

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mr J Jarvis. (Chairman), Mr C Smith, Mr D Hymers, Mr S Clark. Mr R Mantel, and Mr M Shepherd.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk).

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Miss C La Trobe.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March. Proposed Mr D Hymers seconded Mr C Smith and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 Miss C La Trobe to investigate the preparation of a Village Design Statement. Carried forward. A letter has been received from the Twyford Village Partnership (formerly TVCMI) about the preparation of a Parish Plan. The Clerk to place this on the agenda of the May meeting.

5.2 Mr Hymers to raise becoming a plastic bag free village at the next meeting of TVCMI. Carried forward.

5.3 Mr C Smith to raise the problem of litter caused by recycling boxes and recycling collection cycles at the next WBC Campaign Against Waste meeting. Issue raised and advice given about the best way to fill the boxes to avoid this happening.

5.4 The Clerk to investigate suppliers and costs for wind/solar powered street lighting. Details of equipment and costs obtained and circulated. Agreed the Clerk to obtain a quote for the installation of an additional conventional column in the footpath from London Rd to Loddon Hall Rd to enable a price comparison to be made.

5.5 The Clerk to write to the Leader of WBC asking for a meeting about the provision of library facilities. Due to the imminent change of Leader a meeting has now been arranged with the Chief Executive on 14th May.

5.6 The Clerk to contact the railway authorities and the managing agents for the JW Green site to ask for the graffiti to be removed. Completed.

5.7 The Clerk to write to District Councillor Keith Baker about the proposed pedestrian crossing in Wargrave Rd with copies to District Councillor Stephen Conway and the Twyford Advertiser. Completed

5.8 Mr S Clark to consider the WBC Draft Cycling Strategy and bring comments to the April meeting. Mr Clark reported that this is a national scheme and to comply WBC has to prepare proposals. Due to the nature of the village layout it is difficult to do anything in Twyford. There are five suggestions. (a) Improve the access to the station from the north. (b) Along the Wargrave Rd to the A4. (c) Twyford to the A4 along the Old Bath Rd. (d) Along the A4 from the Piggott roundabout. (e) Twyford to Wokingham along the A321. Mr Clark to send comments to the Clerk to forward to WBC.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Current List

0523 Flat 1 42 Wargrave Rd - No Comment

0485 9 Wargrave Rd – Object. Over development of site. This is in the conservation area and the design is out of keeping with adjacent properties. Car parking access is through a commercial property. This development leads to the loss of two parking spaces for the commercial property where there is already only limited parking.

0119 Longfield Rd – no comment.

0531 101 London Rd – no comment.

0458 24 High St – no comment.

0258 29 New Rd – no comment.

0625 68 London Rd – no comment.

3091 55 High St. Projecting signs acceptable but signage on the front of the building is out of keeping with other buildings in the conservation area. Is there a risk that the projecting sign will be hit by passing vehicles due to the narrow footpath?

6.2 Appeals

1709 27 Orchard Estate

2816 29 Malvern Way

6.3 Notices of permission

0282 15 Broadwater Rd

0060 4 Kingfisher Court

0266 86-94 Wargrave Rd

0328 89 Hurst Park Rd

0021 38 High St

0310 13 Wessex Gdns

0304 22 Wensley Close

0119 27 Longfield Rd

6.4 Notices of Refusal

0317 22 Harrison Close

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WBC Planning applications and decisions:

25.02.08 – 29.02.08, 03.03.08 – 14.03.08, 17.03.08 – 21.03.08. Noted.

6.5.2 WBC Meeting of the Planning Committee 12.03.08 and 02.04.08. Noted.

6.5.3 Tree Preservation Order Bridge House Nursing Home. Noted.

7. Twyford News - The spring issue is at the printers. Arrangements have been made for stuffing inserts on 17th April.

8. Footway Lighting

Repair and fault report.

Parish – None

WBC - 3 Wargrave Rd – Day Burner

O/S 86 Hurst Rd – lantern damaged by high winds.

9. General Amenity Matters

9.1 Broad Hinton Play Area. No further information available at present. Noted.

9.2 TVP Watch Update 56 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.3 TVP Ringmaster 31.03.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.4 TVP Ringmaster 03.04.08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10. Highways

10.1 Potholes update. None

10.2 Enforcement of parking restrictions. Mr C Smith has raised this at the NAG.

Unfortunately the police consider this to be of low priority but he will keep raising it with them.

10.3 Street naming and numbering Stanlake Farm Cottage.

11. Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting

Draft report circulated and discussed. Committee members to let Mr Jarvis have comments prior to the May meeting so the final version can be circulated prior to the meeting.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Post Office closures- new community website – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.2 VAWB The Volunteer Feb/March – circulated on e-mail. Noted

12.3 VAWB Local Involvement Networks meeting - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

12.4 Thames Valley Police – Community Policing Awards. Noted.

12.5 Royal Berkshire Fire Service – invite to engage in consultation on five-year plan. Mr Jarvis has looked at this and there are no major changes from the previous 5-year plan.

12.6 Friends of the Earth – Invite to Public Meeting on Climate Change Bill 22.04.08. Noted.

12.7 Environmental Services Bulletin April 08 – circulated on e-mail. Noted,

12.8 Letter from resident in Paddock Heights regarding cyclists on the pavement. The Clerk to report this to the police.

12.9 SERA Regional Housing Strategy 2008-11. Mr J Jarvis to report back to the May meeting on this.

13. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2008. **Note change of day caused by Spring Bank Holiday.**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm