

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 4th August 2003 at 7.45pm.

Present Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Miss P Lawrence, Mrs B Herbertson, Messrs K Hogg, R Mantel, T LeMare, A Parkin-White.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk), Miss F Penn (retiring Clerk),

1. **Apologies-** Mr D Hymers, Mr J Bowley, Mrs G Wright.
2. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda - none**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held 7th July 2003** – Mr LeMare proposed and Miss Lawrence seconded, approved unanimously.
- 4 **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 Provision of lorry for residents to dispose of rubbish. Ruscombe provide a manned lorry on the 2nd Saturday of odd months. It is supplied via WDC and the cost is £125 per visit. Clerk to investigate if this could be provided by private contractors and the cost.
 - 4.2 77 Wargrave Rd. Mrs Dane has investigated this further. No details are available on the developer. The enforcement officer cannot act until the properties are built and do not match the planning application. Trading standards can only enforce when the buildings are completed and do not match what is advertised. For now it is a case of waiting to see what happens.
5. **Planning matters**
 - 5.1 **Current List:-**
 - 5.1.1 8035 39 Hurst Rd – no objection in principle but query the need to extend beyond the existing rear extension.
 - 5.1.2 9587 Mulberry Mead
 - 1 Object to the access being too narrow and too close to Waltham Rd junction for safety – effect on neighbours.
 - 2 Object to the poor layout, which splits the private garden from the existing house.
 - 3 Object to the small plot sizes – rear gardens are too short – it is probably over development and out of keeping with neighbours.
 - 4 Object to detrimental effect on the existing house
 - 5 Some development may be acceptable but this layout does not make the best use of the land.
 - 5.1.3 9675 92 London Rd Ruscombe – no comment
 - 5.1.4 9653 Units 8/9 The Pavilions Ruscombe Business Park – no comment
 - 5.1.5 9567 16 Troutbeck Close –
 1. Object to enclosing the street scene further.
 2. Circumstances do not warrant a change from the previous decision.
 - 5.1.6 9576 7 Llewellyn Park
 1. Restrict use to domestic only
 2. Note - the building will be close to the properties being built at the rear of 77 Wargrave Rd
 - 5.1.7 9723 Rear of 6 Church St
 1. Concern at loss of car parking spaces.
 2. Size of portakabin seems out of proportion to the size of the existing business.
 - 5.1.8 9691 Waitrose London Rd – no comment.
 - 5.1.9 9784 39 Amberley Drive – no comment.

5.1.10 9811 23 Chaseside Ave – no comment.

5.1.11 9916 166 Broad Hinton - No Comment

5.2 Appeals

5.2.1 1103337 15 New Rd Twyford – appeal dismissed.

5.2.2 7869 1 Station Rd Twyford – appeal lodged. Linda Dane to provide comments for reply

5.3 Notices of permission:-

8259 27/29 Wargrave Rd – Clerk to ask for more information on reason for granting permission

8943 6 Burton Close

9244 35 Hermitage Drive

5.4 Notices of refusal

9317 Loddon Nurseries Wargrave Rd

5.5 Other planning matters:-

5.5.1 WDC Development Control Agenda 30th July 2003 - noted

5.5.2 WDC Highways Board Agenda 15th July 2003 - noted

5.5.3 WDC Telecommunications Mast Register – Clerk to send in corrections to the list provided and ask if the list identifies where more than one operator is using a mast

5.5.4 Berkshire Structure Plan 2001-2016 - Examination in Public - noted

5.5.5 Offer from Development Control to attend a P & A Meeting – Clerk to arrange for representative from WDC to attend next meeting.

5.5.6 Special meeting of Development Control Committee 26/8/03 – noted

5.5.7 Development Control Users Panel (meeting held on 23rd July 2003)
Mrs Dane reported on the items discussed. Current performance- 65%of applications dealt with in 8 weeks. The Government want this increased to 80% and grants are available for good performance. Staffing levels -they try to keep fully staffed but there are problems caused by staff turnover rates. Planning fees only cover the cost of salaries not the full cost of the department

6 Footway Lighting

6.1 Repair and fault report - WDC light outage 6 outside 21 Wargrave Road Parish – 230 Station Terrace and 6 outside 22 New Rd

7 General Amenity Matters:

7.1 defra Rural Services Standard 2003 - noted

7.2 Suggested name for footpath in Wessex Gardens. Suggested list of names discussed and a number were selected to be recommended to WDC. Clerk to send list to Stephen Conway, District Councillor and ask him to take it up with WDC.

8 Highways

8.1 WDC notice of traffic lights outside 32-36 A321 Hurst Road - noted.

8.2 Potholes update - none to report

8.3 Traffic light in the centre of the village. The phasing is still not correct with London Rd and Church St always getting their full time regardless of traffic flow. Clerk to report to WDC

9. Correspondence:

9.1 Readibus Annual Report and Accounts - noted

9.2 Letter from Green Issues re development of Sandford Farm site.

9.3 Copy of letter to WDC re trees in Waltham Rd – noted

- 9.4 Letter from MJ Elderfield regarding light pollution from upgrading of lighting in Wargrave Rd – Clerk to reply informing him that there are no plans to upgrade the lighting.
10. **Twyford News** - Linda Dane gave details of proposed articles. Advertisers have been written to and several renewals have already been received.
11. **Date of next meeting – Monday 1st September 2003**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

