

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee held at the Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** - Mr R Morris (Chairman), Mr M Bray, Mr J Bowley, Mr J Jarvis (Borough Councillor), Mr R Mantel & Borough Councillors Mr L Ferris and Mr J Halsall.

**In attendance:** 3 residents

1. **Public Questions** – Terri Jones asked where the details of the meetings were on the website. The clerk responded that they are under the 'News' heading although in due course the 'Parking Advisory Committee' will have its own heading and page.  
Mr Ramsden asked where the minutes are on the website. These will go on once approved.  
Mr Loyd suggested lobbying Courtney buses who have a gap in their service over the peak commuter time. Could they provide a service from Wokingham to Twyford between the existing service which arrives in Twyford at 7:30am and 9:35am. The Borough Councillors responded that WBC part fund the Courtney bus service and Mr Ferris agreed to raise this with WBC. Agreed for the clerk to send a letter to WBC with regard this.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs B Ditcham, Mr M Boniface, Mr D Fergusson & Borough Councillor Mr W Smith.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda** – none.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017** Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mr J Jarvis, carried nem con.
6. **Matters arising and action points** – none.
7. **Local WBC Councillors' updates including community parking complaints**  
Problematic roads in Twyford include Broad Hinton, Wessex Gardens, Hermitage Drive, Lincoln Gardens, Byron Road.  
A discussion took place on WBC Civil Parking Enforcement. It is unlikely for there to be any changes in CPE for 6-12 months. The focus of the efforts are initially likely to be in Wokingham and Earley. Twyford will need to employ a traffic warden but can benefit from the income and it was asked whether this income is ring fenced.  
Concerns were raised that the focus should not be evenly spread around the borough.
8. **Station car park access/egress volumes - Request WBC Survey? (All)**  
It was agreed to ask WBC to survey volumes of traffic entering and leaving the station car park (to count in and out both sides) in order to anticipate future car parking requirements.
9. **GWR response regarding land further along Hurst Road (Clerk)**  
Despite emails chasing there has been no further response from GWR. A discussion took place on the wedge of land behind the Hurst Road by the Twyford Brook. The possibility of using this as allotment land in order to free up the allotment land for use as a car park was briefly discussed.  
Discussion took place on GWR franchise, modular car park systems & revenue raising. Mr Halsall raised some questions with the Council – Where would Twyford like a car park if you would like a car park at all? Who is going to build it and who is going to pay for it? Twyford needs to decide what it wants to do and then WBC can help. If Twyford ran the car park they would be in control for car park fees. A GWR ran station car park that commuters didn't wish to pay expensive parking fees for would not solve the problem of commuter parking.  
Mr Ferris asked would a combination of park and ride, station car park, CPE and TRO all be acceptable to Twyford?  
Mr Jarvis spoke about the possibility of making the Gas Lane tunnel two way.

**10. Twyford Together Business Forum liaison update (Cllr B Ditcham)** - carried forward.

**11. Existing car parking provision and utilisation survey update (Cllr R Morris)**

Mr Morris reported on items 11 & 14. The findings from the car park review by Mr Yeates are as follows:

These are free spaces as a percentage of the capacity and include measurements taken on bank holiday dates from September 2016 to April 2017:

Mondays 7.54%

Tuesdays 2.49%

Wednesdays 5.16%

Thursdays 5.87%

Fridays 27.28%

Saturdays 10.6% (but small sample)

**12. On-street parking: Roads known to be affected (All)**

Discussion took place on the parking along the Hurst Road by the station. Could the TRO timings be changed to enable residents to park whilst going into Reading in the week? It was agreed it will be interesting to see if the additional Coal Yard Spaces are utilised. It was recognised that commuters don't want to pay the car parking fees like to park for free.

**13. Committee members' views, to include time scales**

Agreed not to meet in June.

**14. Off-Street Parking Assessment/survey by committee volunteers - Update (Cllr R Morris)**

Discussed under item 11.

**15. Ruscombe Parish Council – views –** carried forward.

**16. Local PCSO's to be invited to advise on parking issues current/up to CPE implementation for next meeting? (Clerk)** Agreed.

**17. Preparation of Report update for Full Council consideration - update (Cllr R Morris)**

Mr Morris reported that he is building up a report of findings which will then be put to the Full Council meeting. The July meeting will include response from GWR, feedback from Twyford Together & PCSO's.

**18. Date of next meetings - 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

**The meeting closed at 9:03 pm.**