

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs R Mantel, J Jarvis, C Smith, S Clark, J Bowley, B Rogers, N Crush, Mrs B Ditcham, Ms S Doughty and Mrs K Peck (from item 9). In attendance: Mr J March Clerk and Borough Councillor Mr S Conway.

**1. Public Questions** – None

**2. Apologies** –Mr M Shepherd, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mr C Tennant 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> May 2008** – proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mrs B Ditcham - approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to contact WBC about the revised plans for the Children's' Centre.

Discussed with Planning Officer – they have not been informed about any changes to the original application. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee.

5.2 The Clerk to borrow litter pickers from adjacent parishes. Arrangements in hand to collect litter pickers from Hurst PC.

5.3 The Clerk to put aircraft noise on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.

5.4 Litter Pick 28<sup>th</sup> June. Councillors suggested the following areas for attention. By the footbridge crossing the A4 at the Wargrave Rd junction, the ditch adjacent to the bus shelter in Wargrave Rd on the other side of the A4 and the wooded area adjacent to Verey Close.

**6. Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: He understands that revised drawings have now been submitted for the new footbridge at the railway station. The new planning application for Tudor House 24 High St relates to listed building consent. He has had a meeting with the new leader of WBC about the library. A report has been prepared by the Deputy Chief Executive detailing various options and he is pressing home the case for the most appropriate option. A further meeting will be arranged with the leader of the council to discuss this. He has also had further discussions about the admissions policy for rising 5s at local schools. With regard to the proposed pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Rd he is trying to make sure the WBC Executive considers this further. He thanked the council for the copy of the letter about enforcement action at Mulberry Mead as he had not been informed about the outcome.

**7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** – Mr C Smith reported on the following: They are proposing a meeting of all local councils with an interest in possible future alterations to the London Rd /A4 junction.

**8. Reports:**

**8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 02.06.08** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning applications received and the outcome of the enforcement action at Mulberry Mead which is being followed up with the planning officers. The committee are still waiting to hear about progress on the Broad Hinton Play Area, which should be considered by the WBC Executive this month. Investigations are continuing about the cost of installing a solar/wind powered streetlight in a location where servicing a mains powered light will be expensive. Comments about aircraft noise have been submitted on a consultation document regarding increased flights

into Heathrow Airport. A document was received from the Area Health Authority regarding the Rurality of Charvil in relation to the number of pharmacists.

**8.2 Parish Lands Committee 04.06.08** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including details of the vandalism to the fence in KGVR and the decision to allow cremated remains plots to be dug to double depth. There is a problem with the skate and ball park surfaces which have not been laid level and get puddles on them when it rains. This is now being rectified. The committee have received an offer relating to an opening ceremony for the skate park and details have been discussed with the Youth Worker who will come back with ideas. Yellow Brick Nursery have requested use of a small area of Stanlake for an outdoor grassed play area. This has been agreed in principle subject to agreement about fencing and on-going maintenance.

**8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 10.06.08** Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting including discussions on insurance for the skate and ballpark. The annual report from Polehampton Charities has been circulated to committee members to consider. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the cost of layering the hedge on the Waltham Rd boundary of Stanlake Meadow be covered by cashing in £10,000 of National Savings Income Bonds. Carried unanimously.

**8.4 Meet the Public 14.06.08.** Mr R Mantel and Mr J Jarvis attended together with PCSO Mr J Stanley. One member of the public attended who raised concerns about the resurfacing on Springfield Park; speed limit in London Rd and regulations relating to cyclists and mobility scooters on the footpath when vehicles are coming out of drives on to the main road. All were dealt with and no follow up action is required.

**8.5 Other representatives Reports.** – None

**8.6 Clerk's Report.** – The Clerk reported the following: The taps have been turned on and left overnight at the Hurst Rd allotments and the contractor working on the car park at the station has been spoken to about taking water from the allotments without permission. The police have been shown CCTV footage following an incident with a quad bike on KGVR but have not been able to identify the culprit. There has been an attempted break in on the football club end of the storage shed at Stanlake Meadow. The hasps and locks were cut off the door but the door was not forced and nothing was stolen. The Clerk has ordered a security bolt similar to the one fitted on the cricket club end of the shed.

**9. Councillors Questions** – Mr S Clark asked about the Parish Council's position relating to a grant or loan for Little Acorns Pre- School if they request one to help towards the cost of replacing their existing building. Mr D Hymers explained the Council will consider any request when / if it is made on its merits. Mrs K Peck asked if the Planning and Amenities Committee had considered the proposals relating to the Parish Plan Mr D Hymers replied that in principle the plan was supported.

**10. Correspondence** -

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

10.2.A321 Wargrave Rd North Toucan Crossing for Wargrave Piggott School – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.3. Traffic Speeds in Twyford – circulated on e-mail. The Clerk to request for speed checks to be made in Hurst Rd and Wargrave Rd.

10.4 CCB Annual Conference – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.5. Age Concern invite to AGM. Noted.

10.6 WBSP Briefing May 08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.7 VAWB Training Courses – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.8 WBC External Funding News – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.9 Twyford Village Partnership notice of meeting 19.06.08. Noted.

- 10.10 Thames Valley Police – Open day. Noted
- 10.11 Thames Valley Police - consultation meeting. Mr J Jarvis to attend. The Clerk to reply and send details to Mr J Jarvis.
- 10.12 WBC invite to art exhibition. Noted
- 10.13 Request from Mrs Robinson for access over KGVR car park in Wargrave Rd to provide entrance to new property. Referred to Parish Lands Committee.
- 11. Authorisation of payments – list dated 17.06.08** Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley. Carried unanimously.
- 12. Clerk’s Remuneration.**  
 The Finance committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the Clerk be advanced from point 28 to point 30 on the NALC salary scale. Carried unanimously. The Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that the Clerk’s expense allowance be increased to £115 per month. Agreed unanimously.
- 13. Dates of meetings:**
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| Planning and Amenities Committee | 07.07.08                   |
| Parish Lands Committee           | 09.07.08 – Stanlake Meadow |
| Finance Committee                | 15.07.08                   |
- 14. Date of next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008**

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm.**