

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Vice-chairman in the chair), Messrs, C Smith, J Bowley, J Jarvis, A Dimmock, C Tennant, M Shepherd, S Clark, N Crush, Mrs K Peck, Ms S Doughty and Mrs B Ditcham

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, District Councillor Mr S Conway, Mr D Comben and 1 member of the press.

1. **Public Questions** – Mr Conway reported that the street lighting in Troutbeck Close is not working. The Clerk to report this to SEC.
2. **Apologies** – Mr D. Hymers and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2009** -. Proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mr J Bowley - approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 Appointment of Mr A Dimmock to committees. Mr Dimmock expressed a wish to join the Planning and Amenities Committee. Agreed unanimously.
6. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr S Conway reported on the following: The WBC budget setting meeting is due on 19.02.09. The likely increase in council tax is the maximum permissible of 5%, which will require some cuts to services. The TVP grant is under review and he has had discussions to try to maintain it at its existing level. The report from the panel considering the Icelandic bank investments held by WBC is due out in early March. He has expressed concerns to the planning officer about the proposal to convert the bungalow at 30 Winchcombe Rd to a two-storey property. Further talks have been held with the WBC Chief Executive regarding possible sources of additional funding for a new library. He is concerned about the number of potholes that have appeared in Springfield Park following the bad weather. Following a response to his question at the last WBC council meeting indicating that his request for a pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Rd was on the list for consideration he has now been told that it will not be pursued.

Mr J Jarvis raised the planning application for a new fascia on 9 London Rd and Mr Conway agreed with the parish council's concerns about the effect it will have.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mr C Smith reported on the outcome of the discussions relating to the proposed changes for the London Rd/A4 junction. They asked if public toilets could be considered for the Recreation Ground for the benefit of persons using the skate park and ballpark. Mrs B Ditcham asked if the Planning and Amenities Committee could consider this. Agreed. The Clerk to put it on the agenda of the next meeting.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 02.02.09.** Mr J Jarvis reported on the meeting including the planning applications, approvals and refusals. Notification has been received of the proposed increase in charges for street lighting maintenance. The Clerk has obtained a quote from an alternative contractor, which will be discussed at the March meeting. A price has been requested to supply and install a solar/wind-powered streetlight in the footpath from London Rd to Loddon Hall Rd. Further information has been received about the proposal to increase the number of flights using Heathrow. The Post Office has been contacted about their vehicles parking in the road and on the pavement at the front of the building rather than using their rear entrance. He asked for Councillors to report any potholes that have appeared following the recent spell of bad weather.

- 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 04.02.09.** Mr J Bowley reported on the following: The rusting fixings on the ballpark and loose bolts on the skate park have been reported to WBC. It is likely that the feed pipe to one set of taps at the Hurst Rd allotments will have to be replaced due to its deteriorating condition. Following further consideration WBC has now found enough money to carry out the landscaping around the skate park and ball court. Prices are being sought to replace the section of fencing on the KGVR/ Longfield Rd boundary that has been vandalised, with a gate. More fly tipping has taken place in the Wargrave Rd car park. The Clerk has obtained notices from WBC and arranged for them to be erected. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to place the order for having the faulty ventilation equipment at Stanlake Pavilion replaced at a cost of £1035 + VAT. This will be paid out of the capital account. Agreed unanimously.
- 8.3 **Other Representatives reports.** Mrs K Peck reported on the recent Area Youth Committee Meeting. They are to consider improving cycle routes to Twyford for young persons coming to the skate park and ball court. Mr N Christo WBC Area Manager has been asked to attend the next meeting to discuss this.
Mrs K Peck reported on the recent meeting of TRCA. CCTV has now been installed inside Loddon Hall. It is on a 5-year lease at £1050 per annum. They have a new web site www.Loddonhall.co.uk.
- 8.4 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that the roof on the storage shed at Stanlake Meadow has been reinforced and repaired, authorisation has been given by the third parties insurance company for the repair of the damaged CCTV column and there has been vandalism to the new layered hedge at Stanlake Meadow.
9. **Annual Parish Meeting** The agenda for this year's meeting was discussed. Agreed that the Parish Plan be added as an item on the agenda. Mrs K Peck to prepare the draft agenda and send it to Mr Hymers for comment prior to printing.
10. **Councillors Questions.** Mr A Dimmock asked who was responsible for the lighting under the walkway next to J W Greens as it is not working and it is very dark. The Clerk to check with the landlords.
Mr S Clark asked if he should have received notification of the planning application for 30 Winchcombe Rd as he lives opposite at no 37. The Clerk to check with WBC.
Mr C Tennant asked if the Parish Council had any input to the charges for parking at Twyford Station as they had recently been increased by 10%. The rail authorities own the car park and it is up to them what they charge.
11. **Correspondence -**
- 11.1 VAWB – The Volunteer Feb 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.2 VAWB Training Bulletin 03.02.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.3 VSF Community Lunch Feb 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.4 Links Newsletter - Berkshire – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.5 BALC – updates 03 and 04 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.6 WBC Town and Parish News Jan 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted
- 11.7 WBC Invite to Tenant Services open day 03.04.09. Noted – no councillors available to attend.
- 11.8 VAWB IT Training – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.9 WBC Community Conference 20.03.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.10 BALC Request for nomination for councillor to attend Royal Garden Party – circulated on e-mail. Mr R Mantel has already attended and Mr D Hymers does not wish to be nominated. Agreed not to make any nomination.
12. **Authorisation of payments – see list dated 17.02.09.** Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr C Smith. Carried unanimously.

13. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	02.03.09
Parish Lands Committee	04.03.09
Finance Committee	10.03.09
Meet The Public	14.03.09
Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Tennant to attend with Mrs B Ditcham as reserve.	

14. Date of next meeting – 17th March 2009

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm.