

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mr J Jarvis (Chairman), Mr D. Hymers, Mr C Smith, Mr M Shepherd, Mr S Clark, Mrs B Ditcham and Mr A Dimmock.

1. **Public Questions** – None
2. **Apologies** – Mr R Mantel
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February** Proposed by, Mr D Hymers seconded Mr M Shepherd and approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to contact Marlec about the solar/wind streetlight. Quote obtained. Discussed under item 8.2
 - 5.2 Mr M Shepherd to contact SSE about grants for solar/wind streetlights. Carried forward.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to write to the Post Office about parking on the pavement in London Rd. Completed.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to check with WBC if Colleton Drive footpath is on the salting schedule for winter maintenance. Completed. Discussed under item 10.2
 - 5.5 The Clerk to report the worn street sign to WBC. Completed.
6. **Planning Matters**
 - 6.1 **Current List**

0133 30 Winchcombe Rd Object. Detrimental to the mix of properties in the village changing a two-bedroom property to three. Adverse impact on the street scene.

0260 55-57 Wargrave Rd. Object as this requires the creation of yet another access road and junction off Wargrave Rd, which is a busy through route for traffic.

0330 54 Wargrave Rd – no comment.

0331 56 Wargrave Rd – no comment
 - 6.2 **Appeals**

None
 - 6.3 **Notices of permission**

None
 - 6.4 **Notices of Refusal**

2708 6a Jarvis Drive
 - 6.5 **Other planning matters**
 - 6.5.1 WBC Planning applications and decisions: 26.01.09 – 30.01.09, 02.02.09 – 06.02.09, 09.02.09 – 13.02.09. Noted.
 - 6.5.2 BALC Training on planning matters. Messrs J Jarvis, C Smith, S Clark, M Shepherd and A Dimmock to attend. The Clerk to send off the application form.
 - 6.5.3 WBC Meeting of Planning Committee 04.03.09. Noted.
7. **Twyford News** –. Contents nearly finished. Extra pages filled and all advertising spaces booked. The “local hero” in this addition will be “Flash” who works on Twyford Station. A preliminary discussion has been held about extending the circulation to include Ruscombe. Mr C Smith to raise this at the next Ruscombe PC meeting to see if they are interested. The Clerk to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
8. **Footway Lighting**
 - 8.1 Repair and fault report.
 - Parish – 155 Troutbeck Close -outage
 - 245 Station Terrace - outage
 - 122 Malvern Way – day burner
 - WBC - 7 & 8 Wargrave Rd - outage
 - Wargrave Rd opposite Longfield Rd – outage
 - Waltham Rd on the bend by Stanlake pavilion - outage

- 8.2 Solar/wind powered streetlight. A quote has been received from Marlec to supply and install a suitable unit. The cost is £3919.11+VAT. The cost to supply and install a mains powered column is £2752.79+VAT. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr M Shepherd to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that a streetlight be installed in the footpath to illuminate the dark area. Carried unanimously. Following further discussion proposed by Mr M Shepherd, seconded by Mr S Clark to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that in the interest of improving the council's green credentials the solar/wind powered version is installed. Carried 4 for, 3 against.
- 8.3 Maintenance Contract. An alternative quote has been obtained from Balfour Beatty. The Clerk has compared prices and made a comparison of costs on the last maintenance invoice received from SEC. There is a considerable cost saving, mainly due to the cheaper price quoted for the supply of lamps. Details have been circulated to committee members. The Clerk has confirmed that BB supply the same type of lamps used at present and their costs include for the disposal of failed lamps. There is no formal contract with SEC so the council can change to another contractor whenever it wishes. For ease of administration the best changeover would be at the end of the March quarter. BB has confirmed that they can start on 1st April 2009. The Clerk has checked the BB conditions of contract and there are no onerous conditions. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr A Dimmock that the maintenance contract is changed from SEC to Balfour Beatty. Carried unanimously. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

9. General Amenity Matters

- 9.1 TVP Community Messaging 3rd and 19th February 2009 circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 9.2 Establishment of Public Toilets on KGVR. Mrs B Ditcham explained the background to this. Since the Skate Park and Ball court were built more youths have been visiting KGVR. As there are no accessible toilets in the area they often use the bushes round the perimeter of the site. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact WBC and ask them to include KGVR in the consideration they are giving to the provision of Public Conveniences around the Borough.
- 9.3 WBC Surface Water Management Plan. They are seeking information about problems with drainage or flooding. Agreed the Clerk puts this on the notice for the Meet the Public Meeting to ask residents to report any problems they have.
- 9.4 WBC Proposed dates for Amenity Vehicle. Noted
- 9.5 WBC campaign Against Waste Meeting. Mr C Smith to attend.

10. Highways

- 10.1 Potholes update.
3 potholes in Winchcombe Rd between Colleton Drive and Hurst Rd
- 10.2 WBC Winter Maintenance Schedule. The details of the schedule have been checked and Colleton Drive footpath is included in the routes to school section for gritting. Agreed no further action required at present. Committee members to report to the Clerk if this is not carried out the next time adverse weather conditions occur.
- 10.3 WBC Re Top 3 requests for Highways – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.4 WBC Traffic Regulations Order Report Jan 09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 10.5 Mr M Shepherd asked for speed controlled pedestrian crossings to be put on the April agenda. Agreed.

11. Correspondence -

- 11.1 Crossrail Project Bulletin 16 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.2 Department for Transport consultations – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.3 WBC Minutes of Telecommunications Pre-Roll Out Meeting. Noted.
- 11.4 LINK Ballot paper for appointments to Wokingham LINK Steering Group. Mr Jarvis to complete and return.
- 11.5 TVP Community Policy Awards. Agreed no nomination to be made.
- 11.6 NHS Confirmation of the rurality of Charvil. Noted.

12. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 6th April 2009.

Meeting closed at 9.31 pm