

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 5th December 2005 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Mrs B Ditcham, Messrs R Mantel, D Hymers, C Smith, J Rowe and J Jarvis.
In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk).

1. **Public Questions** – none.
2. **Apologies**- None
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** - None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2005** – Mr J Jarvis proposed and Mr D Hymers seconded, approved 5 for, 1 abstention.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to contact WDC regarding the use of J W Greens site as a library. Completed
 - 5.2 Mrs Dane to draft a letter to WDC about the landscaping plan for 1 Longfield Rd. Letter sent and reply received.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to write to Royal Mail about the collection time for London Rd and the used of indicators on all post boxes. Letter sent.
 - 5.4 The Clerk write to WDC Head of Planning about changes made to approved plans. Letter sent and reply received.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to contact Network Rail and house owners about the overgrown trees on the Waltham Rd/Springfield Park footpath. Work order raised by Network Rail to trim trees. Mr C Smith has spoken to the resident in no 38 Springfield Park and asked them to cut back the trees.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to obtain prices for trimming and/or removing the sycamore trees in Loddon Hall car park adjacent to the new lighting column. Quote requested.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to copy information about additional services from Readibus to local newspapers. Completed.
 - 5.8 Mrs Dane to send in comments on the Consultation on the Draft of the WDC Local Transport Plan. Completed
6. **Planning matters**
 - 6.1 **Current List**
 - 6026 38 Colleton Drive – no comment
 - 4846 KGVR Skate Park –comments made by Mrs Dane at Development Control Meeting.
 - 6239 27 Springfield Park – no comment
 - 6204 Denmark House, Charvil. Object – It will increase traffic flow, it is in the green gap between villages and it is in the flood plain. How will point 3 in the attached letter from the Environment Agency be complied with?
 - 6252 Loddon Acres, New Bath Rd. Object -The site plan is inaccurate, as it does not show all the buildings on the site some of which appear to have commercial use. The building is in the flood plain.
 - 6334 97 Wargrave Road. Object – This is urbanisation of the street scene and is inconsistent with other properties in the road. Can the wall be built without fatal damage to the existing hedge?
 - 6240 Stanton, Longfield Road – No Comment
 - 6321 53 Hurst Park Road – No Comment

6281 Garden Cottage r/o 46 High St. Will this satisfy the requirements of English Heritage?

6263 30 Sycamore Drive. A condition should be imposed that separate use cannot be made of the extension.

6.2 Appeals

50 - 52 London Rd – dismissed

Mulberry Mead. The Clerk to advise WDC Development Control that existing work is being carried out on site including filling in the swimming pool.

6.3 Notices of permission

5881 46 Hurst Park Rd

5862 195 Broad Hinton

5776 21 London Road

4846 KGVR Skate Park

6.4 Notices of refusal

None

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WDC Planning applications and decisions:

24.10.05 – 28.10.05 - noted

31.10.05 – 04.11.05 - noted

07.11.05 – 11.11.05 - noted

14.11.05 – 18.11.05 - noted

21.11.05 – 25.11.05 - noted

6.5.2 WDC Developing a Land Use Vision for Wokingham District. Proposed comments to be made discussed and agreed. The Clerk to send to WDC.

6.5.3 WDC Special Meeting of Development Control Committee 17.11.05 - noted

6.5.4 Planning application 4846 KGVR Skate Park – Invite to speak at Development Control Meeting on 23.11.05. Mrs Dane attended and made appropriate comments.

6.5.5 WDC – Telecommunications roll-out – noted.

6.5.6 WDC Statement of Community Involvement – details of document explained to the meeting. Mrs Dane to prepare comments to be submitted.

6.5.7 District Councillor Stephen Conway is investigating new lights erected on the exterior of the travel agents on the crossroads.

6.5.8 Two new signs erected for Cedar Park Nursery in Wargrave Rd do not appear to have planning permission. The Clerk to raise this with the enforcement officer.

6.5.9 Temporary permission for the signs at Kings Gardens, Wargrave Road, has lapsed – Clerk to contact enforcement officer.

7. Footway Lighting

7.1 Repair and fault report – the following faults have been reported:

Parish – 216 Colleton Drive -outage

73 Brook St – outage

93 Byron Rd – outage

187 Amberley Drive – outage

215 Loddon Hall Rd – outage

4 New Rd – day burner.

WDC - o/s 14 Byron Close - outage

8. General Amenity Matters

8.1 WDC Christmas Tree recycling - noted

8.2 Consultation on Police Community Support Officers - Details of the role of PCSOs obtained and to be circulated to councillors by the Clerk.

9. Highways

- 9.1 Potholes update. None
- 9.2 Street naming and numbering –116 Wargrave Rd - noted
- 9.3 WDC Temporary prohibition of driving order 02/12/05 Christmas Fair - noted.
- 9.4 WDC Emergency road closure Broad Hinton from 15/11/05 for 21 days - noted.
- 9.5 WDC Winter Service Plan – noted.
- 9.6 Roundabout on A4 – Request for mini roundabout at Hare Hatch adjacent to Wyevale discussed. Agreed the committee has no strong views as it is outside the parish boundary. The Clerk to ask District Councillor Dee Tomlin to raise it with WDC and reply to the resident who raised the question.

10. Precept

- 10.1 Funding for Police Community Support Officer. Discussed. As Twyford has not had a PCSO for some time it has not been possible to assess the value of this job to the village. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr J Jarvis that in principal funding should not be provided by the Parish Council for a PCSO as sufficient funds are already provided from the council tax to Thames Valley Police to pay for policing in the village. Carried by a unanimous vote.
- 10.2 Initial discussions held on proposed figures to be submitted for next financial year.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Community Voluntary Action Autumn Newsletter -noted
- 11.2 Mr Godfrey Waltham Rd – parking. Dealt with by District Councillor Dee Tomlin.
- 11.3 New Local Government Network Conference 02.02.06 - noted
- 11.4 Thames Valley Police – Safer Streets Campaign – noted
- 11.5 Environmental Services Bulletin - noted
- 11.6 Berkshire Voluntary Sector Forum –launch of web portal service – noted.
- 11.7 Thames valley Police – burglaries – noted.
- 11.8 WDC - Starting School – noted.
- 11.9 Pearl Leavey – Parking behind JW Greens. Agreed the Clerk contacts the managing agents to ask if this area can be used while the premises are vacant.

- 12. **Twyford News –update.** Most advertisers have paid for their entries. The Clerk to follow up those outstanding.

- 13. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd January 2006 in the William Penn Room**

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm