

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Mrs B Ditcham, Messrs D Hymers, C Smith, J Rowe and J Jarvis.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk) and 13 members of the public.

1. **Public Questions** – none.
2. **Apologies**- Mr R Mantel
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – Mrs L Dane declared an interest in planning application 6806 99 & 101 Wargrave Rd and Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Smith declared an interest in the proposals for resident parking permits in Springfield Park.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2006** –Mr J Jarvis proposed and Mrs B Ditcham seconded, approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
  - 5.1 The Clerk to write to Royal Mail about the collection time for London Rd and the use of indicators on all post boxes. Reply chased up and call received promising a response.
  - 5.2 The Clerk to place the order for removing the sycamore trees in Loddon Hall car park adjacent to the new lighting column. Completed, work scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk to write to the residents in the adjacent property.
  - 5.3 The Clerk to send comments to WDC on Scoping Report for Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document. Completed.
  - 5.4 The Clerk to forward the e-mail on Government consultation on revision to planning policy on housing and flooding to committee members. Completed.
  - 5.5 Mrs Dane to inspect damaged bus shelter, investigate additional bus stop and report back. The Clerk to arrange for the Village ranger to make the damaged panels safe and obtain prices for the required repairs.
6. **Planning matters**
  - 6.1 **Current List**

6806 99 &101 Wargrave Rd. Mrs L Dane withdrew from the meeting during discussions on this application. Object:

    1. High density of dwellings on the site.
    2. Access should be via Llewellyn Park and not on to Wargrave Rd.
    3. Plots 1 & 4 have substandard length gardens.
    4. Plot 4 is a 5 bedroom house with only 2 parking spaces and there is insufficient space to park in the road.
    5. There is no footpath on the access road.

6837 7 New Rd. Object:

    1. Narrow access road and difficult access to garage for no 7.
    2. Noise due to proximity to A4
    3. Plans show the property lends itself to being split into two dwellings.
    4. There is not enough parking for the new dwelling.
    5. The footprint of the new dwelling is very large for its site.
    6. The proposed dwelling is adjacent to a public open space.

6752 The Grove. Object:

    1. There is no amenity space for residents e.g. no clothes drying area.

2. The arch in the building restricts access by vehicles – all delivery vehicles, refuse vehicle and emergency service vehicles will have to park in the road.
3. The location of the bin stores at the rear of the parking spaces is inappropriate as access will be difficult when cars are parked.
4. No provision for visitor parking in an area where parking is already a major problem. Some neighbouring properties do not have parking.
5. Manoeuvring into the parking spaces will be difficult.
6. It is in a conservation area close to a listed building.
7. It will have an adverse affect on the adjacent open space.
8. What is the relevance of the chimneys and what function do they serve?
9. It would be preferred if the building was just two storeys high.
10. Over development of the site
11. Ground floor toilets do not meet the requirements for disabled access.

6804 1-3 Westview Drive. The garages look narrow and the gardens are substandard in size.

6378 31 Cotterell Gdns. No comment.

6899 25 Winchcombe Rd. No comment.

6909 46 Colleton Drive. No comment.

## **6.2 Appeals**

5688 Mulberry Mead and 36 Winchcombe Rd.

## **6.3 Notices of permission**

6544 Rear of 9 High St

6730 47 Station Rd

6556 5 Waltham Rd

6635 41 Hurst Rd

6653 24 Springfield Park

## **6.4 Notices of refusal**

6774 36 Winchcombe Rd

6535 79 Wargrave Rd

6681 8 Saunders Close

## **6.5 Other planning matters**

6.5.1 WDC Planning applications and decisions:

13.02.06 – 17.02.06 - noted

20.02.06 – 24.02.06 - noted

6.5.2 WDC Meeting of Development Control Committee 22.02.06 - noted

6.5.3 Tree preservation Order 14 Springfield Park - noted

6.5.4 Tree preservation Order 26 Springfield Park - noted

6.5.5 WDC Wokingham Residential Design Guide. Mrs L Dane and Mr J Jarvis reported on the meetings they attended.

6.5.6 WDC Consultation on Scoping Reports for Local Development Documents. Noted.

6.5.7 Berkshire Unitary Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework. Agreed Mrs Dane to reply to the attached questionnaire.

## **7. Footway Lighting**

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

Parish 154 Cheriton Ave – outage

106 Springfield Park - outage

WDC C17 Broad Hinton - outage

## **8. General Amenity Matters**

8.1 Report on Police Neighbourhood Action Groups. Nothing to report. Next meeting later this month.

- 8.2 WDC Wokingham NHS Primary Care Trust – March with Wokingham Events. Noted.
- 8.3 Mr D Hymers reported that the notice boards at the station still contain information about the discontinued Twyford Link services. Mrs Dane to make a further request for this to be removed.

## **9. Highways**

- 9.1 Potholes update. None
- 9.2 WDC Highways Consultative Board 13.03.06 – noted.
- 9.3 Dr M Garrard 30 mph signs in Wargrave Rd – 30mph signs are in place at the entrance to Wargrave Rd and repeater signs are not required as the road is lit.
- 9.4 WDC Resident Permit Parking – Springfield Park. Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Smith withdrew from discussions on this subject. WDC proposals discussed. Mrs L Dane then suspended the meeting to allow the residents of Springfield Park who were present at the meeting to make comments. The meeting was reconvened and it was agreed that the Clerk would send the following comments to WDC.
1. The council asks WDC to review its policy on the issue of parking permits. It is felt they should only be offered to residents who have no parking space and only one should be issued per household.
  2. 9 parking spaces are proposed but there is only space for 7 vehicles.
  3. Residents in Wagtail Close already have problems with parking outside their properties.
  4. Existing parking restrictions are not enforced.
  5. There are existing properties in Springfield Park that do not have parking.
  6. With proposed parking adjacent to drive entrances it is difficult to get cars on and off drives and due to the width of the road it will not be possible for larger vehicles to turn in.
  7. It sets a precedent to allocate parking permits for residents of one road in another road.
  8. Residents from a large area use the casual parking that is available at present and this proposal will disadvantage them.
  9. When the residents in Waltham Rd purchased their properties they knew there was no parking and the property values reflect this. The residents of Springfield Park purchased properties with parking which will now not be available for them to use.
  10. The direct pedestrian route from parking outside nos 15 – 23 Springfield Park to Waltham Rd is across the central green, which is private property.
- 9.5 WDC Street Nameplates – the nameplate at the entrance to Springfield Park from Waltham Rd is badly faded. The Clerk to report to WDC
- 9.6 Next TCCG Meeting 15.03.06. Noted.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 CAWB - Village Design Workshop. Noted
- 10.2 CVA – WD Learning Opportunities. Noted
- 10.3 E-mail from Mr C Allen regarding changes to train timetable for Twyford. Proposed changes discussed. Agreed the Clerk writes to First Great Western with a copy to WDC on the following points.
1. Regret at the loss of some fast/semi-fast peak services between Twyford and London.
  2. Likely overcrowding of morning peak London services at Twyford.
  3. Poor spacing of off-peak trains between Twyford and Reading.

4. Times of peak hour through London –Wargrave and Henley trains changed dramatically.
  5. Ban on travelling via Reading, particularly the trip to Waterloo should be lifted.
  6. Can the Henley branch service be made half hourly?
  7. Reviews to service should seek to improve the service not make it worse. Residents living in the Twyford area have fixed their living/working patterns round a good train service.
- 10.4 Community Conference 29.03.06. Noted.
- 11. Twyford News** - the articles for the spring issue are being put together.
- 12. Date of next meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006.**

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.