

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford, on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr. R Mantel (Chairman) Mrs. S Harriott-Kerr, Mrs. B. Ditcham, Mrs K Peck, Messrs, C. Smith, N.Crush, J.Bowley, J. Jarvis, S Clark and M Shepherd.
In attendance: Mr J March Clerk, Borough Councillor Mr S Conway, Mrs C Bulman Ruscombe Parish Council and 1 member of the press

1. **Public Questions** – there were no public questions.
2. **Apologies** – Mr D. Hymers, Mr C Tennant and Mr A Dimmock
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2010** – proposed by Mr. J Jarvis seconded by Mrs B Ditcham and approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 All councillors to forward any ideas for commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Carried forward.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to put the establishment of a track for runners on the agenda of the Parish Lands Committee. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to put proposed action points in the Parish Plan on the agenda of Planning and Amenities and Parish Lands Committees. Completed.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to put control of expenditure on the agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Completed.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to put dealing with littering on the area of land adjacent to the Silk Mill on the agenda of the Planning and Amenities Committee. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to submit suggestions for topics for the Town and Parish Conference to WBC. Completed.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to book the venue for the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting. Completed Wednesday 20th April 2011 booked.
 - 5.8 Mr R Mantel and Mrs B Ditcham to attend the next Meet the Public meeting on 12th June. Completed.
6. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr S Conway reported on the following: He asked to be kept informed about the progress on the parking issue in Byron Rd raised by Mr Woolmer and asked the parish council to give further consideration to the Jubilee Corner problem. He thanked the council for the information on the Station Rd survey. The Supplementary Planning Documents relating to the Strategic Development Locations have been withdrawn from the agenda of the WBC Executive due to recent statements by the Government Minister. Mr Conway expressed his concern about the lack of clear government policy on this subject. He has asked WBC officers to consider the position relating to boot sales on the land adjacent to the A4 and the owner can hold up to 14 a year without contravening the law. The CCTV promised at the station by Christmas has still not been installed and as a result they have missed being able to get details of recent problems such as the theft from the ticket machine. A meeting has been held with Neil Carr in relation to the library and Neil has undertaken to prepare a report on possible external sources of funding.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman reported that one of their councillors; Mr Pitts has been elected as a Borough Councillor. They have a vacancy, which they think they can fill as they have had interest from a member of the public. They are preparing their Risk Assessment and thanked Twyford PC Clerk for the information provided. A planning application for a microbrewery at Ruscombe Business Park has been approved.
8. **Reports:**

- 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.06.10.** Mrs B Ditcham reported and mentioned the parking problem in Byron Rd raised by Mr Woolmer, the result of the Station Rd one-way survey, the objection to the planning application to convert a maisonette in Springfield Park to 2 storey and comments made on the WBC Winter Service Plan. The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a sub committee be set up to start preparation of a Village Design Statement. Proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mrs K Peck to accept this recommendation. Carried unanimously. Agreed the committee to consider the make up of the sub committee and report back to the next Full Council Meeting.
- 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 09.06.10.** Mr J Bowley reported and mentioned the following. The committee have decided not to install scalplings on the road at Hurst Rd allotments or to have a running track surface installed at Stanlake Meadow due to the high cost of each of these items. There are problems with antisocial behaviour at Jubilee Corner and contact has been made with WBC regarding street working to address this problem. The Centenary bench being paid for by the Scouts will be installed in the children's play area. The backboard on the ball court has now snapped off. The Clerk has managed to source a new board to fit the back frame, which should prevent this reoccurring.
- 8.3 **Finance and General Purposes Committee 15.06.10.** Mr N Crush reported on the meeting. A proposal to make Stanlake Meadow a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Field to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee is being considered. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £200 be made to Reading Samaritans. Carried 9 for, 1 abstention. The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £150 be made to Twyford Comets. Carried 7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.
- 8.4 **Meet the Public 12.06.10.** Mr R Mantel and Mrs B Ditcham were present and one member of the public came. He raised issues relating to back land development and speeding in Wargrave Rd which were dealt with.
- 8.5 **Other Representatives reports** – Mr J Jarvis reported on the Armed Forces Flag Raising ceremony held on Monday 21st June and reminded councillors about the public ceremony on 26th. He also attended a liaison meeting with the police where the police reported that the safer roads budget is being cut by 50% and the overall TVP budget by 15%. The Police Authority is to be abolished and replaced by an elected Commissioner. The Role of NAGs is under review. In spite of earlier comments made by Borough Councillor Keith Baker to the contrary the police assured the meeting that they will enforce speed restrictions. Councillor Baker is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss this. Operation Lion cub is available to help with areas of antisocial behaviour.
- 8.6 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk has had a meeting with Sophie Munro of the Youth Service and they hope to carry out about 4 weeks of street work during the summer. The Clerk requested them to focus this on the current problems at Jubilee Corner. He has a meeting arranged with Jude Whyte the new Area Manager for WBC. He is progressing the lease for Twycombe Lodge and has just checked through 40 pages of questions relating to the new lease.
9. **Councillors Questions.** Mr M Shepherd has been asked whom a resident should contact to get permission for a swing to be erected on a public open space. As this area is the responsibility of WBC they should be contacted.
10. **Correspondence** -

- 10.1 Twyford and District Age Concern – invite to AGM 22.07.10. Noted. Mrs B Ditcham to attend
- 10.2 NALC – Events Bulletin 28.05.10 and 14.06.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.3 Action Update – Saving the Sustainable Communities Act. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.4 CCB Common Goals, Different Attitudes – The Power of Community Relationships Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.5 BALC updates 26 and 27. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.6 Action for All Newsletters 25.05,14.06 and 21.06.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.7 WBC Annual Council. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.8 VAWB Training Bulletin 07.06.10 and 21.06.10. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.9 VAWB The Volunteer June 2010. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.10 WBC Grants Workshop. Circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.11 VAWB Diabetes Event 01.07.10 – circulated on e-mail. Noted. Mr R Mantel to attend.
- 10.12 Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership board – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

11. Authorisation of payments –list dated 22.06.10 issued at meeting. Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mr C Smith, carried unanimously.

12. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.07.10
Parish Lands Committee	07.07.10 – Stanlake Pavilion.
Finance Committee	13.07.10

13. Date of next meeting – 20th July 2010

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.