

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7.45 pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs C Bulman (Ruscombe Parish), 1 resident, 1 reporter.

Clerk in attendance: Stephanie Woods

1. **Public questions** – No questions.
2. **Apologies** – Messrs M Boniface, J Bowley & T Winchester.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Messers J Jarvis and D White declared a conflict of interest in 9.5.1.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2017.** Approval of the minutes proposed by Mr M Bray, seconded Mr M Alder, motion carried nem con.
6. **Matters arising** – None.
7. **Borough Council Matters** –Mr Jarvis informed the council about the local plan update and upcoming meeting with David Lee. Mr Jarvis mentioned that there would be a consultation for the Master Plan in the New Year. The council were also informed that there could be a change in the nuclear zone around Grazeley which could affect the amount of housing they were able to supply, and may have an affect on the amount that surrounding areas would have to take. 21st Century council has now reached phase 2. There will be a loss of 150 staff and a flat structure will be implemented which means that if you report something to a person they will see it all the way through. There has been an update of software within the council and this shall hopefully save money on printing costs. There were no questions.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council** – Ms Bulman informed the council that Ruscombe has a new clerk who starts next month. Ruscombe Parish Council would like to be a part of the twinning with Cuincy but not as a twin. Ruscombe have also submitted their Neighbourhood Plan map but nothing more as of yet. Ms Bulman also reported to the Neighbourhood Action Group about the accident in Pennfields.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
 - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.11.17** – Mr C Wickenden reported from Planning and Amenities that there were no comments on any of the plans for this month apart from 172901 12 Wargrave Road (La Fontana) where it was believed the signs would impose on the street scene. Mr Wickenden also brought the council up to date on the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group work saying that the group had discussed the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and assigned everyone in the group roles and given out tasks to be completed to help with structuring and starting the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Fergusson asked that the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan meetings be included in the agenda for the full council to keep the council up to date.

Recommendations:

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to approve that the council countersign the Barkham Parish Council letter to Government on housing. Discussion took place in which it was agreed to send own letter rather than countersigning the letter with Barkham. Mr Jarvis pointed out that it would be more effective to send own letter. Unanimous against signing the Barkham letter in favour of writing our own letter. The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to approve that Twyford send a representative to the Wargrave Parish Council hosted meeting with David Wilson

Homes. Discussion took place on whether to send a representative. 5 in favour. 6 against. Recommendation not actioned.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 14.11.17 – Mrs L Jarvis reported on Parish Lands informing the council that the tennis club were applying for funding for a new tennis hut and courts, which would require a 21 year lease on the land. The hut would either be wooden or brick and the committee had no preference. Reported on the burnt car outside the London Road allotments, and the request for a second height bar on Stanlake Meadow at the far end of the field from the Football club. The cost of this bar would be £16,000 and it was suggested that the football club are asked for a donation towards the bar. The extension of the Stanlake Pavillion, the Clerk needed to check for restrictions on the land.

Volunteers to join the 2018 Fete Committee – Mrs B Ditchem volunteered.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 21.11.17 – Mr D Fergusson reported for Finance but asked for Item 9.5.1 – Twinning meeting—to be brought forward because the report tied in with the Finance report. Reported that the budgets and precepts were being looked at in all meetings. Emma’s Kitchen would charge for the Meet your Councillor sessions being held in the café.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to approve that the Twinning Constitution is approved. (Copy circulated 22/11/17) – Nine in favour or approving the twinning constitution, two abstentions. Carried Nem Com.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to approve that the Twyford Twinning Association – grant of £1,000. Nine in Favour, two abstentions, carried nem com.

9.4 Parking Advisory Committee – no meeting

9.5 Other representatives reports

9.5.1 Twinning meeting – (reported under 9.3) Mr Jarvis and Mr G Holmes visited Cuincy 7th November 2017. They found the village to be of comparative size and had a detailed list of activities for them to take part in. Cuincy had looked at 180 other places before settling on Twyford as their choice. The Mayor of the Village has 170 staff, including police force. Everything is done locally. There is one major Renault factory, a mile outside the village. Well organised, good sports facilities, two leisure centres, football pitches and a music school. Mrs Ramsden asked why Cuincy wanted to twin with us, and Mr Jarvis replied it was due to the right number of people, approximately 7,000 along with the same amenities and sports.

9.5.2 Community Hub meeting – Mr J Bowley absent from meeting. Carried Forward.

9.5.3 Meet your councillor session – Mr M Alder and Mr R Mantel hosted this session and had reports of two street lights not working, ones that belong to WBC and complaint about access for wheelchairs at Bridge House, on the Old Bath Road as there is a lamppost in the way. Referred back to Planning and Amenities to look into.

10. Clerk’s report – appoint NAG representative – Ms E Ashley volunteered.

11. Items to be discussed at the next meeting – representative for the Hurst Charities that deal with the Almshouses. December appointment.

12. Correspondence:

WBC NEWS: 'Free after Three' parking proposed for Wokingham town centre

Proposed Twyford Community Hub – JJ letter

Borough Parish Liaison Forum - notes

WBC NEWS: Woman fined £1,157 for Illegally Dumping Waste

Job advert – Sonning School

WBC NEWS: Council to Launch two Major Consultations on the Big Issues in the Borough

FW: NEWS: Regeneration Proposal to be Considered at Planning Committee
Twyford Twinning Meeting 13.11.17
Minutes of Meeting and Cuincy Visit Report
WBC NEWS: Young People Look Forward to New Supported Accommodation
Police and Crime Commissioner 'Let's Hate Hate' campaign
BALC 2017 AGM Council Invitation and Agenda 28.11.17
Lower Earley Library - 30th Birthday
WBC NEWS: A great move for Wokingham town's community
WBC MEDIA NOTICE: Creative Crafts and Pamper Evening - Woodley Library
WBC - NOTICE: Wokingham Winter Carnival at Wokingham Library
WBC - NEWS: Bill Flood's success with Wokingham Housing recognised by Inside
Housing

13. List of authorised payments – list unavailable.

14. Dates of meetings:

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

Planning and Amenities Committee 05.12.17

Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ) 06.12.17

Parish Lands Committee 07.12.17

Finance Committee 12.12.17

Meet your councillor session 14.01.18 (Waitrose café 3-4) – Mrs Ramsden, Mr Bray and
Mrs Ditcham in reserve.

15. Staffing Matters

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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 Mr D Ferguson, seconded Mrs J Jarvis, carried unanimously. The public left
the meeting. Discussion took place on Staffing matters.

16. Date of next meeting of the Council – Thursday 14th December 2017.

The meeting closed at 21:53 pm.