

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 2nd January 2007 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mr J Jarvis (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mrs L Dane, Mr C Smith, Mrs B Ditcham and Mr R Mantel.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk).

1. **Public Questions** - None
2. **Apologies** - none
3. **Declaration of interests in items on the agenda** - None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th Dec 2006** — Proposed by Mr C Smith, seconded by Mrs L Dane - approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to place Broad Hinton play area on the agenda of the January meeting. Completed.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to ask for a copy of the PCSO briefing information. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to report the yellow lines in Springfield Park and Waltham Rd drains to WDC. Completed.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to ask WDC why Loddon Hall Rd is not on the schedule for salting/snow clearance. Completed – WDC to add to the schedule.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to ask WDC for details of the residents parking schemes. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to contact WDC regarding the phasing of the traffic lights. Completed.
 - 5.7 Royal Mail regarding tabs in post boxes. The Clerk has made several calls to the Royal Mail Customer Service Department but has received no response. He has now spoken to Postwatch and sent a letter to Royal Mail asking for action to be taken.
6. **Planning Matters**
 - 6.1 **Current List**

9385 35 Springfield Park – no comment on the proposed extension but the location plan provided is at least 30 years out of date.

9347 22 Amberley Drive – no comment.

9016 Wargrave Rd/Muddlers Lane – no comment.

9017 9185 25 Pennfields Ruscombe – no comment.

9447 75 Hurst Rd – no comment.

9448 77 Hurst Rd – no comment.

9362 49 Chaseside Ave – creating parking in the front garden is detrimental to the street scene and creates a precedent. There is lack of natural light in the dining room.

9425 82 Hurst Rd – There is insufficient parking for the number of bedrooms proposed. Mr Jarvis to make a site visit. The Clerk to provide details of the comments on the previous application and the reasons for refusal.

9075 Mulberry Mead –revised plans. Details noted.
 - 6.2 **Appeals –**

Mulberry Mead	7 New Rd Twyford
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 - 6.3 **Notices of permission**

8988 4 Wessex Gdns	9103 10 Greenfinch Drive
9027 62 Broadwater Rd	9047 Polehampton Junior School
9075 Mulberry Mead	9201 Stanlake Park

The Clerk reported that notices are now being sent by e-mail and do not contain details of any conditions relating to the approval. The Clerk to ask WDC why this

change has occurred and to object that the full information is not received. District Councillor S Conway to be copied in.

6.4 Notices of refusal

8921 7 Harrison Close

8871 174 Broad Hinton

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WDC Planning applications and decisions:

27.11.06 – 01.12.06 11.12.06 – 15.12.06

04.12.06 – 08.12.06 Noted.

6.5.2 WDC Meeting of Planning Committee 20.12.06 – noted.

6.5.3 Bell Cornwell re Land at Bridge House. Details noted. The report mentions a stand of Japanese Knotweed. The Clerk to check if any action has been taken regarding its eradication.

6.5.4 Tree preservation order 1 The Pines – noted.

6.5.5 Tree preservation order Lincoln Gdns – noted.

6.5.6 Tree preservation order Wensley Close – noted

6.5.7 An oak tree has been removed at the rear of 37-49 Springfield Park. The Clerk to check if permission was given for this.

7. Twyford News. – Outstanding invoices have been chased and 20 out of 24 advertisers have paid. The list of local clubs and organisations needs checking and updating so it can be sent out with the Spring issue. Committee members to check a page each.

8. Footway Lighting

8.1 Repair and fault report.

Parish - 108 Springfield Park – cover missing.

64 Wargrave Rd footpath – intermittent.

56,57 Byron Rd – outages.

227 Orchard Estate – outage

201 Kibblewhite Crescent - outage

WDC 25 Wargrave Rd – outage.

9 Waltham Rd – intermittent.

21 Waltham Rd – day burner.

10 London Rd – day burner

9. General Amenity Matters

9.1 Map of village at Twyford station. This was removed when new ticket machines were installed. Mrs L Dane to ask the station staff what is happening about the map. The Clerk to follow up with First Great Western if required.

9.2 Broad Hinton play area. The proposed questionnaire is now due to be sent out in January. Item to be put on next month's agenda.

9.3 Veteran Trees in Twyford – noted. Mrs L Dane to attend proposed meeting. Mrs B Ditcham available if required.

9.4 Wokingham Biodiversity Forum Audit Questionnaire. This relates to action taken by Parish Lands. The Clerk to complete the questionnaire and report to Parish Lands.

9.5 WDC Environmental Bulletin – circulated on e-mail – noted.

9.6 WDC Consultation on proposed changes to Social Care Services – Mrs B Ditcham gave a summary of the proposal and expressed concern at the proposed reduction in services and the possible need for charitable organisations to become involved. To be discussed further at the Full Council meeting.

9.7 Collection of waste from commercial premises. – Mrs Dane expressed concern at the problems created when waste is left out for collection over holiday periods. At Christmas rubbish was spread all over the street in one location. The Clerk to ask WDC what action can be taken.

10. Highways

10.1 Potholes update. Sinking manhole cover in Waltham Rd opposite Highfield Court. Temporary barriers around culvert in Wargrave Rd. A no waiting sign has been snapped off and is lying on the pavement outside the old Polehampton School in the High St. The Clerk to report to WDC.

10.2 WDC Highways Policy – The Clerk to nominate Mrs B Ditcham, Mr J Jarvis and Mr C Smith to attend and find out details of proposed venue and start time.

11. Precept 2007/8 – Further amendments to the original figures discussed following the receipt of updated information on the street lighting energy contract and maintenance charges. Agreed unanimous to **RECOMMEND** to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the- figures dated 29.12.06 be included in the 2007/8 precept.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Mid and West Berkshire Countryside Local Access Forum Annual Report – noted.

12.2 Wokingham Children's Services Partnership News – circulated on e-mail – noted.

12.3 Wokingham District Arts Forum – noted.

13. Date of next meeting – 5th February 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.51pm.