

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Messrs, J Jarvis, D Hymers, C Tennant, M Shepherd, C Smith, N Crush, S Clark, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and J Bowley from item 8.7.

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Conway and Mrs Bulman Ruscombe Parish Council

1. **Public Questions** – None
2. **Apologies** – Ms S Doughty
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009** - Proposed by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr seconded by Mrs B Ditcham - approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
  - 5.1 The Clerk to put bonfires at Hurst Rd allotments on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee meeting. Completed.
  - 5.2 The Clerk to put the request for TVP to use the clubs and societies data on the agenda of the November meeting of the Full Council. Completed.
  - 5.3 The Clerk to put Hurst Consolidated Charities representative on the agenda of the November meeting of the Full Council. Completed.
  - 5.4. The Clerk to put commemorative item from the Scouts on the agenda of the November meeting of the Full Council. Completed.
  - 5.5. Councillors to consider suitable items in relation to item 4 for discussion at the November meeting of the Full Council. Completed.
  - 5.6. The Clerk to write to put dumping of rubbish on the bonfire carnival bonfire site on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee meeting. Completed.
  - 5.7. The Clerk to circulate details of the Remembrance Day Parade. Completed.
  - 5.8. The Clerk to speak to the library staff about the meet the public meetings. Completed.
  - 5.9. The Clerk to confirm if Mr J Jarvis can attend the BALC AGM. Completed.
6. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr S Conway reported the following: The WBC Core Strategy Document has been approved with a few minor alterations. If approved by the Executive it should be adopted by the Council at their January meeting. Although Mr Conway does not agree with some of the proposals he feels it is important to have a strategy to avoid ad hoc development requests from developers. The Bridge House planning application has divided opinion depending on individual circumstances. He does not think any section 106 contributions will be allocated to library provision as the proposal includes a library on the site and it will not create any further need for a library. A number of details need sorting before it will be submitted to the Planning Committee. There is a good chance that two CCTV cameras will be installed on the station forecourt. Further meetings have been held regarding the library but this matter still rests on the provision of adequate capital funds. The Twyford Christmas Fayre is taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.**

Mrs Bulman reported on the following: They keep getting their notice boards vandalised and she asked if Twyford has the same problem, the meeting about the A4 junction and he joint newsletter which has received favourable comments from residents. The WBC Area Nick Christo has agreed to attend their meetings on a 3 monthly cycle. They made a grant of £200 to Age Concern towards the cost of river

trip and councillors have visited the new waste disposal facilities at Smallmead Reading. The large development in the village was originally for 14 properties but a further application has been made to add another 3, which has raised issues regarding the provision of social housing.

## **8. Reports:**

**8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 02.11.09** Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting. The main item was the discussion on the Bridge House planning application. Comments have been submitted to WBC on their consultation on sustainable communities following discussions with the Twyford Village Partnership.

**8.2 Parish Lands Committee 04.11.09.** In the absence of both the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman the council Chairman Mr Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to place the order for clearing the final section of ground at the Hurst Rd allotments with Alda Design at a cost of £3340. Carried 10 for, 1 abstention. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to increase the Village Rangers hours by 2.5 hours a week. Carried unanimously.

**8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 10.11.09.** Mr N Crush reported on the meeting. The date for the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting has been set for 21<sup>st</sup> April. Enquiries are being made about setting up a link between the CCB action for all website and the parish council section of the village website. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £200 to Sue Ryder Care. Carried 10 for 1 against. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that no grant be made to Cruse Bereavement Care. Carried 6 for, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to make a section 137 grant of £250 to the Scouts for the cost of the Remembrance Day band. Carried unanimously.

**8.4 WBC Town and Parish Conference.** Mr R Mantel, Mr J Jarvis and Mrs B Ditcham reported on the event. Mrs Ditcham was in a working group on Culture where only 3 participants were present so it was not very constructive. Mr Jarvis was in a working group on Neighbourhood Working where some improvements in current working practices were noted. Mr Mantel was in a working group on the Core Strategy where the rationale behind the decisions were outlined by the planners although it was felt to be a bit of a fait accompli for the areas designated for development. Overall it was felt the conference was still very biased towards presentations from WBC and more involvement is required from Towns and Parishes.

**8.5 Meet the Public 14.11.09.** Mr R Mantel reported that the police attended. One member of the public visited and raised the issue of the closed toilets. The background to this was discussed. Mr R Mantel asked for the Planning and Amenities Committee to consider this matter.

## **8.6 Other Representatives reports.**

Mr R Mantel and Mrs K Peck reported on the TRCA AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The President and Chairman have resigned but as there were no nominations for replacements the President has agreed to continue for the next 6 months. Mrs K Peck was elected as Secretary. Although the running of the hall has improved since the new caretaker was appointed she feels that a complete revamp is required to revitalise the organisation. Mr D Hymers felt that it was time that Twyford and Ruscombe Parish Councils considered taking over the running of the hall as this is what happens in most other parishes with their community hall. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed to wait until Mrs K Peck has established herself in the post before considering taking any action.

Mrs K Peck reported on the October meeting of the Northern Area Youth Committee where the request for lighting on the recreation ground was made again. To be referred to Parish Lands Committee.

Mr R Mantel reported that he represented the council at the recent burial of Mrs Betty Gray who had been a councillor some time ago. He asked for feedback on the Remembrance Day Ceremony. All who attended reported they felt it worked well.

**8.7 Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that the faulty CCTV camera has been repaired and is working again. Osbornes have vacated their site at Hurst Rd allotments and cleared the area. He is experiencing problems with the computer, which keeps locking up and feels it needs attention from an expert. Mr S Clark agreed to have a quick look before anyone is called in. A lamp post in Orchard Estate has been knocked over by a lorry but he does not have any information on the owner. Agreed the Clerk to write to residents in the area to see if they have any information.

### **9. Councillors Questions.**

None

**10. Request for TVP to use Parish Council Clubs and Societies data.** Agreed Mrs K Peck to ask the contacts for permission to use their data.

**11. Council representative on Hurst Consolidated Charities.** Mr R Mantel nominated by Mrs B Ditcham, seconded by Mr N Crush and elected 11 for, 1 abstention.

**12. Suggestion for a village commemoration to mark the Scouts centenary.** Proposed by Mr R Mantel, seconded by Mr J Bowley that a bench be installed in a suitable location. Carried unanimously. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee to agree a location.

### **13. Correspondence -**

13.1 Wokingham Link News– circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.2 VAWB training bulletin 22.10.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

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

13.4 VAWB update – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13.5 WBC Borough News autumn. Noted.

13.6 WBC Nominations for Town and Parish representation on Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership - circulated on e-mail. Proposed M R Mantel, seconded Mr J Jarvis to nominate Mr John Heggadon. Agreed unanimously.

13.7 VAWB Training Bulletin 10.11.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

**14. Authorisation of payments – list dated 16.11.09** Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mr C Tennant. Carried unanimously.

### **15. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	07.12.09
Parish Lands Committee	09.12.09
Finance Committee	10.12.09

### **16. Date of next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**