

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr J Jarvis (Chairman), Mr R Mantel, Mrs B Ditcham, Mr C Smith and Mr S Clark from item 6.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk).

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Miss C La Trobe and Mr D Hymers.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June. Proposed Mrs B Ditcham seconded Mr C Smith and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to write to the Chairman of WBC Planning Committee about the approval of the fencing and porch portals at Mulberry Meads with a copy to Mr S Conway. Reply received stating the porches have been approved as a minor amendment to the original permission. The Clerk has replied as no mention was made of the fencing.

5.2 The Clerk to speak to the planning officer about the roof finish on the new bungalows being built in Sycamore Drive. The roof tiles were approved by a temporary member of the planning team who has now left. As the permission is in writing nothing can be done about this.

5.3 The Clerk to investigate the rules about flights into Heathrow. Details obtained and passed to Mrs Ditcham. Mr S Clark raised the point about WBC website not having anything about this whereas other local authorities in the area do. Mrs B Ditcham thinks there is something on their site but it is not easy to locate. She will check further.

5.4 The Clerk to write to MP Theresa May about the noise from flights into Heathrow. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to order sacks and arrange for their collection after the litter pick. Completed.

5.6 The Clerk to arrange for the graffiti to be removed from the KGVR notices. Completed.

5.7 The Clerk to write to Royal mail about the missing tab on the Winchcombe Rd post box and the referral to Caversham for a later posting time although a later time is available in the village. Also to ask for the graffiti on the Springfield Park/ London Rd pouch box to be removed. Reply received. Local staff to be reminded about the correct use of tabs. The notices on boxes about later collection locations will be changed when the Caversham sorting office is closed.

5.8 Meeting with WBC regarding library. The Clerk gave a report on the meeting he attended with Mr D Hymers and Mr R Mantel of TPC and Mrs S Law and Mr P Turrell of WBC. WBC has investigated a number of alternative sites. The only possible suitable site is the office accommodation over JW Greens as the ground floor has been leased. There are issues over disabled access so a scheme is being prepared and costed. Details are due to be submitted to the WBC Executive in July for consideration.

5.9 Litter pick 28th June. This was quite successful although the number attending was lower than expected. It was noted that the village is quite tidy thanks to the efforts of the Village Ranger and Park Warden.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Current List

1164 24 High St - No comment.

1137 25 Woodpecker Close - No comment.

1205 54 Hurst Rd - No comment.

1304 69 Wessex Gdns - No comment.

1280 37 Wargrave Rd - No comment.

1272 9 Waltham Rd – The garage door should be double width to allow full use of the garage. Due to the proximity of the boundary the rear bedroom window should be obscure glass to prevent overlooking the adjacent garden, which will be detrimental to their amenities. Alternatively, the bathroom could be placed at the rear of the bedroom.

2953 Twyford Railway Station – The cladding on the lift shaft should be in keeping with the rest of the station and should match the brick/wood cladding elsewhere on the station.

6.2 Appeals

2549 24 High St

6.3 Notices of permission

0911 56 Poundfield Way

0844 43 Hurst Rd

0979 20 Hermitage Drive

0980 27 Cheriton Ave

0909 4 Wensley Close

6.4 Notices of Refusal

0918 68 Springfield Park

0798 16 Paddock Heights

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WBC Planning applications and decisions:

26.05.08 – 30.05.08, 02.06.08 – 06.06.08, 09.06.08 – 13.06.08, 23.06.08 – 27.06.08
Noted.

6.5.2 WBC Meeting of the Planning Committee 25.06.08. Noted.

6.5.3 WBC Residential Design Guide 2007. The Clerk to request 6 additional copies for committee members.

6.5.4 Changes to proposals for Colleton School Children's Centre. Mrs B Ditcham raised this at the last Children's Centre meeting and was told that the planning officer has advised that a revised planning application is not required because the footprint of the revised scheme is smaller than the original and the exterior design will look the same. The Clerk to write to the planning officer stating that the committee consider a revised application should be submitted due to the changes and to ask for details of the proposed footpath to Colleton Drive, which was not included in the original application.

7. Twyford News - Various meetings have been arranged to cover planning, checking information and proof reading for the next issue. The same number of pages is proposed and if there are not enough articles to fill them additional advertisements will be included. Mr J Jarvis mentioned recording for a television programme at Polehampton Swimming Pool. Mrs Ditcham asked him to arrange for an article to be submitted.

8. Footway Lighting

8.1 Repair and fault report.

Parish – 238 Loddon Hall Rd – outage (mains fault)

154 Cheriton Ave – outage.

119 Malvern Way - outage

WBC - None

8.2 Cost for solar/wind powered light. Quote obtained for supply of equipment. Supplier has requested photographs of proposed location to enable them to confirm it is suitable and provide a price for installation. Mr R Mantel to take photos and forward them to the Clerk to send off. The Clerk to check with WBC if any grants are available towards the cost.

9. General Amenity Matters

9.1 Broad Hinton Play Area. The Clerk has contacted WBC for information on the current situation and is awaiting a reply.

9.2 TVP Watch Update 65,66 and 67 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.3 Footpath from Springfield Gdns to Waltham Rd. Mrs Ditcham reported that nettles are growing through from the railway embankment and the path is covered in pine needles. The Clerk to contact WBC and Network Rail to get it cleared.

10. Highways

10.1 Potholes update. None

10.2 A4 / London Rd junction. Agreed the changes have helped reduce vehicle speeds. Agreed to wait and see the effectiveness of this over the winter period. The Clerk to inform Ruscombe PC.

11. Correspondence -

SEERA Review of Sub Regional Allocation of Primary Land Won Aggregates in the South East. Noted.

SEERA The South East Regional Sustainability Framework. Noted. Copy given to Mrs B Ditcham.

WBC Consultation for Lottery project improvement to California Country Park – circulated on e-mail. Noted

WBVSF CYP Forum 30th June – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

Crossrail Bulletin no 14 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

WBC Submission of Core Strategy – circulated on e-mail. Noted

Readibus – notice of AGM. Noted.

Independent Review Service for the Social Fund - increase awareness of Social Fund. Noted.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 4th August 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm