

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Messrs, R Mantel, C Smith, J Bowley, N Crush, C Tennant, M Shepherd, S Clark, B Rogers, Mrs K Peck and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, Mr A Dimmock and Mr J Harman RPC.

1. **Public Questions** – None
2. **Apologies** – Mr J Jarvis, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and Mrs B Ditcham.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2008** -One correction Mrs K Peck to be added to names of councillors present. Proposed by Mr C Tennant seconded by Mrs K Peck - approved 10 for 1 abstention.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to report the blocked drain in Church St to WBC. Completed.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to report the overhanging trees on the footpath to St Swithins Court to WBC. This footpath is not part of the adopted highway so WBC cannot take any action. Area inspected by the Clerk. Offending branches are not a hazard as the footpath is quite wide.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to check with WBC when the new pedestrian crossing adjacent to Piggott School will be operational. Completed –reply from WBC circulated.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to send off replies on the enquiry relating to Emergency Planning arrangements. Completed.
6. **Co-option of Councillor** Mr Andrew Dimmock has put his name forward for co-option. He has sent in some information about himself, which has been circulated to councillors and there were no questions raised. Vote taken and Mr Dimmock co-opted by a unanimous decision. Mr Dimmock signed his declaration of acceptance of office and joined the rest of the meeting. A decision on the committees he wishes to join will be made at the February meeting of the Full Council
7. **Borough Council Matters.** No Borough Councillors were present and the Clerk has not received a report to present. Mr D Hymers raised the issue of the faults on the CCTV in the centre of the village. Agreed the Clerk writes to WBC with a copy to Twyford Borough Councillors.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mr Harman Chairman of RPC spoke about possible planning applications in Ruscombe and the effect they might have on the service provision in Twyford. There are currently two sites identified for development with potentially 100 properties. He requested councillors' views on the likely impact this will have on Twyford, as there are no facilities in Ruscombe to service the needs of these residents. Mr D Hymers pointed out that Twyford do not get the opportunity to comment on planning applications in Ruscombe unless they are right on the parish boundary with Twyford. He asked to be kept informed of any applications so Twyford can make suitable comments. Mr Harman also expressed concern at the recent application to include the Twyford Orchard site in London Rd as a possible development site. Mr Jarvis Chairman of the Planning and Amenity Committee is due to submit comments to WBC about this. One of Ruscombe councillors is the secretary of the Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association and he is going to submit a report to the council about the operation of this organisation.

9. Reports:

- 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.12.08.** In the absence of the committee Chairman and Vice Chairman Mr M Shepherd reported on the presentation on renewable energy given to the meeting by a representative from Scottish and Southern Energy. Mr D Hymers referred to the action point for Mr Jarvis to submit comments to WBC on the Consultation under regulation 32 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004 which was mentioned in the discussion with Ruscombe Parish Council earlier in this meeting.
- 9.2 **Parish Lands Committee 03.12.08.** Mr J Bowley reported on the following: The repairs that need to be carried out to the ventilation system at Stanlake Pavilion. The discussions on the possibility of building changing rooms for football teams on KGVR. The progress on the hedge layering at Stanlake Meadow where additional planting will be required to fill in areas of dead wood and the proposed removal of a tree to clear the ditch and allow it to drain better. A meeting is being arranged with WBC to discuss the closed Waltham Chase children's play area. There has been an enquiry about the hire of space for training a dog fly ball team and more information is being sought about the requirements. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Balfour Beatty to replace the footpath on KGVR from the children's play area to the main path at a cost of £1812.90+VAT. The path will be constructed so that fun fair lorries can drive over it without damage. Carried unanimously.
- Mr M Shepherd asked what had happened about the backboards on the ballpark. Mr J Bowley explained that both had been taken away, additional strengthening bars added and then they had been refitted in position.
- 9.3 **Finance and General Purposes Committee 04.12.08** Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting. The initial figures for the precept from all committees have been collated and the anticipated increase will be just under 5%. In view of this committees will only be asked to check and confirm their existing estimates. The following grant requests were considered.
- MS Therapy Centre Berkshire. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that no grant be awarded. Carried 8 for, 4 abstentions. Henley and District CAB. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £150 be made. Carried unanimously. Keep Mobile. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £300 be made. Carried unanimously.
- Wokingham CAB. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £250 be made. Carried unanimously. Age Concern The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £250 be made. Carried unanimously
- 9.4 **Other Representatives reports.** A written report has been received from the Governing Body of Polehampton Infants School covering their September meeting. Noted.
- 9.5 **Clerk's report.** Portable speed activated devices have been employed in Hurst Rd. It was suggested the council might consider purchasing one to use around the village. The Clerk to place this on the agenda of the next Planning and Amenities Committee meeting.
10. **Councillors Questions.** Mr D Hymers asked about the current position regarding the request to have road markings around the village refreshed. The Clerk has recently resent the list to WBC and chased progress. Mr B Rogers asked if anyone knew who are the proprietors of the restaurant going into the JW Green site. Nobody had this information. Mr S Clarke asked what the current options are for a new library. Mr Hymers explained that although potential sites may be identified the

project is unlikely to proceed in the foreseeable future as WBC are unwilling to provide funding.

11. Correspondence -

- 11.1 WBC The Town and Parish News Dec 2008. Circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.2 M Roach Invite to networking event 04.12.08 – Circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.3 VAWB – Community Lunch – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.5 VAWB Training Bulletin 25.11.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.6 TVP Parish Plan Newsletter 4 – Circulated on e-mail. Noted

VAWB Advert for recruitment of trustees – Circulated on e-mail. Noted

Letter from Mr R Conway-Jones suggesting the establishment of a Community Park on the site next to Jubilee Corner. Discussed and agreed the Clerk replies that this is not possible because the site is in private ownership and has planning approval for development.

CCB Community Newsletter. Noted

- 12. Authorisation of payments – see list dated 09.12.08.** Proposed Mr C Smith, seconded Ms S Doughty. Carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.01.09
Parish Lands Committee	07.01.09
Finance Committee	13.01.09
Meet the Public	17.01.09
Mr D Hymers and Mrs K Peck to attend. Reserve Mr S Clark	

- 14. Date of next meeting – 20th January 2009**

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.