

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 6th July 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mrs B Ditcham (Chairman), Mr J Jarvis, Mr C Smith, Mr R Mantel, Mr A Dimmock, and Mr M Shepherd.

In attendance the Clerk

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – None

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June Proposed by Mr C Smith, seconded by Mr M Shepherd and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 Mr M Shepherd to forward information on speed controlled pedestrian crossings to the Clerk so he can obtain prices. Contact information provided. The Clerk to make enquiries about prices.

5.2 Mrs Ditcham to review the South East Plan. Mrs Ditcham gave a summary and pointed out the following items in the plan. Between 2006 and 2026 64% of persons in the SE area will be over 60, Reading is a growth point and centre of significant change. There is encouragement for local communities to lead the assessment of need and local planning. Planning authorities should plan to meet defined local needs and where authorities are using gaps to stop development care needs to be taken to make sure this is being applied correctly.

5.3 The Clerk to inform RPC about the cost for 500 copies of Twyford News. Completed.

5.4 Mrs Ditcham to revise the list of areas of streetlights to be checked by councillors and re issue them. Mr J Jarvis to forward the existing lists to Mrs Ditcham for revision.

5.5 The Clerk to make enquiries about the dilapidated house in Springfield Park. Visual inspection made by WBC Environmental Officers. They do not have any powers to take any further action.

5.6 The Clerk to raise concerns about the time delay in repairing potholes with WBC. Completed and reply from WBC read to meeting.

5.7 The Clerk to submit the items for the highways wish list to WBC. Completed.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 Current List

0996 12 Winchcombe Rd - No comment

1122 81 Hurst Rd – No comment.

1177 30 Hurst Rd – No comment.

1192 55 Wargrave Rd – Rear gardens too short and properties too near railway line. Over development of site.

1207 27 Longfield Rd – No comment.

1287 86 Hurst Rd – Ground floor extension unneighbourly to adjacent property. Should there be access to a cloakroom from a living/kitchen area?

1325 41 Hurst Rd – No comment.

6.2 Appeals

None

6.3 Notices of permission

0256 St Mary's Church Centre 0707 38 Kibblewhite Crescent

0719 43 New Rd 0794 50 Broadwater Rd

6.4 Notices of Refusal

0816 7 Hurst park Rd

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WBC Planning applications and decisions: 25.05.09 – 29.05.09, 08.06.09 – 12.06.09, 15.06.09 – 19.06.09. Noted

- 6.5.2 Street naming and numbering 99-101 Wargrave Rd. Not needed, to be numbered as part of Wargrave Rd.
- 6.5.3 WBC Work on trees in Conservation Area. Noted.
- 6.5.4 WBC meeting of the Planning Committee 24.06.09. Noted.
- 6.5.5 WBC Land at bridge House – Screening Opinion. Noted.
- 6.5.6 Government Office for the South East – Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East – Provisions for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Noted.
- 6.5.7 Information from District Councillor Stephen Conway regarding cladding on the footbridge at Twyford Railway Station. Noted.

7. Twyford News

- 7.1 Extension of distribution to include Ruscombe PC – membership of editorial team. Proposal to ask a member of Ruscombe PC to join the editorial team. Concern expressed about the impact this person will have on the editorial content. However any disputes can be referred to the Planning and Amenities Committee for a final decision.

8. Footway Lighting

- 8.1 Repair and fault report.
Parish – 179 Amberley Drive -door off 186 Amberley Drive - leaning
178 Longfield Rd – outage
- 8.2 Damaged streetlight. The Clerk has eventually obtained details of the vehicle involved from the police and is obtaining quotes for its replacement.

9. General Amenity Matters

- 9.1 TVP June and July updates – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 9.2 WBC Notes on Campaign Against Waste Meeting – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 9.3 TVP Minutes of The Wokingham LPA Town and Parish Councils meeting 19.05.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 9.4 WBC Places and Neighbourhoods Bulletin July 2009 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

10. Highways

- 10.1 Potholes update. The re-laid surface in Springfield Park that is due to be re-laid, as it is sub-standard is deteriorating. The Clerk to report to WBC
- 10.2 Footpath obstructions. The Clerk has reported overgrowing vegetation at 30 Wargrave Rd to WBC but is having difficulty getting any response from them. Mrs Ditcham reported a large number of advertising boards obstructing the footpath between La Fontana and the traffic lights. The Clerk to report this to WBC.

11. Correspondence -

- 11.1 NHS Appeal against Berkshire West PCT's decision regarding the rurality of Charvil. Noted.
- 11.2 Wokingham LINK bulletin – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.3 Big Lottery Village SOS Fund – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.4 CAB report on the recession – circulated on e-mail. Noted.
- 11.5 VAWB - Recession Support Leaflet. Noted.
- 11.6 WBC – Start a new business. Leaflet. Noted.
- 11.7 Bridge House Spring Newsletter. Noted.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd August 2009.

Meeting closed at 9.17 pm