

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday April 20th 2010 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Messrs D Hymers, J Bowley, C Smith, N Crush, S Clark, A Dimmock, M Shepherd, Ms S Doughty, and Mrs S Harriott-Kerr.

In attendance - Clerk.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Mr J Jarvis, Mrs B Ditcham and Mrs K Peck

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2010 - Proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mrs S Harriott-Kerr and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to put Proposed Sindlesham relief road on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.

5.2 The Clerk to put lighting for skate park and ball court on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee. Completed.

5.3 The Clerk to put commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Completed.

5.4 The Clerk to put committee chairmen reports to the APM on the agenda of all committee meetings in April. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to Write to WBC regarding replacement of the Twyford Youth Worker. Completed. Waiting for reply.

6. Borough Council Matters. District Councillor S Conway sent his apologies and submitted a written report that the Clerk read to the meeting. He mentioned the Bridge House planning application, which was discussed and deferred for further consideration at the last WBC Planning Committee Meeting. He suggested a smaller scheme be considered which the committee accepted. He thanked Mrs B Ditcham for putting the Parish Council case, which supported his views. He has attended a follow up meeting regarding the problems at the Golden Cross and is continuing to liaise with the police regarding anti social behaviour and crime problems in Twyford and Ruscombe. The police are devoting considerable resources to this task. He is taking up the increases to the intake at Colleton School with the WBC education representatives following concerns raised by parents.

7. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. Mrs C Bulman sent her apologies – no report.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 06.04.10 Mr M Shepherd reported on the meeting. He mentioned that the planning application discussed for Bridge House only related to minor changes to the original application. Concerns were raised about the road safety implications relating to the planning application for 106 Wargrave Rd. The committee are continuing to monitor the pothole situation and making regular reports to WBC. The committee noted the petition to have Longfield Road made up and adopted by WBC. The Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the Parish Plan prepared by TVP be approved. Carried unanimously. Mr Hymers reported that he has not received a copy of Twyford News. The Clerk to follow this up with the Scouts.

8.2 Parish Lands Committee No meeting in March.

8.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 13.04.10. Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting. The committee is considering a suitable way of commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and welcomes ideas from all councillors.

8.4 Other Representatives reports.

Age Concern Newsletter. Twyford Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre, invite to AGM on 5th May. Mr Mantel reported he attended Polehampton Infants School's commemoration of 120 years since their foundation. The Duke of Kent attended and planted a tree and unveiled a plaque.

8.5 Clerk's report. The Clerk has noticed the surface of the Loddon Hall car park is deteriorating. He will put this on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee and asked committee members to have a look before the next meeting. Loose stones have been placed on a number of graves in the burial ground in contravention of the rules. The Clerk will also put this on the Parish Lands Committee agenda and asked committee members to have a look prior to the meeting.

9. Councillors Questions.

Mr S Clark raised the issue of the increased intake for pupils at Colleton School, which this year has been raised to 60 from the usual 35. Mrs B Ditcham is at a Governors meeting where this is due to be discussed and the school have arranged an open meeting on 27th April. Agreed this matter be put on the agenda of the May Planning and Amenities Committee meeting when feedback from these two meetings will be available.

10. Annual Parish Meeting 21.04.10. Members were reminded to be on site for 7.30pm to help set up. Arrangements are in hand for the provision of refreshments.

11. Polehampton Close – Public Toilets Building. Mr R Mantel reported that there had been rumours that the building will be demolished. In view of this the Clerk was asked to contact WBC to ask them to consult with the Parish Council before any decisions are made about the building, as there may be some use that it can be put to. The Clerk has established that the responsibility for this building has passed to WBC Property Services and he has written to them. He is waiting for their reply.

12. Correspondence -

12.1 Twyford Area Local Ecumenical Partnership – Invite to opening of St Mary's Garden of Remembrance. Noted.

12.2 NALC – Working Lunch programme. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.3 Action Update – Saving the Sustainable Communities Act. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.4 TVP Newsletter March 2010. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.5 BALC Update March 2010. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.6 Annette Drake reply to question raised at previous Full Council meeting. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.7 WBC Gypsy Roma Traveller Community. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.8 VAWB Training Bulletin 30.03.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.9 NALC Free Learning Seminars. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.10 NALC Localism in Action – conference and exhibition. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.11 WBC – Wokingham Information Network (WIN). Noted

12.12 AMT Academy training. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.13 VAWB Training Bulletin – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.14 WBC More Arts Bulletin. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13. Authorisation of payments – list dated 20.04.10 Approval proposed by Mr C Smith seconded by Ms S Doughty. Carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee

04.05.10(Tuesday)

Parish Lands Committee
Finance Committee

05.05.10
11.05.10

15. Date of next meeting – 18th May 2010 – Annual Meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed 8.43 pm.