

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

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

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Messrs, J Jarvis, D Hymers, J Bowley, B Rogers, C Smith, Ms S Doughty, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs K Peck and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.

In attendance Clerk, Borough Councillors Mrs A Drake and Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman RPC and one member of the press.

**1. Public Questions** – None

**2. Apologies** – Messrs, N Crush, S Clark, A Dimmock and M Shepherd,

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010** - Proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to put SPA on the agenda of the April Planning and Amenities Committee meeting. In hand.

5.2 The Clerk to invite Borough Councillors Mrs A Drake and Mrs D Tomlin to attend the next Full Council Meeting. Completed

5.3 The Clerk to send in the voting form for Town/Parish representative on WBC Strategic Partnership. Completed, Results announced Mr J Heggadon elected with Mr R Mantel as deputy. Thank you letter received from Mr J Heggadon.

5.4 Mr R Mantel reported that he attended the Big Brew tea party.

**6. Borough Council Matters.** Mrs A Drake Thanked councillors for the invitation to attend. She mentioned the problems with 4x4 vehicles crossing over the ramp in Broad Hinton and has asked the police to monitor the situation. She explained the reasons for the changes in arrangements for the collection of dog waste and asked for feedback on the current arrangements. The library has not been put in this year's capital budget. She handed out a map showing the proposed by-pass at Sindlesham. The clerk to put this on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee for consideration. Mr D Hymers asked why the library had not been included in the capital provision of WBC. Mrs A Drake gave details of the proposed revenue budget for next year and then said there was not sufficient capital available. Ms S Doughty asked if WBC realised the full potential of local libraries. Mrs A Drake also explained the lower level of central government funding provided for WBC in comparison with other councils in the area, which is due to the perceived wealth in WBC area. Mr B Rogers thanked Mrs Drake for attending as he had not had the opportunity to meet her before and asked how high the library provision was on her priorities for next year. She explained it was not top of her priorities due to the constraints mentioned earlier. Ms S Doughty asked how many persons are using the new children's centre. Mrs A Drake did not have figures to hand and said she would find out.

Mr S Conway explained why Mrs D Tomlin could not attend due to treatment for cancer and explained the work she does a lot of which is confidential as it is related to social services. Mr R Mantel told the meeting that he had recently heard about Mrs Tomlin's illness and has sent a get-well card on behalf of the council. Mr S Conway then gave an update on the Bridge House planning application detailing some of the issues to be considered and said the nature of the project means that the section 106 contribution is likely to be quite small. He explained the reasons for the delay in implementing the new parking restrictions in Wagtail Close, which should now be completed in the near future. Discussions have been held with residents in Wessex Gardens who have similar problems with commuter parking and he has opened discussions with the rail authorities about improving the parking facilities at the

station. He understands that WBC has put money to one side in case they decide to make Twyford a Special Parking Area. Further work has been carried out with the police and youth service regarding antisocial behaviour in Twyford and Ruscombe and this appears to have a measure of success. He has written to Borough Councillor D Lee, the leader of the council, expressing concern at the large increase in respite care costs.

**7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs C Bulman reported that Mr J Heggadon attended a meeting talk about the WBC Town and Parish Charter but they still have decided not to sign up to it. They have made various section 137 grants and written to express support for the proposed community orchards if they go ahead. Their Annual Parish meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs B Ditcham asked if TRCA has asked for a grant to refurbish the toilets in Loddon Hall. Mrs C Bulman replied that they have but RPC has written back asking for more information.

**8. Reports:**

**8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 01.03.10** Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting. Mr D Hymers asked if anything further has been heard about the station lifts. Mrs B Ditcham replied the MP Theresa May has now become involved but nothing further has been heard from the rail authorities.

**8.2 Parish Lands Committee 03.03.10.** Mr J Bowley reported on the following: The Scouts have agreed to make a £500 contribution to provide an additional bench in KGVR. The Clerk has checked the public liability insurance and risk assessment for Feed the Children to enable them to use Jubilee Corner for fund raising events. An order has been placed to carry out drainage work to overcome the wet areas on pitches at Stanlake Meadow. The negotiations are proceeding for the business let for Twycombe Lodge. There have been delays in starting the work on the children's play area, as WBC did not place the order for the work.

**8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 09.03.10.** Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £350 be awarded to Twyford Village Partnership. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £260 be awarded to Wokingham and District CAB. Carried 9 for, 1abstention. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £150 be awarded to Relate. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £160 be awarded to Henley and District CAB. Carried unanimously. The committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that no grant be awarded to Berkshire Blind Society. Carried 8 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

**8.4 Meet the Public 13.03.10.** Mr C Smith reported that 7 member of the public attended. One commented on the excellent quality of the parish magazine. A resident complained about youths skate boarding near his property, He has spoken to them and they seemed reluctant to use the skate park. The Clerk reported there are no issues with its use and a wide age range of young persons are using it. The Warden of the sheltered housing complained about youths playing football in Polehampton car park. The police have spoken to them and they commented that they couldn't play in KGVR at night as it is too dark. The Clerk to put lighting in KGVR on the agenda of the Parish lands Committee. Another resident complained about speeding in London Rd.

**8.5 Other Representatives reports.**

Mr C Smith reported on a recent NAG meeting. Andrew Luck from consultants working for WBC said that speed limits throughout the borough are due to be considered. The bus stop in Hilltop Rd is going to be re-instated.

8.6 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk has found a suitable stone disc to replace the damaged one in the paving on Jubilee Corner.

**9. Councillors Questions.**

Mr D Hymers asked if the council wished to do anything to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**10. Annual Parish Meeting 21.04.10.** Mrs K Peck and Mrs B Ditcham agreed to provide refreshments. Members were asked to be on site for 7.30pm to help set up. All committee chairmen to provide reports to the council chairman as soon as possible. The Clerk to put this on the agendas of all committee meetings in April.

**11. Twyford Youth Centre – resignation of Youth Worker.** Proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr J Jarvis that the Parish Council writes to Nigel Shaw WBC Youth Service expressing concern at the loss of this important service and to ask for an assurance that a replacement will be appointed pointing out that there used to be two youth workers in Twyford. Carried unanimously.

**12. Correspondence -**

12.1 TVP Request to include Parish Council footpaths and allotments on proposed walking map of Twyford. Proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr J Bowley carried unanimously.

12.2 TVP Police Neighbourhood Update Feb 10. Noted.

12.3 WBC Mayors Stroke Association events. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.3 WBC Town and Parish News Feb 2010. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.4 BALC Update Feb 2010. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.5 VAWB Community Lunch invite. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.6 VAWB Training Bulletin 16.02.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.7 NALC Learning Seminars. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.8 Current WBC Consultations. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.9 VAWB The Volunteer 02.03.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.10 CCB Annual Conference. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.11 Berkshire Link News 05.03.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.12 Action for All Weekly News. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.13 WBC Annual Review. Noted.

12.14 Links re proposed NHS Care Records. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.15 VAWB Gill Lovelock funeral arrangements. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.16 Invite to Chairman to attend opening of lighting shop at the crossroads. Noted.

**12. Authorisation of payments – list dated 12.03.10** Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr. Carried unanimously.

**13. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	06.04.10(Tuesday)
Parish Lands Committee	07.04.10
Finance Committee	13.04.10

**14. Date of next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

**The meeting closed 9.20 pm.**