

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Hymers (Chairman) Mrs. S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs. B. Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Messrs R Mantel, C. Smith, B.Rogers, N.Crush, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, S Clark , M Shepherd, C Tennant, A Dimmock and Ms S Doughty from item 5.

In attendance: Mr J March Clerk and 1 member of the press

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – None.
3. **Election of Chairman** – Mr R Mantel nominated by Mr N Crush seconded by Mrs B Ditcham. Mr J Jarvis nominated by Mr A Dimmock, seconded by Mr J Bowley. Mr Mantel elected by a majority vote. He signed his declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair for the rest of the meeting.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** – Mr J Jarvis nominated by Mr J Bowley seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr. Mr D Hymers proposed by Mr B Rogers, seconded by Mr C Smith. Mr J Jarvis elected by a majority vote.
5. **Appointment of Councillors to Committees** – councillors expressed their preferences for membership of committees. Membership as detailed on the attached list dated 29.05.09 was agreed.
6. **Appointment of Councillor Representatives.**
BALC and District/Parish Conference Mr D Hymers and Mr R Mantel (share)
Ruscombe Parish Council – Mr C Smith
Age Concern – Mrs B Ditcham.
Hurst Consolidated Charity – Mr R Mantel
North Parishes Area Youth Committee – Mrs K Peck
Neighbourhood Action Group –Mr C Smith.
Loddon Hall/TRCA – Mrs K Peck
All above appointments agreed, as there is no change to the existing representatives.
Twyford Village Partnership – Mr B Ditcham proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr B Rogers agreed by a unanimous vote.
All details on attached list dated 29.05.09
7. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
8. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2009** – proposed by Mr. C Smith seconded by Mrs K Peck approved unanimously.
9. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 9.1 The Clerk to write a letter of condolence to John Finch's daughter. Completed.
 - 9.2 The Clerk to put seats and table in the Broadwater Rd children's play area on the agenda of the May meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
 - 9.3 The Clerk to put Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures on the agenda of the May meeting of the Finance Committee. No meeting of this committee in May so it will be put on the June agenda.
 - 9.4 The Clerk to sign and return the Parish and Town Councils Charter to WBC. Completed.
 - 9.5 Mr D Hymers to circulate his Chairman's Report to APM to councillors. Completed.
 - 9.6 The Clerk to write to WBC regarding the removal of dog-waste bins. Completed.
Reply from WBC read to meeting.
10. **Borough Council Matters** – Borough Councillor Stephen Conway sent his apologies and asked the Clerk to report the following: Planning Matters – The replacement footbridge at the railway station. More of the station canopy is being

demolished than originally planned and the planning officers are following this up. The planning application for the Bridge House development is expected in the near future. Further discussions have been held regarding funding for the library and various options are under consideration. At the Annual Meeting of the Wokingham Borough Council he raised a question about the policy on dog waste bins and no commitment to change was given and he was told that just more ordinary waste bins would be installed. In reply to a question about the closure of public toilets a commitment was given not to close any until suitable alternatives have been found. In reply to a question about the distribution of travel tokens for the elderly and disabled a commitment was given to review the existing arrangements.

11. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. Mr C Smith said there was nothing of consequence to report.

12. Reports:

12.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 05.05.09. Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting including the planning applications, approvals and refusals. She also gave details of the proposed name for Colleton Children's Centre and discussions with Ruscombe about extending the distribution of Twyford News to include their parish at a charge of £150. She also gave details of the various potholes reported to WBC. Mr B Rogers asked when the children's centre will be opening. Mrs Ditcham replied that it is due to open in late June. Mr C Tennant asked what role it will perform. Mrs B Ditcham explained that it will provide a range of services for families with children in the age range 0 to 5 depending on the needs of the locality.

12.2 Parish Lands Committee 06.05.09 Mr. J. Bowley reported on the meeting. He referred to item. 7.3 - consideration of creating more allotments at Hurst Rd, item 6.2 – hire of Stanlake by Circus Tyranna which was successful although attendances were quite low, item 9.1- the discussions on completion of the landscaping for the skate park project and item 9.4 where permission has been given for an " It's a Knockout " competition to be run on KGVR by the Youth Centre. Mrs S Harriott Kerr reported a dip in the footpath adjacent to the Scout HQ. The Clerk to check this out. Mrs K Peck asked for a copy of the safety inspection for the skate park and ball court. The Clerk to send her a copy. Mrs B Ditcham asked if public toilets have been included in the considerations for the new changing facilities on KGVR. Mr Bowley replied it was too early to say at this time.

12.3 Other Representatives Reports. Minutes of a meeting of the Northern Area Youth Committee were read out. Mr J Jarvis reported on the Town and Parish Councillors Planning Liaison Meeting held at WBC. He raised a question about why the parish are not informed about changes to planning applications approved by planning officers. Mr M Cupit of WBC undertook to reply about this to Mr Jarvis. The Clerk to write to WBC asking why this was not reported in the minutes and ask what is happening about a reply. Mrs K Peck reported on a meeting of the Loddon Hall Management Committee. They are looking at installing more CCTV cameras, rental prices are being increased by 4.5% from 1st May, they are not keen to make their toilet facilities available to the general public and at a recent Environmental Health inspection the main hall passed but the social club failed. Mr C Smith reported on a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group where it was discussed if it would continue, a request has been made to reduce the speed limit outside The Piggott School to 20mph, and three local councils are in discussions about parking problems. It is proposed that a ticket is produced to advise persons that they are creating a problem. This would carry both the NAG and council logos. Councillors

requested to see details before this is implemented. Mr C Smith to report back to the NAG. Mrs B Ditcham reported that the governors of Colleton School have appointed a new Head Teacher – Caroline Norris.

12.4 Clerk's Report Nothing to report.

13. Councillors' Questions – None

14. Correspondence

14.1 VAWB Training Bulletins 27th April and 11th May – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

14.2 WBC – Transformation updates 1 and 2. Noted.

14.3 VAWB Wokingham Bikeathon – circulated on e-mail. Noted

14.4 WBC Town and Parish News April 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

14.5 WBC Swine Flu update – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

14.6 VAWB Community Lunch – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

14.7 Draft WBSP Structure – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

15. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2009. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr D Hymers. Approved 12 for 3 abstentions.

16. Authorisation of Payments. Revised list dated 19.05.09 distributed. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Ms S Doughty. Carried unanimously.

17. Dates of Meetings

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.06.09
Parish Lands Committee	03.06.09
Finance Committee	09.06.09
Meet the Public	13.06.09

Mr R Mantel and Mr J Jarvis to attend. It was suggested that it could be held in the library. The Clerk to make enquiries if this is possible and put it on the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes for discussion.

18. Date of next meeting – 16th June 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.