

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Messrs J Bowley, M Shepherd, A Dimmock, C Smith, N Crush, S Clark, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Mrs s Harriott-Kerr and Ms S Doughty from item 5.4.

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Conway.

1. **Public Questions** – Mr S Conway raised the following questions on behalf of local residents. Mrs Sewell of Hurst Rd raised concerns about smoke from bonfires on the allotments and asked if unused plots at the bottom of the site could be designated as an area for this. Referred to Parish Lands. The streetlight in Troutbeck Close is still faulty. The Clerk has already requested the council contractor to attend to this. Mr Conway Jones has raised concerns about the planning application for 7 flats in The Grove, which has been approved and is going ahead in spite of his objections. This resident has already spoken to the Clerk and several councillors. It has been explained to him that planning approval was given by WBC, who are the planning authority, some time ago and no further action can be taken by the Parish Council about this.
2. **Apologies** – Mr J Jarvis, Mr D Hymers and Mr C Tennant
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2009** - Proposed by Mr A Dimmock seconded by Mr M Shepherd - approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to put 30mph painted sign on Waltham Rd on the agenda of the P&A meeting. Completed.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to put 20mph speed limit outside Polehampton School on the agenda of the P&A meeting. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to put location of “Meet The Public Meeting” on the agenda of the Full Council Meeting. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to enquire why the police did not attend the last “Meet the Public” meeting. Waiting for reply from the police.
 - 5.4 Directory of Clubs to be referred to the Clerk regarding Data Protection. The Clerk has investigated and it is necessary to notify persons that information held on them is being passed on to another location. The Clerk to put the request from TVP for use of the Parish Council data on clubs and societies on the agenda of the November meeting for discussion.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to write to the owners of Bell Court regarding its condition. The Clerk has contacted them and requested the weeds etc to be cleared.
 - 5.6 Mr Jarvis to read the WBC Brochure on Key Projects and bring comments to the next meeting. Mr Jarvis reported that this contains case history material relating to past activities of WBC and does not contain any useful information about on-going or future projects.
6. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr S Conway reported the following: He is still trying to get CCTV installed at the station to overcome the problem of disturbance in the early hours and has had discussions with the executive member who liases with the police and the transport police. A joint letter has been sent to the rail authorities. The planning application for the Bridge House development has been received. He asked for the Parish Council comments to be copied to him. A further meeting was planned to discuss Twyford library but this has been postponed again. He attended a public meeting regarding recent problems outside the Golden Cross. It was resolved that

the brewery will take measures and a further public meeting is to be held in the New Year to review progress. If this is not satisfactory the premises licence could be withdrawn.

7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.

Mr C Smith said there was nothing to report.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 05.10.09 Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting including the public question raised about the speed of traffic in the High St where further enquiries are being made about accident statistics.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee 07.10.09. Mr J Bowley reported on the meeting. The meeting with sports clubs did not raise any major issues and the council were thanked for their work to improve the condition of football pitches. Consideration is being given to increasing the hours worked by the Village Ranger to cover the extra work collecting litter around the skate park and ball court. An inspection is being arranged to check out allotments not being looked after correctly. WBC have allocated a grant of £45K from Playbuilder funding to cover the cost of installing new equipment in the children's play area on KGVR. The lowest quote has not been accepted for the work required to trim the newly layered hedge on Stanlake Meadow due to the poor service recently provided by the contractor who gave this quote.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 13.10.09. Mr N Crush reported on the meeting. Capital and budget expenditure to the end of September are in line with budgeted expectations. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £550 to Readibus. Carried unanimously.

8.4 Other Representatives reports.

The TRCA AGM is being held on 12th November.

The Clerk read out a report from Mr J Jarvis about the meeting between the police and town and parish council representatives held on 13th October.

Mr R Mantel said there was nothing significant to report from the recent WDALC meeting.

Mr R Mantel has been co-opted as representative on Hurst Consolidated Charities but feels this is an appointment that should be decided by the Full Council. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the November meeting.

Mr C Smith reported that the proposed NAG sticker for use on cars parked incorrectly will now be a leaflet but it will probably take some time to be finalised and produced.

8.5 Clerk's report. The Clerk reported that 1st Twyford Scouts are celebrating their centenary in 2010 and have suggested they provide something for the village to commemorate the event. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the November meeting. Councillors to consider what might be suitable.

9. Councillors Questions.

Mrs K Peck raised the problem of large amounts of hedging being put on the bonfire carnival site by a resident of Cheriton Ave. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the November Parish Lands meeting.

Mrs B Ditcham reported on the details of the large planning application received for the development of the Bridge House site. Councillors were told full details are on the WBC web site and were invited to attend the next planning committee meeting to make any comments if required.

10. Remembrance Day 08.11.09. The Clerk to order the wreath and reserve 11 places for councillors in the church. Details of the route and where councillors will join the parade to be circulated once it has been agreed by the scouts.

11. Resignation of Mr C Smith as representative on Ruscombe Parish Council. A replacement is required to attend meetings, which take place on the 1st Tuesday in the month. No volunteers came forward so the position is held open.

12. Venue for “Meet the Public” meetings. The library was felt to be more appropriate as more residents attended. Agreed future meetings to be held in the library. The Clerk to confirm this to the library staff.

13. Correspondence -

13.1 BALC – update 18.09.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.2 VAWB The Volunteer Oct 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.3 WBC Town and Parish News Sept – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.4 VAWB Training Bulletin 29.09.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.5 NALC - Free learning seminars - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.6 WBC Mayor’s Charity Golf Day - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.7 Wokingham Link Bulletin – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.8 Invite to Wokingham Town Mayor Poppy Day Tea. Noted.

13.9 Notice of BALC AGM. Council nominated representatives Mr R Mantel and Mr J Jarvis. The Clerk to check if Mr J Jarvis can attend. If not Mr J Bowley to be asked.

14. Authorisation of payments – list dated 20.10.09 Approval proposed by Mr J Bowley seconded by Mrs B Ditcham. Carried unanimously.

15. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee 02.11.09

Parish Lands Committee 04.11.09

Finance Committee 10.11.09

Meet the Public 14.11.09

Ms S Doughty to attend, Mr M Shepherd to confirm if he is available. Reserve Mr R Mantel

16. Date of next meeting – 17th November 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm.