

**Twyford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.45 p.m.

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Messrs, J Bowley, B Rogers, C Smith, M Shepherd, N Crush, A Dimmock, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.

**1. Public Questions** – None

**2. Apologies** – Messrs D Hymers, S Clark and Ms S Doughty

**3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010** - Proposed by Mr A Dimmock seconded by Mr C Smith and approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to ask RPC for information about the proposed bridle path from New Rd Twyford to New Rd Ruscombe. This is included in the Rights of Way improvement Plan recently distributed by WBC. Discussions are taking place with Ruscombe regarding getting it established.

5.2 The Clerk to check if there is a lower age limit for insurance of helpers at the litter pick and let Mrs K Peck know. Completed.

5.3 The Clerk to arrange for the internal audit to be completed. Completed and no issues raised.

5.4 The Clerk to ask Mrs B Ditcham if she can take the minutes for the February meeting of the Full Council. Completed.

5.5 Disabled lifts at Twyford Station – reply from 1<sup>st</sup> Great Western circulated on e-mail. The Clerk has replied raising a point about an emergency contact button in the lifts and is waiting for a reply from 1<sup>st</sup> Great Western

**6. Borough Council Matters.** No Borough Councillor present. Borough Councillor S Conway sent his apologies and submitted a report by e-mail but as the Clerk was on holiday this was not received in time for the meeting. Copy of report attached at end of minutes. Proposed Mr B Rogers seconded Mr M Shepherd that the Clerk contacts Borough Councillors Mrs A Drake and Mrs D Tomlin to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting. Carried 6 for, 4 against.

**7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** No report.

**8. Reports:**

8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.02.10** Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting and no queries were raised.

8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 03.02.10.** Mr J Bowley reported on the following: Checks to see if the ground near the entrance to Hurst Rd allotments is suitable for another allotment and the request from Feed the Children to use Jubilee Corner. All new allotments at Hurst Rd have been let. It is hoped to let Twycombe Lodge on a commercial lease to a vets practice. Mr M Shepherd commented that the hedge on the Longfield Rd boundary of KGVR has been cut. Mr J Bowley explained that the outside of the hedge is not the responsibility of the parish council and others have cut it.

8.3 **Other Representatives reports.**

Polehampton Infants Governors Meetings Sept and November 2009 - Noted.

TRCA Council Meeting 26.01.10 – they are keen to accept the quote for £34,900 to refurbish the toilets providing enough finance can be raised.

8.4 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk was not present. There were no items to report.

**9. Councillors Questions.**

Mr C Smith asked about Special Parking Areas – to be put on the agenda of the April meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee.

**10. WBC Election of Town/Parish Representative to Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership** – Agreed Parish Council votes to be cast for Mr J Heggadon as representative and Mr R Mantel as deputy. The Clerk to send in the completed voting form.

**11. Correspondence -**

11.1 NALC - National training Strategy – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.2 TVP Update – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.3 NALC Leadership Academies 2010 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.4 BALC update 22 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.5 WBC Notice of adoption of WB Core Strategy Development Plan Document - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.6 VAWB Wokingham Borough Third Sector Survey - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.7 VAWB Training e-bulletin 01.02 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.8 BALC Health and Safety Training - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.9 NALC Working Lunch programme 2010 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11.10 Invite to participate in Big Brew Tea Party – Noted.

**12. Authorisation of payments – list dated 09.02.10** Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mrs B Ditcham. Carried unanimously.

**13. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee 01.03.10

Parish Lands Committee 03.03.10

Finance Committee 09.03.10

Meet the Public 13.03.10

Council representatives Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Smith with Mr A Dimmock as reserve.

**14. Date of next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

**The meeting closed 8.20 pm.**

**Addendum** – Copy of e-mail report from Borough Councillor Stephen Conway.

I should be grateful if you could report to the council that I have been trying to get a new Twyford library into Wokingham Borough Council's capital programme. The capital programme is much larger this year than last, largely because WBC has decided to borrow more than before. But whether a new library has actually made it into the programme remains to be seen. I probably won't find out until Thursday's budget meeting. I have also been trying to tackle the problem of inconsiderate (in fact dangerous) parking outside Venture photographers on Waltham Road. The matter was brought to my attention by a concerned resident. I have spoken with the owners and with the police, and hope that the pavement will no longer be blocked by parked vehicles. The Bridge House application is still expected to come before the next planning committee, which meets on 3 March.