

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 7th October 2002 at 7.45pm.

Present Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Mr K Hogg, Mr D Hymers Mr T LeMare. Mr J Palmoski (Parkman)

1. **Apologies-** Mrs G Wright, Mr J Bowley, Mr N Crush, Mr R Mantel.
2. **Declarations of interest- none**
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2002 were approved and signed.**
4. **Local transport notice boards-**Mr Palmoski explained the intention to install a transport information board in Twyford. The committee discussed various sites and agreed to confirm the preferred location at the Full Council meeting later in the month.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - 5.1 Longfield Road shops forecourt- No response received from either parties contacted.
6. **Planning matters:**
 - 6.1 **Current List-delegated**
 - 6.1.1 7388 1 Firgrove(Revised)-no comment
 - 6.1.2 7403 18 Heron Drive-The plans accompanying this application should not be accepted as of a sufficient standard for permission to be granted without giving rise to possible confusion over what has been permitted. As this has come from a commercial firm not a householder the plans should be rejected as too amateur and inadequate.
 - 6.1.3 7427 Natwest, 1 Church Street-There is objection to the illuminated projecting sign on the grounds that
 1. There is an existing policy of not permitting illuminated signs as they are out of keeping with the Conservation area.
 2. The position of the sign and the red colouring will be a source of confusion to motorists being close to and directly in line with the traffic lights.The other proposed signs are considered to be most suitable for the site.
 - 6.1.2 7432 15 Lincoln Gardens-This application is viewed as an amendment to the existing permission given to the same applicant for the adjoining land, in particular the vehicular access and landscaping should not be looked at in isolation. There is concern about the effect on no 59 Hermitage Drive, which has been extended and as a result is much closer to the boundary than is shown on the site location plan. Also the houses in Hermitage Drive are set several feet lower than Lincoln Gardens. The new dwelling will be too close to the no 59 and will badly overlook that property. The applicant should be asked to provide elevations before permission is granted. A smaller property which does not extend so far back would be preferable. Details of the proposed landscaping in the rear garden should be seen before permission is granted. Finally if this is to be considered as an outline application, the number of bedrooms and the exact location and footprint area of the house should be reserved for consideration as part of a full planning application.
 - 6.1.3 7508 29 Hilltop Road-No comment

- 6.1.4 7517 25 New Road-amendment to 6172- There is concern about the increase in rooflights.
- 6.1.5 7580 82 Hurst Road- The work appears underway already with the loss of the hedge. This should be monitored to ensure it is replaced with a fence and not left as open access.
- 6.1.6 7669 20 Cotterell Gardens-No comment
- 6.1.7 7698 167 Broad Hinton- No comment
- 6.1.8 6291 Piggott School Sports Pavillion (Revised)-There remains concerns about the safety particularly for the children with regard to the traffic flows. It is not clear whether coaches will have to reverse to park, which is illegal, or whether there is an adequate turning area. The set down and pick up area is not clear either, nor a safe place for pedestrians to cross the access road. Finally further details of the proposed landscaping are required to ensure they will be adequate.

6.2 Notices of permission:-

7272 71 Hurst Park Road	7353 44 Gooch Close
6860 12 Church Street	7081 155 Broad Hinton
7040 17 Harrison Close	7039 21 Winchcombe Road
7224 Nationwide, 6 High Street	7164 29 Station Road
6953 Flats 1 & 2 ,41 High Street	7350 20 Yewhurst Close
7314 1 Waltham Road	

6.3 Notices of refusal: 7199 11 High Street

6.4 Other planning matters:-

- 6.4.1 Notice re appeal on 68-74 Wargrave Road-noted
- 6.4.2 Letter from WDC re 1 Waltham Road-noted. The Clerk to write re the question of parking for the site.
- 6.4.3 Illuminated fascia board on frontage of Aladdins Cave. The Clerk to check with the Enforcement Officer if planning permission is needed.

