

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mrs E Ashley, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs J Duffield, Mrs T Ramsden, Messrs M Boniface, M Bray, D Fergusson, J Jarvis, C Wickenden & T Winchester.

In attendance: Mrs C Bulman (Ruscombe Parish Council) & Mr J Henderson (Twyford Tennis Club).

Clerk in attendance: Lucy Moffatt & Lynn Povey (training).

1. **Public questions** – no questions.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs L Jarvis, Mr J Bowley & Mr D White.
3. **Inspector Alastair Loyd & Daniel Taylor PCSO, Thames Valley Police.** Inspector Alastair Loyd & Daniel Taylor had been unable to attend. It is hoped this visit might be rearranged for the April meeting.
4. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none.
5. **Dispensations** – none.
6. **Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2018.** Approval of the minutes proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr C Wickenden, motion carried nem con.
7. **Matters arising** – none.
8. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr J Jarvis reported on the WBC Council meeting where the treasury management plans were approved. The mid term financial plan has been published. Precept/Council tax increase finalised at 5.5%. Elections will be taking place in May.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman reported that their new clerk has left and they are in the process of recruiting. WBC's Peter Baveystock is attending their March meeting and Mrs Bulman invited interested councillors to attend.
10. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
 - 10.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee & Neighbourhood Plan 06.02.18**

Mrs Ditcham highlighted the 'Twyford Clean up' day urging councillors to support the event on 24th March. There were no further items to report.

Mr Wickenden reported on the Neighbourhood plan meeting. Mrs Ashley is contacting a list of sponsors. Mr Mantel & Mr Wickenden are attending a meeting with WBC on 28th February to talk about Neighbourhood planning. Mr Wickenden is sourcing quotes for professional Neighbourhood Plan services.
 - 10.2 **Parish Lands Committee & Fete sub-committee (no meeting) 13.02.18**

Mr D Fergusson reported. He highlighted item 7.2 use of the pink spray to paint dog mess and 7.3 discussions with the tennis club. There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed Lawn Tennis Association grant and lengthening of the tennis club lease. Mr Jarvis suggested that solicitors are used to draw up the lease with the tennis club. Mr Henderson, from Twyford Tennis club, reported that the grant would be used for the clubhouse primarily then additional courts and lighting if finances permit. The club currently has 145 members (adults and juniors), although previously had 240 after a promotion drive. The current membership fees are £105 adult, £220 family and £35 child. They are working with a tennis coaching company to promote tennis, have an online booking system and hope to have a coded gate entry system. Mr Henderson said that the tennis club will be handing over £50,000 of funds, the lights, and hut in order for the Parish Council to submit the bid in their name. The tennis club will be driving the bid and only a minimal amount of the clerks time is anticipated to be required.

Mr Jarvis asked that the lease contains an agreement saying that the Tennis Club will pay for any costs that result from the application. The general feeling was that the Parish Council wished to support the tennis club and value the contribution it makes in the village. The recommendations were taken.

The committee **recommend to Full Council** that the Council extend the Tennis Club lease to 25 years. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **recommend to Full Council** that the Council assist the tennis club by leading the bid for funding to the Lawn Tennis Association. The funding is for the expansion of the tennis club facilities. This is on the basis that the tennis club provide their undertaking to carry out the admin required to push the bid forward. Motion carried unanimously.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee (no meeting)

10.4 Parking Advisory Committee (no meeting)

10.5 Other representatives reports

10.5.1 Twinning Association meeting – Mrs E Ashley reported on the last meeting and the detailed list of activities planned for the Cuincy visit. Councillors are welcome to join in with any of the activities - please advise the organisers in advance. A short discussion took place on whether it would be possible for the Twinning Association to hold their Annual meeting after the APM. Agreed this would not give either meetings sufficient time. It was agreed that Mr J Jarvis, the Chairman of the Twinning organisation, should be asked to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. There was a suggestion that information boards on the Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham, Twinning Association and Neighbourhood plan would be well received for residents to view whilst having their drinks after the APM.

10.5.2 Community Hub meeting – Mr Jarvis reported that a meeting is to be held with Charlotte Haitham Taylor, Leader of WBC on 7th March at 2pm. Mr J Bowley will be asked if he is available to attend with Mr R Mantel being the substitute representative.

10.5.3 Borough Parish Liaison Forum – response circulated on CIL questions.

10.5.4 Twyford Together Executive – Mrs Ditcham reported that no meeting had been held.

11. Clerk's report – no report.

12. Items to be discussed at the next meeting - no items.

13. Correspondence (circulated to councillors by email):

13.1 WBC NEWS: Plans to reinstate popular bus service in Woodley and Earley

13.2 WBC NEWS: Council to install pedestrian crossing facilities to keep school children safe

13.3 WBC NEWS: New transport and highways contract to improve service for residents

13.4 Wokingham Borough Libraries Newsletter February 2018

13.5 Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter - February 2018

13.6 Town and Village Plans and the Five Year Land Supply Rule

13.7 Thames Valley Police - Support for Protect Your World campaign

13.8 Royal British Legion - WW1 Centenary

13.9 WBC NEWS: Food waste collections set to be introduced next year

13.10 Apprenticeships Careers Fair - 7 March 2018

13.11 WBC: Council continues to manage its budget despite severe cuts in government funding

13.12 Citizens Advice - Fundraising quiz night

13.13 Borough Parish Liaison Forum - notes

13.14 WBC News: Do you want to be a councillor?

13.15 WBC NEWS: Parking changes following Woodley's success
13.16 WBC NEWS: Eastern gateway planning application approved
13.17 WBC NEWS: Keeping on top of issues in the Borough with web-based reporting system

13.18 Nationwide Building Society request for event – suggestions that they contact Loddon Hall or attend the village fete

13.19 WJSC Job Search Support leaflets

14. List of authorised payments – list dated 26th February 2018 proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr J Jarvis, carried unanimously.

15. Dates of meetings:

All meetings 7:45pm at Loddon Hall unless noted otherwise.

Neighbourhood Plan 7pm	06.03.18
Planning and Amenities Committee	06.03.18
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	07.03.18
Meet your councillor session (RM)	10.03.18 (Waitrose café 3-4)
Agreed for the clerk to circulate an email asking for volunteers. Mr Jarvis will ask Mrs Jarvis if she is available.	
Fete sub committee 7pm	13.03.18
Parish Lands Committee	13.03.18
Finance Committee	20.03.18
Twinning Visit	23/24/25.03.18
Twynford Clean up	24.03.18 (10am Loddon Hall)
Borough Parish Liaison Forum (RM & JB)	26.03.18

16. Date of next meeting of the Council – Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Part 2 Confidential Information

The Council agreed that as confidential items were to be discussed the Chairman invoked Standing Order 1C “That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw”. Proposed Mrs B Ditcham, seconded Mr C Wickenden, carried unanimously. The public left the meeting. Discussion took place on item 10.1 – Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 21:12 pm.