

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

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Vice-Chairman) Messrs, J Jarvis, C Smith, S Clark J Bowley, N Crush, M Shepherd, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs B Ditcham and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk and District Councillor Stephen Conway

1. **Public Questions** – None
2. **Apologies** – Mr. D. Hymers, Mr C Tennant and Mr B Rogers
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008** — proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Ms S Doughty - approved unanimously

**5. Matters arising and action points**

The Clerk to obtain a price to repair the entrance to Stanlake Meadow in Waltham Rd. Completed.

The Clerk to Place the order for the litter bins. Completed – bins installed.

Mrs K Peck to arrange for Jane Ireland to come to the October meeting of the Full Council. Now arranged for November meeting.

The Clerk to place a vacancy notice on the notice board. Completed.

Mr Hymers to prepare a briefing note for councillors on TRCA. Completed.

The Clerk to put administrative arrangements whilst he is on leave on the agendas of meetings. Completed.

The Clerk to advise WBC that Mr J Jarvis and Mr D Hymers will be attending the Town and Parish Conference. Completed.

The Clerk to book seats in the church for the Remembrance Day Service and arrange for Mr T Toy to advise Mr D Hymers about the march details. Details about the Remembrance Day parade have been circulated on e-mail. The details are either meet the parade at the junction of Springfield Park and London Rd at 10am or be at the War Memorial at 10.15am.

- 6. Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported on the following: Another petition has been submitted to WBC regarding the request for a library and he has had a meeting with the leader of the council who will consider this further. Borough Councillor D Tomlin is dealing with the continuing problems created by the council's decision to withdraw the grass cutting and hedge trimming service for elderly and disabled tenants who cannot carry out this work themselves. He has been delegated with the chairman and vice-chairman of the planning committee to agree the cladding proposals for the new footbridge at the station. An initial proposal has been received and rejected. The planning application for 37 Wargrave Rd was considered at the last planning meeting and has been deferred for a site visit. He is liaising with Councillor Mr C Smith regarding the parking problems in Wagtail Close and is trying to get an integrated scheme to include Springfield Park. If this is not possible he will push for a scheme for Wagtail Close. Further discussions have been held with Borough Councillor Keith Baker regarding the possibility of a second pedestrian crossing for Piggott pupils in Wargrave Rd. A number of residents have contacted him about the WBC proposal to move the Hurst Golf Club House at Dinton Pastures. He has tabled a question for the next council meeting asking if WBC will consider re-instating the mortgage rescue scheme.

- 7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** –Mr C Smith reported: They send their thanks for the copy of Twyford News they were sent. They reported that the Longfield Rd nameplate at the end of Hilltop Rd is missing.

## **8. Reports:**

**8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 06.10.08** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting. He detailed the planning applications considered, appeals, refusals and approvals, in particular, the one for the new footbridge at Twyford Station. He congratulated Mrs K Peck and Mrs B Ditcham, the editors of Twyford News on the quality of the latest issue. The Committee are still waiting to hear from WBC about the Broad Hinton play area.

**8.2 Parish Lands Committee 08.10.08** Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting including: the consideration being given to installing outdoor fitness equipment at Stanlake Meadow which may receive funding from the Round Table. Several allotment tenancies have been terminated at Hurst Rd where tenants have not kept their plots cultivated. A meeting has been held with Mr E Knott of WBC to discuss the outstanding issues relating to the skate park. A sub committee has been set up to consider the replacement of the log multiplay unit in the children's playground.

**8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 14.10.08** Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £250 to 1<sup>st</sup> Twyford Scouts for the Remembrance Day Band. Carried unanimously. The Committee refer to the Full Council to consider the rate of pay for the person to provide cover for the Village Ranger. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mr C Smith that an hourly rate be paid 50p higher than that paid to the Village Ranger. Amendment proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mrs s Harriott-Kerr that an hourly rate £1 higher than the Village Ranger rate be paid. Amendment not agreed 4 for, 6 against. Original proposal carried 6 for, 4 against. Mr D Hymers and Mr R Mantel will be attending the BALC AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**8.4 Other representatives Reports.** – Mr C Smith reported on a recent Campaign Against Waste meeting. The new recycling waste sorting machine should be operational in Feb 09. This will mean that recycling will not need to be sorted by residents. The incinerator at Colnbrook will be on line next year, one year late. Mr J Jarvis and Mr M Shepherd reported on the meeting to discuss the Village Plan held at Loddon Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October. One item that came out was that a lot of residents still do not understand the recycling procedures. It was suggested this would be a suitable article for Twyford News. A presentation was made on Community Action Plans and a list of questions relating to the character of the village was discussed. Mr J Jarvis reported on the Town and Parish Conference held on 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was a series of lectures rather than discussions. The session on section 106 funds was useful. He explained that once a Village Design Statement is in place with specific proposals section 106 money could be called in to fund them.

**8.5 Clerk's Report.** – The Clerk reported he has had a meeting with the Round Table and seen their risk assessment documentation and insurance policy relating to the Bonfire Carnival. He has been unable to book the Annual Parish Meeting for 7<sup>th</sup> May, as the room is already booked. The 14<sup>th</sup> is available if this is acceptable. Agreed.

## **9. Councillors Questions – None**

## **10 Correspondence**

10.1 WBC Corporate News. Noted.

10.2 WBC The Town and Parish News – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.3 VAWB – Training Bulletins 17<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.4 CYP Forum Children and Young Peoples Forum Lunch – circulated on e-mail.

10.5 VAWB Bulletin 10.09.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.6 Berkshire Archaeological Trust Historic Environment Forum – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

- 10.7 VAWB Voluntary Sector Conference 20<sup>th</sup> October – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.8 WBC Nomination form for WBC Caring for the Community Award – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.9 BALC updates – circulated on e-mail. Mr J Jarvis asked to attend the Chairmanship Training Course. The Clerk to book a place for him.
- 10.10 Invite to Charvil Girl's Choir concert 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.11 Miles and Daughters Funeral Directors invite to opening 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Noted. Mr J Jarvis to attend
- 10.12 WBC Notification of the death of Pat Brecknock – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

**11. Authorisation of payments –list dated 21/10/08.** Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs S Harriott –Kerr. Approved unanimously.

**12. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	03.11.08
Parish Lands Committee	05.11.08
Finance Committee	04.12.08
Meet the Public	15.11.08
Mr C Smith and Mr R Mantel to attend.	

**13. Date of next meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**