7. Footway Lighting.

- 7.1 Repair and fault report:- 209, 52 New Road, 43 opp 94 Orchard Estate(flickering), 244 Springfield Park, 57 o/s St Barts , Byron Road, 181 by 108 Wargrave Road, 190 12/14 Carlisle Gardens, 218 o/s 15 Lincoln Gardens,212 by shops Wargrave Road. The Clerk to report District Council lights out and to ask for numbers and painting of their columns as well as information on charges from SEC to ensure fair charging. The Clerk to also ask for a quote from SEC to replace all the bulbs in the Parish lights.
- 7.2 The Clerk reported a request from Parkman to move column 94 in Byron Road. The Committee to inspect the site and the Clerk to obtain more information.
- 7.3 Mrs Dane and Mr Hymers agreed to conduct a tour of the parish lights to assess the need for repainting.

8. General Amenity Matters:

- 8.1 Mrs Dane reported on the Campaign Against Waste Meeting held on Monday 30th September.
- 8.2 Complaint re waste in Hermitage Drive. The Clerk to inform the resident that the housing association is Thames Valley and that Pete Baveystock at WDC can be contacted re the problem of clearing rubbish.
- 8.3 The Ranger to remove poster in bus stop outside Waitrose. The Clerk and Ranger to assess the bus shelter in Wargrave Road for painting.

- 8.4 Mr LeMare asked a number of questions re local facilities, in particular the need for new footpath signs at the Silk Mill and appropriate road signs. He was referred to WDC Highways department.
- 9. Highways**
- 9.1 Lorries turning in Hurst Road - more information needed.
- 9.2 Plans to stop Reading buses 125,127 and 128-noted.
- 9.3 Letter from resident re parking in London Road-The Clerk to respond.
- 9.4 Straight Mile completed-noted. Mr Hymers asked about the diversion signs and was informed they are still in place awaiting the removal of the scaffolding on the Stanlake Lane Bridge ,which is still to be accomplished.
- 9.5 Proposed Thames Crossing - Mrs Dane reported on a recent meeting which tabled 9 options to solve the crossing problem. The Committee agreed that options 5-9 were not favourable to Twyford due to traffic implications. The Clerk to write to the Group requesting to be informed of any future developments.
- 9.6 WDC letter re prohibition and restriction of waiting in Hurst and Broadwater Road. The Clerk to respond that there is already a problem enforcing the current arrangements, therefore further restrictions seem unlikely to solve the problem. The Committee feel a limited no waiting policy for 7.30-9.00am would solve the problem by preventing the commuter vehicles blocking the roads. They agreed with no waiting at any time outside Loddon View.
- 10. Correspondence:**
- 10.1 Letter from WDC re Inspection of Development Control - noted
- 10.2 Agenda re Development Control 2nd October 2002 - noted
- 10.3 Letter from resident re use of shops in Twyford – The Clerk to respond.
- 10.4 The Countryside Agency draft map of Twyford for comments- no comments to make
- 10.5 Mr Hymers reported from the WDLAC meeting of the intention to appoint three community wardens whose focus would be Earley and Twyford.
- 11. Twyford News-** Autumn issue published.
- 12. Date of next meeting:- Monday 4th November 2002.**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM PLANNING AND AMENITIES MEETING 07-10-2002

1. The Clerk to check on the parking position re the planning granted for 29 Station Road
2. The Clerk to write re the question of parking for 1 Waltham Road.
3. Fascia boards outside Aladdins Cave. The Clerk to check with the Enforcement Officer if planning permission is needed.
4. The Clerk to report District Council lights out and to ask for numbers and painting of their columns as well as information on charges from SEC to ensure fair charging.
5. The Clerk to also ask for a quote from SEC to replace all the bulbs in the Parish lights.
6. Column 94 in Byron Road. The Committee to inspect the site and the Clerk to obtain more information.
7. The Clerk to inform the resident that the housing association is Thames Valley and that Pete Baveystock at WDC can be contacted re the problem of clearing rubbish.
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9. Sonning By-pass The Clerk to write to the Group requesting to be informed of any future developments.
10. WDC letter re prohibition and restriction of waiting in Hurst and Broadwater Road. The Clerk to respond.
11. The Clerk to respond to the residents queries re parking in London Road and type of shop in Twyford.