

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at 7.45pm.

Present Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Mrs G Wright, Mr N Crush, Mr K Hogg, D Hymers, R Mantel

1. **Apologies**-Mr J Bowley.
2. **Declarations of interest**- none
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2002 were amended, approved and signed.**
4. **Matters arising:**
  - 4.1 WDC response re traffic Island in London Road - noted
  - 4.2 Mrs Dane updated the Committee on the surgery's commitment to repair the surgery fence.
5. **Planning matters:**
  - 5.1 **Current List-delegated**
    - 5.1.1 8082 47 Lincoln Gardens - No comment
    - 5.1.2 8088 43 Wessex Gardens - No comment
    - 5.1.3 8117 65 Wessex Gardens - Concerns over the terracing effect on the street scene, especially the roof gate, overbearing effect on neighbours and whether there is sufficient parking for a 5 bedroom house.
    - 5.1.4 8065-32-36 Hurst Road -
      1. Objections to all the three storey buildings as inappropriate in design for the site, as they are out of character compared to the surrounding properties which are bungalows.
      2. Plot No 1 should be no higher than the existing bungalows either side.
      3. The application appears to put forward two different plans which in turn are different from the original outline plan submitted in 2000. The Committee marginally prefers the new plans as they are further from the flood plain boundary, although this results in a cramped appearance.
      4. However there is great concern about flooding as currently much of the site is under water and this will be more of a problem in the future.
      5. There is concern that there is insufficient parking for the site, especially as Hurst Road has a number of waiting restrictions which means there is no overspill for parking.
      6. Any permission should have a requirement to put in all the footpaths and landscaping proposed on the application.
      7. Any permission should have restrictions imposed for any future extensions, especially those plots near the flood plain.
      8. There should be conditions limiting hours of working and requiring contractors vehicles to be stored on site not on the road.
      9. Finally there is concern that if the application proposes an increase in the hard surfaced area of the site this too will have implications for flooding in the future and could adversely affect properties downstream.

For the SAI panel - The Parish Council would be prepared to make a strip of allotment land alongside the brook available for the developers to create a Riverside Park area which could be linked to the open spaces and footpaths on the proposed site. (to be confirmed at Parish Lands meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January). A new library remains top priority for Twyford followed by refurbishment work at the community centre, Loddon Hall.

- 5.1.5 8007 20 Paddock Heights – revised - no comment.
- 5.1.6 8029 75 Hurst Park Road - No comment
- 5.1.7 8169 29 Poundfield Way - No comment
- 5.1.8 8155 83 Wessex Gardens - No comment
- 5.1.9 8174 18 Carlile Gardens - No comment
- 5.1.10 7949-revised- 68 & 0 Springfield Park - No further comments.
- 5.1.11 8115 –Charvil - Loddon Drive - No comment.
- 5.1.12 8035-revised-39 Hurst Road - There remains the concern that the proposal is too large in size.
- 5.1.13 7432-revised-Land at 15 Lincoln Gardens - No comment.

## **5.2 Notices of permission:-**

- 7669 20 Cotterell Gardens 7427 Natwest 1 Church Street (Clerk to query)
- 7806 24 Broadwater Road 7831 9 Yewhurst Close
- 7836 4 Wessex Gardens 7215 16 London Road
- 7861 78 Wessex Gardens 7878 15 Westview Drive

## **5.3 Notices of refusal:- 7865 20 Cotterell Gardens**

### **5.4.1 Other planning matters:-**

- 5.4.1 Development Control Agendas for 11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December 2002 - noted
- 5.4.2 Appeal decision on 1 Longfield Road - noted
- 5.4.3 Development Control Users Panel 22th January 2003 5-7pm - noted
- 5.4.4 New signage at Brighton’s Newsagents - The Clerk to notify the Enforcement Officer.
- 5.4.5 WDC letter re reorganisation of the Development Control Teams - noted

## **6. Footway Lighting.**

- 6.1 Repair and fault report: - Reported- Col 227, 1-9 Orchard Estate, 103, Cheriton Avenue, 1169, 79 Colleton Drive and 212, Wargrave Road. To be reported cols 94 & 57 Byron Road, 100 and 102 Longfield Road, 206 Wargrave Road. For WDC col outside 4 Cotterell Gardens, cols 22 and 27 Waltham Road. Mrs Dane to divide Twyford into areas for councillors to check condition and numbering of lamps.
- 6.2 Quotation for bulb replacement – Noted, no action.

## **7. General Amenity Matters:**

- 7.1 WDC Disability Equality Policy - Noted
- 7.2 WDC Flood Plan - Noted, especially the possible need for the Parish Council to provide a site for sand bags if a warning is issued by the Environment Agency.
- 7.3 The Clerk to contact the railway authorities re the graffiti on the bridge and station and the general poor state of the station and unfinished painting.
- 7.4 Graffiti on cable boxes, the Clerk to contact the cable company.
- 7.5 The Clerk to contact the PO re graffiti on post boxes outside the chemist and at the junction of Springfield Park/London Road.

## **8. Highways**

- 8.1 Progress on bid for grant for publicity for bus service - Mrs Dane updated the Committee on the current envisaged costs and the link up with Wargrave Parish Council.
- 8.2 Reading Borough Council - Vision for Transport - noted.
- 8.3 WDC Agenda for Highways Board 17<sup>th</sup> December 2002 - noted.
- 8.4 The Clerk to report to WDC the dangerous posts just installed in Colleton Drive/Wessex Gardens and Woodpecker Close.

9. **Correspondence:**
  - 9.1 Standards Board Roadshow 22 January 2003 - noted
10. **Budget for 2003/4** - The Committee agreed the figures to be submitted to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the final budget.
11. **Twyford News** –The Committee each agreed to check the information on the Directory pages and report back to Mrs Dane by the next meeting.
12. **Date of next meeting:- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2003.**

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

<b>ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM PLANNING AND AMENITIES MEETING 06-01-2003</b>
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1. The Clerk to query whether the red sign is still to be installed at the Natwest Bank.
2. The Clerk to notify the Enforcement Officer of Brighton's signs.
3. Mrs Dane to allocate Twyford to councillors for lamp checking.
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