meetings

Planning and Amenities Committee	02.06.08
Parish Lands Committee	04.06.08
Finance Committee	10.06.08
Meet the Public	14.06.08

Mr R Mantel and Mr J Jarvis to attend. Mr N Crush in reserve. The Clerk to ask the police to attend again.

20. Date of next meeting – 17th June 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm.