

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at 7.45pm.

**Present:** Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Messrs D Hymers, J Rowe, R Mantel, and J. Jarvis.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk), 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

1. **Public Questions** – A question was asked about interest in additional Police Community Support Officers from local parishes. It was explained that the letter from the police detailing the proposal for funding additional officers did not indicate if any adjacent parishes were interested in doing this.
2. **Apologies-** Dr M Garrard.
3. **Election of Chairman** - Mrs L Dane proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr R Mantel. Elected by a unanimous vote.

**Election of Vice-Chairman** – Mr J Jarvis proposed by Mrs L Dane, seconded by Mr D Hymers. Elected by a unanimous vote.

4. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** - Mrs L Dane declared an interest in the proposed development at 86-94 Wargrave Rd.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005** – Mr J Jarvis proposed and Mr D Hymers seconded, approved 4 for with 1 abstention.

### 6. **Matters arising and action points**

- 6.1 Mrs Dane to prepare draft comments on Henley Branch Line proposal for Clerk to send to Strategic Rail Authority. Completed. Reply received indicating the proposal is on hold until the outcome of a pilot project is known. In addition the council have received a copy of a letter sent by Shiplake Parish Council to OCC requesting they set up a committee of all interested parties to consider the proposal. Agreed the Clerk to reply to Shiplake PC that in view of the latest announcement the Council will wait to hear the outcome of the pilot project before taking any further action.
- 6.2 The Clerk to send comments to Cross Rail. Reply received and project bulletin. The Clerk to copy the bulletin to committee members.
- 6.3 Mrs Dane to amend chairman's report to Annual Parish Meeting. Completed.
- 6.4 The Clerk to send reply to WDC on questionnaire relating to Options for Community Involvement in Developing a Land Use Planning Strategy. Completed.
- 6.5 The Clerk to reply to the police about PCSO funding. Letter sent.
- 6.6 The Clerk to reply to Earley Town Council about cemetery provision by WDC. Letter sent.
- 6.7 The Clerk to report potholes to WDC. Completed.
- 6.8 The Clerk to write to WDC about footpath resurfacing in Brook St with copies to District Councillors. Completed. Reply received.
- 6.9 The Clerk to reply to Reading Museum of Rural Life. Letter sent and reply received indicating the council made a donation some time ago. The Clerk to complete form giving details of entry to be placed in museum's book of donors.
- 6.10 The Clerk to send letter to Bell Cornwell Partnership. Completed.
- 6.11 The clerk to forward information on Theatre in the Villages to the theatre group. Completed.

- 6.12 The Clerk to complete and return the Clerks Forum questionnaire.  
Completed.
- 6.13 Street naming and numbering 103 Wargrave Rd. WDC have now agreed to number the new houses 103 – 109 Wargrave Rd and renumber 105 to 111.

## 7. Planning matters

### 7.1 Current List: -

- 7.1.1 4572 35 Hurst Park Rd – this appears to be a granny annexe but could easily be converted to a separate dwelling. Please apply a condition of one occupancy with access only through the joint ground floor hall.
- 7.1.2 4575 36 Chaseside Ave – no comment
- 7.1.3 4585 28 Amberley Drive – no comment
- 7.1.4 4609 20 Longfield Rd – no comment
- 7.1.5 3477 Rear 6 Church St – numerous comments made on Transport report – in summary the council believes the parking proposed is inadequate and the proposal will cause additional congestion in the village.
- 7.1.6 4223 50-52 London Rd – application already refused.
- 7.1.7 4627 86-94 Wargrave Rd- although 5 dwellings are more appropriate for this site the council still objects due to the problems of having another access on to Wargrave Rd.
- 7.1.8 4699 86-94 Wargrave Rd - Object Narrow access, there will be up to 18 cars joining Wargrave Rd in the rush hour creating an additional potential traffic hazard. It is not in keeping with neighbouring properties. Over development of site. The existing inadequate water supply and sewage take off facilities will not cope with such a major increase in demand coming on the back of the additional strains created by all the other new houses being built off Wargrave Rd. The latter factor was verbally confirmed to the new owner of no 82 by a member of Wokingham Council staff and already results in foul smell permeating the air in this area. The development proposes inadequate parking facilities. Contrary to the developer's statement Wargrave Rd is not on a regular bus route and there are no bus stops in the vicinity. Residents and their guests will be forced to park on Wargrave Rd causing an unacceptable traffic hazard to the other residents of the area and the numerous vehicles that use the road every day. The letters from Polehampton Infants and Junior Schools are agreed for appropriate areas. The rear of 86-94 Wargrave Rd is not appropriate. There is concern that one of the councillors who is a Governor at Polehampton Junior School is not aware that the governors were consulted on this letter. He is investigating further.
- 7.1.9 4691 191 Broad Hinton – no comment
- 7.1.10 4803 25 Wessex Gdns – no comment
- 7.1.11 4811 Old Police House Station Rd – no comment
- 7.1.12 4812 22 Malvern Way – no comment
- 7.1.13 4846 KGVR Skate Park – the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the members of the public to comment on this. They expressed concerns about problems experienced at other skate parks, increased noise, lack of control on hours of use and the considerable workload involved in managing the site.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting and the committee **RECOMMENDS** the following comments to the Full Council for consideration.

The hours of lighting should be controlled with an evening cut off of 9pm.

Infra red lighting should be installed to allow the CCTV camera to operate when the lighting is turned off.

It is important that the least noisy surface is used for the construction of the ramps due to the close proximity of residential property.

Request an environmental report is provided with particular attention to proposed noise levels.

7.1.14 3547 rear 46/48 Wargrave Rd – information only. No action required.

7.1.15 4873 5 Cheriton Ave – Object . Inadequate parking due to the loss of the garage and part of the drive. It will have a detrimental effect on the street scene. It is out of keeping with neighbouring properties and creates a bad precedent.

## **7.2 Appeals -**

4156 & New Rd Twyford – comments sent in about original planning application will be taken into account.

## **7.3 Notices of permission**

3901 75 Hurst Park Rd	4293 22 Hermitage Drive
4299 20 Coleridge Close	3955 Serangoon Byron Rd
5068 Ruscombe Park	4345 8 Burton Close
4292 85 Colleton Drive	

## **7.4 Notices of refusal**

4223 50 – 52 London Rd

## **7.5 Other planning matters: -**

7.5.1 WDC Meeting of Development Control Committee 18.05.05 – noted.

7.5.2 WDC Planning applications and decisions 25.04.05 – 13.05.05 - noted

7.5.3 WDC Planning applications and decisions 16.05.05 – 20.05.05 - noted

7.5.4 Tree preservation order rear of The Barn Wargrave Rd. – noted.

7.5.5 J Rowe – report on residents meeting with Hurstlane Ltd - noted

7.5.6 Outstanding Planning Enforcement action. The Clerk to write to WDC, with a copy to District Councillor S Conway, expressing concern at the lack of feedback on issues raise.

7.5.7 Section 106 agreements update. The Clerk to confirm to WDC that the priority for use of Section 106 funds is a new library and refurbishment of Loddon Hall

7.5.8 Update on South East Plan – noted.

7.5.9 WDC Developing a Land Use Planning Strategy – noted.

7.5.10 WDC Meeting of Development Control Committee 08.06.05 – noted.

7.5.11 WDC Planning applications and decisions 23.05.05 – 27.05.05 - noted

## **8. Footway Lighting**

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

Parish – 198/104 Chaseside Ave outage.

186 Amberley Drive – intermittent fault.

WDC – Wensley Close – paint peeling on columns

8.2 Additional fault to be reported WDC – 33 Wargrave Rd – outage.

8.3 Revised list of columns to be checked by committee members issued by Mrs Dane.

## **9. General Amenity Matters:**

9.1 Bell Corner. Agreed the Clerk writes to the owners expressing concern at the current condition and possible safety hazard to pedestrians.

9.2 Police – Community Officer of the Year Award – noted

9.3 Police – Neighbourhood Policing – noted

- 9.4 Police News – Watch Schemes keep Wokingham safe – noted
- 9.5 Some coping stones are missing from the parapet of the railway bridge by the station. The Clerk to make sure Network Rail is aware of this.
- 9.6 The temporary bus stop is still outside the Catholic Church. The Clerk to contact Reading Buses.
- 9.7 Mrs Dane reported that a new contract has been awarded for a recycling scheme for Wokingham, Reading and Bracknell
- 10. Highways**
  - 10.1 Potholes update - none
  - 10.2 Drain at the end of the walkway adjacent to JW Greens. Mrs Dane to make enquiries about the ownership of this area.
  - 10.3 Street naming. The two properties to be built on the site of Serangoon in Byron Rd will be named Serangoon and Sentosa.
- 11. Correspondence**
  - 11.1 WDC Future for Learning - noted
  - 11.2 Henley CAB Newsletter - noted
  - 11.3 Wokingham District Volunteer Sector Newsletter - noted
  - 11.4 Wokingham Job Support Centre Publicity - noted
  - 11.5 WDC What's on in Wokingham's Countryside – noted.
  - 11.6 WDC Biodiversity News - noted.
  - 11.7 Thames Crossing Councils Group – dates for next meeting - noted.
  - 11.8 CVA – Funding Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> June - noted.
  - 11.9 Berkshire Unitary Authorities – Minerals and Waste Development Strategy - noted.
  - 11.10 WDC Highways Consultative Board 06.06.05 - noted
- 12. Twyford News** – The majority of the invoices for the spring copy have been paid. The Clerk will chase up outstanding invoices.
- 13. Date of next meeting – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm