

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 7.45p.m.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chair), Messrs J Bowley, N Crush, A Dimmock, D Hymers, J Jarvis and C Smith.

In attendance: Clerk, Mrs A Drake, Borough Councillor, 2 members of the press.

1. **Public Questions** – None.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs L Jarvis & Mr M Shepherd.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr Dimmock declared an interest in item 13.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2011** – Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr C Smith. Approved nem con.
5. **Matters arising**
 - 5.1 Christmas Tree Festival - Mrs B Ditcham to organise TPC Christmas Tree. In progress.
 - 5.2 Meet the Public & Village Design Statement Consultation (URC) 10:30am – 12:30 19th November 2011. Mrs B Ditcham & Mr D Hymers to attend. Mr Hymers reported- see item 8.4.
 - 5.3 WDALC Annual Meeting 27.10.11 – Mr Mantel & Mrs Ditcham to attend. Mr Mantel reported on the annual meeting.
 - 5.4 WBC Borough/Town and Parish Conference 02.11.11 –Mr Mantel & Mr Hymers to attend. Mr Mantel reported on the conference and workshops. Questions had been submitted by Twyford Parish Council and responses will be circulated by e-mail.
 - 5.5 BALC AGM 05.11.11 & Chairman's report – Mr Mantel & Mr Hymers to attend. Mr Mantel reported on localism and standards of conduct.
 - 5.6 Fields in Trust Newsletter – Circulated by e-mail. Clerk to un-subscribe from Diamond Jubilee mailings. Completed.
 - 5.7 Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue service- consultation – Mr Jarvis to look at and report back to the next meeting. Mr Jarvis reported on plans for a new fire station to the west side of Reading. There are no longer plans for a fire station in Twyford.
6. **Borough Council Matters.** Borough Councillor Mrs A Drake reported. WBC debated on the future of the library service, they are considering taking on a partner to improve facilities. Libraries will remain as belonging to the WBC. Mrs Drake had participated in an initiative launched by WBC to increase awareness of disabilities. A resident complained of parking on unrestricted roads in Broad Hinton, however, there seems to be no hazard or infringement of the law occurring.
Mr Conway was unable to attend the meeting and the Clerk updated the Council on the Tesco planning applications on his behalf.
7. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** No questions or report.
8. **Reports:**
 - 8.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.11.11** The minutes were distributed.
 - 8.2 **Parish Lands Committee 08.11.11.** Mr J Bowley reported on the minutes. The Community Orchard is to be planted at 10:30am on Saturday 26th November.
 - 8.3 **Finance and General Purposes Committee 15.11.11.** Mr N Crush reported. Frances Haywood WBC had attended the meeting as part of a consultation on Community Infrastructure Strategy.
The committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council that a section 137 grant of £250 be made to Twyford Scouts. Carried unanimously.

8.4 Other Representatives reports

Mr Hymers reported on the Meet the Public session.

A resident requested that the skate park is painted dark green. Parish Lands to consider.

A resident requested more trees in the verges along the Hurst Road and London Road. The street lamp at the end of Sycamore Drive by the London Road junction is unnecessary as there is sufficient light from the London Road. Planning and Amenities to consider.

Street Lamp 184 Willow Drive is intermittent. Clerk to report.

A resident in favour of The Colleton School expansion raised the issue of traffic problems. He suggested a pedestrian access to the school via a walkway running along the back of the houses on Colleton Drive. He also suggested a drive on scheme with a different drive off route to allow parents to drop children off by car. Refer to Planning and Amenities.

Residents requested the re-surfacing of Arnside Close. They also reported a double decker bus on the Amberley Drive route - thought to be temporary.

A resident was concerned about traffic produced by Tesco and delivery lorries. It should be ensured that the lorries make deliveries from the rear of the shop.

Resident raised that previously the back part of the building was residential and wouldn't a change of use be required for that? Planning and Amenities to consider.

Resident also suggested a circular flower bed in Jubilee corner. Parish Lands to consider.

Mr Mantel reported that 7 Councillors attended the Remembrance day service.

9. Budgets for 2012/2013 A reminder to Committees that they should be working on their budgets.

10. Clerk's report. The meeting rooms have been booked for 2012. The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr & Mrs M Shepherd announcing the arrival of their new baby boy, brother to Ryan. Clerk to send a card on behalf of the Councillors.

11. Councillors Questions

Mr Bowley commented on the Twyford Parish Council google map which still shows the old office address. The Clerk confirmed that it had been changed but takes time to amend itself.

12. Correspondence -

12.1 BALC Finance Training 31.01.12– circulated on e-mail Clerk, Mr N Crush, Mrs L Jarvis & Mr R Mantel to attend.

12.2 WBC Meeting of the Council – 17.11.11 Noted.

12.3 WBC Meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee – 15.11.11 Noted.

12.4 WBC Meeting of the Personnel Board – 07.11.11 Noted.

12.5 WBC Chairmanship Skills Workshop – 07.12.11– circulated on e-mail Clerk to register interest from Mrs B Ditcham & Mr J Bowley.

12.6 TVP Community messaging 03.11.11, 07.11.11 & 09.11.11– circulated on e-mail Noted.

12.7 TVP non-emergency 101 number – circulated on e-mail- Noted.

12.8 TVP In your Neighbourhood– circulated on e-mail- Noted.

12.9 SERTP Publication – circulated on e-mail- Noted.

12.10 WBC Partnership News – circulated on e-mail- Noted.

12.11 Action for all newsletter 02.11.11 & 14.11.11 – circulated on e-mail- Noted.

- 12.12 NALC E-bulletin – circulated on e-mail- Noted.
- 12.13 Daisy’s Dream newsletter – circulated on e-mail- Noted.
- 12.14 Community Buildings Newsletter- Noted.
- 12.15 LCAS Bulletin – circulated on e-mail Noted.
- 12.16 Majors office – invite to Carols in the Mall 16.12.11- Noted.
- 12.17 WBC Major Project Coordination Meeting – 22.11.11- Noted.
- 12.18 Regenerating Wokingham Town Centre – Noted.
- 12.19 Wokingham Link 17.11.11-Noted.
- 12.20 NALC E-bulletin 18.11.11-Noted.
- 13. Authorisation of payments – list dated 22.11.11.** Approval proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Mr J Bowley and carried unanimously. Mr Dimmock abstained due to business interest.
- 14. Dates of meetings:**
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| Village Design Statement – Meeting 7:45pm | 29.11.11 | William Penn room. |
| Planning and Amenities Committee | 05.12.11 | (Monday) |
| Parish Lands Committee | 06.12.11 | (Tuesday) |
| Finance Committee | 08.12.11 | (Thursday) |
| Meet the Public | 14 th | January 2012 |
- Mr Dimmock & Mr Jarvis to attend with Mr Crush as reserve.
- 15. Date of next meeting – 13th December 2011**

The meeting closed at 8:56 pm.