

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance - Clerk, Mr D Hymers, 1 member of the press and 21 members of the public.

1. **Public Questions** – Mrs B Ditcham summarised various objections she had received in letters from 3 residents and then various members of the public raised concerns about the planning application for a proposed older person care village on the Bridge House site. These related to size of the development, height of 3 storey buildings, traffic problems and effect on the flood plain. One resident expressed their support for the scheme.
2. **Apologies** – None
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October** Proposed by Mr A Dimmock seconded by Mr C Smith and approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to ask for information from the police about vehicle speeds and accidents in the High St. Information requested, waiting for reply from police.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to make enquiries about the permissible spacing between pedestrian crossings. Information requested from WBC. No spacing information given in Statutory Instruments covering pedestrian crossings.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to send the reply on Design and Supplementary Planning to WBC. Completed.
 - 5.4 WBC Consultation on sustainable communities. Committee members to consider and bring comments to November meeting. Proposed by Mr J Jarvis to set up a sub-committee to consider this and submit a reply, seconded Mr A Dimmock and carried unanimously. Sub committee members to be Mrs B Ditcham, Mr S Clark and a person co-opted from the Twyford Village Partnership.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to report worn road markings to WBC. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to reply to Councillor Keith Baker regarding items on the highways wish list. Completed. Reply discussed under item 10.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to pass the request for a 20mph speed limit outside Polehampton Infants School on to WBC. Completed reply discussed under item 10.
 - 5.8 The Clerk to pass the request for a 30 mph sign on Waltham Rd on to WBC. Completed reply discussed under item 10.
6. **Planning Matters**
 - 6.1 **Current List**
 - 2054 Demolition of Garden Cottage Bridge House. No Comment.
 - 2061 Listed Building- refurbishment/extension of Bridge House. No Comment.
 - 2051 Development of Care Retirement Community Complex. Object.
 1. Concern about loss of part of the green gap between villages. The WBC Core Strategy Document presumes that green gaps will be retained.
 2. Concern about the possible increase in risk of flooding in the area due to the run off from all the buildings and paved areas.
 3. Concern about the size of the complex. Is the need for such a complex justified? It will have a considerable impact on the demographic mix in the village. It is high density representing over development of the site. 3 storey buildings adjacent to the boundary will overlook existing property in Wargrave Rd. They are out of character as there are very few three-storey buildings in the village.
 4. Concern about the amount of traffic movements that will be generated by the site and problems with the exit/entrance on to the High St where, depending on the time of day, there are issues relating to traffic jams and speeding traffic.

5. The number of parking spaces shown does not appear sufficient for the number of dwellings.

6. Concern about the suitability of the existing infrastructure in the village. The proposal shows provision for the use of buggies but the existing footpaths from the site to the village are narrow and not suitable for these.

If approved request section 106 monies be allocated to the provision of a new library and improvements to the A4/ London Rd junction.

2090 61 Wargrave Rd - No comment.

1778 1 Hermitage Drive - No comment.

2092 33 Hermitage Drive - No comment.

2070 8 Mallard Close - No comment.

1998 2 Cheriton Ave - No comment.

2028 55 Wargrave Rd - No comment.

2221 20 Carlile Gdns - No comment.

6.2 Appeals

None

6.3 Notices of permission

1549 9 Wargrave Rd

1699 76 London Rd

1605 6 High St

1422 112 Hurst Rd

6.4 Notices of Refusal

None

6.5 Other planning matters

6.5.1 WBC Planning applications and decisions: 21.09.09 – 25.09.09, 28.09.09 – 02.10.09, 05.10.09 – 09.10.09, 12.10.09 - 16.10.09. Noted.

6.5.2 WBC Tree Preservation Order Waitrose London Rd. Noted.

6.5.3 WBC Meeting of the Planning Committee 14.10.09. Noted.

7. Twyford News

Inclusion of Ruscombe to be discussed and agreed at December meeting. The editors are reviewing the charges for advertising and will report back to the next meeting. The April issue will come out earlier due to the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

8. Footway Lighting

8.1 Repair and fault report.

Parish – 101 Longfield Rd – outage.

81 Longfield Rd – outage.

220 Lincoln Gdns – intermittent

180 Amberley Drive – outage.

WBC - C1 Broadwater Rd – day burner.

8.2 Painting street lights adjacent to Stanlake Pavilion. Agreed the Clerk to arrange for the two columns to be repainted.

9. General Amenity Matters

9.1 TVP 09.10.09 x2, 13.10.09, 16.10.09 Community Messaging – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.2 TVP Watch update 24.09.09 - circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.3 WBC Meeting re Borough Litter Pick 2010 on 02.11.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.4 VAWB Funding our Future Conference 05.11.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.5 TVP Invite to Operation Lion Club briefing 23.10.09 – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.6 WBC Places and Neighbourhoods Bulletin –Nov – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

9.7 Local Policing Summary – Noted.

9.8 TVP Update on Neighbourhood Policing – circulated on e-mail. Noted this contains an error in the information about the “Meet the Public” meeting on 14th November. The Clerk to inform the police.

10. Highways

10.1 Potholes update. None

10.2 WBC Wish List 2009/10 – reply from Councillor Baker to comments made on his earlier reply and on requests relating to 30 mph markings and 20mph speed limit read

to meeting. Agreed to put a questionnaire in the spring issue of Twyford News relating to the proposal to make Station Rd one-way. Mr J Jarvis to draft and submit to Twyford News editors by Jan 2010.

- 10.3 WBC A4/London Rd Junction. Mr Jarvis reported on the meeting held on 30th October. Section 106 money will have to be used for any alterations as WBC only has £90K allocated for highways work for the year. WBC highways consultants are looking at 9 possible solutions and will report back when these have been considered further.
11. **Precept 2010/11.** Initial figures provided by Clerk for discussion. Further details to be discussed and agreed at December meeting.
12. **Correspondence -**
 - 12.1 Royal Berkshire Fire Authority 5-Year Plan. Noted.
 - 12.2 NHS decision with regard to the rurality of Charvil. Noted.
 - 12.3 Crescent Community Association – Invite to AGM 10.11.09. Noted.
13. **Date of next meeting – Monday 7th December 2009**

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm