

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

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

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs, J Jarvis, C Smith, J Bowley, N Crush, C Tennant, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs B Ditcham and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, Mrs J Ireland WBC, Mr T Parry CCB, Mr J Harman RPC and 2 members of the public.

Prior to the start of formal business there was a presentation by Mrs Jane Ireland from WBC about the process involved in the preparation of Parish Plans and Village Design Statements and discussions on a number of points raised.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Mr R Mantel Mr M Shepherd and Mr S Clark. Mrs K Peck left the meeting after the presentation to attend the Annual General Meeting of Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association and re-joined at item 7

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2008 – proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mr J Bowley - approved unanimously

5. Matters arising and action points

The Clerk to report the missing street nameplate in Longfield Rd to WBC.

Completed. New sign on order by WBC.

The Clerk to book a place for Mr J Jarvis on the Chairmanship training course.

Completed.

The Clerk to inform Miles and Daughters that Mr J Jarvis will be attending their opening on 1st November. Completed.

6. Borough Council Matters – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to report on the following: At the Planning Committee Meeting last week the application for 37 Wargrave Rd was refused due to the impact on the conservatory of no 39. The application for a gym on the first floor of 21 London Rd above J W Greens has been approved which has serious implications for the possible use of this area for a new library,

7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. –Mr J Harman of RPC reported. They have had discussions with Wargrave PC regarding the changes to the A4/London Rd junction. They think the recent changes have been quite successful but would like to see how the junction works during the winter. Mr Harman asked what Twyford thought about this. Various opinions were expressed but there was no clear consensus. One idea taken away by Mr Harman was the provision of two lanes in London Rd approaching the junction to make it easier for vehicles to turn left onto the A4.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.11.08 Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting. He detailed the planning applications considered, appeals, refusals and approvals. Details about the request for double yellow lines opposite Highfield Court in Waltham Rd have been clarified with WBC. The Committee have contacted WBC about the possibility of taking over the Broad Hinton play area. It was agreed by the Full Council that this matter should now be passed to the Parish Lands Committee to deal with.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.11.08 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. He outlined the

outstanding issues relating to the skate park. A meeting is to be arranged with all interested parties to try to resolve the situation. The sub committee is continuing to consider the replacement of the log multiplay unit in the children's playground. Mr Bowley has looked at the Broad Hinton play areas and the equipment is not in very good condition in the closed area. His preferred option would be to take over both the closed area and the one that is currently open. Mr Crush asked about pitch maintenance at Stanlake in the light of favourable comments made about the condition of the football pitch following its recent treatment. Mr Bowley reported that the committee have included a maintenance schedule for the pitches at Stanlake in their precept proposals for next year.

8.3 Meet the Public 15.11.08 Mr C Smith reported on the meeting. Two problems were reported. The drain in Church St outside the United Reformed Church is blocked. Trees are overgrowing the footpath leading from Church St to St Swithins Court and need trimming back. The Clerk to speak to WBC about both these points.

8.4 Other representatives Reports. – Mrs K Peck reported on the Twyford and Ruscombe AGM she had just attended. The existing officers and committee were re-elected. She commented that they appear to run a closed shop. Concern was expressed about the way the association is run and how difficult it is for members of the community to join, as the Committee is imposing membership conditions which are not sanctioned by the Constitution. The Parish Council have provided funding to help improve the facilities yet the Community Association Committee is making it difficult for residents to benefit from this. A discussion was held on possible courses of action to resolve the situation. As Mr Harman from Ruscombe Parish Council was present he was asked to raise this with his council to see what they think. Mr D Hymers reported on the recent BALC AGM. Newbury Town Clerk gave a presentation on Quality Councils. The benefits of becoming a quality council were not obvious and other councils shared this view.

A written report was received on a recent meeting of the Northern Parishes Area Youth Committee.

8.5 Clerk's Report. – The Clerk reported one of the notices on the Skate Park has been vandalised again. The CCTV column adjacent to the children's play area on KGVR has been knocked out of vertical by one of the fair vehicles attending the bonfire carnival. The CCTV camera recorded the event and the culprit has been identified. The Clerk has spoken to the fair operators who have agreed to pay for the repair. He is dealing with Scottish and Southern Energy regarding the alteration to a wayleave necessitated by the diversion of a cable on the Scout HQ site.

9. Councillors Questions – Mr C Smith asked when the new pelican crossing outside Piggott School would be operational. The Clerk to check with WBC. Mr D Hymers thanked councillors for supporting the Remembrance Day Service and those councillors that covered for the Clerk while he was on holiday. Mr J Jarvis reported that the Fire Authority is still planning for a new fire station in Twyford but work will not start on the building until 2010.

10 Correspondence

10.1 WBC The Town and Parish News Oct 2008. Circulated on e-mail. Noted

10.2 Wokingham Link – invite to Links information events. – Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.3 WBC Sports Council – invite to awards ceremony. Noted.

10.4 VAWB – We can newsletter – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.5 VAWB Bulletin 11.11.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10.6 WBC - information on private fostering. Noted.

10.7 Thank you letter from Round Table relating to Bonfire Carnival. Noted.

10.8 Notification of proposal to change local election date to 4th June to coincide with European Elections. Noted.

10.9 Enquiry regarding Emergency Planning arrangements. Proposed replies discussed and agreed. The Clerk to submit.

11. Authorisation of payments –list dated 18/11/08. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Bowley. Approved unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.12.08
Parish Lands Committee	03.12.08
Finance Committee	04.12.08

13. Date of next meeting – 9th December 2008

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.