

Twyford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

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

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chair), Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs L Jarvis, Mrs T Ramsden, Messrs M Boniface, J Bowley, M Bray, J Jarvis, R Morris, C Smith, T Winchester & D White.

In attendance: Mrs Bulman – Ruscombe Parish Council & 1 member of the public.

1. Public questions Resident Jean Myhill asked if there are plans for double yellow lines on Broad Hinton. Mr Morris, Chairman of the Parking Advisory Committee, reported that the committee are looking at parking as a whole. They are looking at aspects of parking control and parking capacity once Civil Parking Enforcement comes in. People who park inappropriately will be enforced. He confirmed that the committee are conscious of the issues on Broad Hinton.

2. Apologies - Mrs E Ashley, Mr D Fergusson & Mr C Wickenden.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. Mr M Boniface, Mr M Bray, Mrs T Ramsden & Mr T Winchester declared that they are allotment holders and declared an interest in item 9.2.

4. Dispensations – none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2017. Proposed Mr D White, seconded Mr M Bray, carried nem con.

6. Matters arising.

6.1 Questions for the Borough Parish Liaison Forum (Deadline 13th March 2017)

Questions discussed were related to LED street lighting and Local Plan. Mr Morris had reported that there is no leakage of light with the new LED's and hence there are dark parts in between the lamps. This he thought was due to the lantern shape.

Agreed for both suggestions to be referred to the Planning and Amenities committee.

7. Borough Council Matters. Borough Councillor John Jarvis reported. The 2017/2018 Budgets and Council Tax have been approved with a 1.94% Increase to the General Rates and a further 3% Increase for Social Care. WBC have budgeted to borrow some £300M to £400M pounds over the next fiscal year which will be repaid from CIL, Section 106 and Sale/Lettings proceeds from Elms Field Development. It is anticipated that these loans will be repaid within 10 years.

Mr Mantel asked if there was anything in the Capital Program for Twyford Community Hub. Mr Jarvis reported that any investment in the hub would come from the sale of the library land and even then his would be up front rent.

8. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. Mrs Bulman reported. The meeting had been a busy one with attendance from lots of residents commenting on the St James Church plans. The plans have subsequently been withdrawn. Mr Mike Evans had attended the WBC planning meeting to speak against the McCarthy and Stone planning application. The application was refused.

Mr Morris asked if the Council had any information on the electrification bridge works on Southbury Lane bridge. Mrs Bulman has a photograph of the planned works which Ruscombe Parish Council are happy with. The clerk will circulate this.

9. Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:

9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 07.02.17 & Website sub committee Mrs Ditcham reported on the talk from Mr Mark Ashwell, WBC Executive Member for Planning on the Local Plan, and listed objections to planning applications for 50, London Road, The Old Police House and land adjacent to 130, Wargrave Road. Mrs Ditcham also reported on the Air Quality workshop that she, Mr Bray and Mrs Ramsden had

attended. Wokingham town and Twyford crossroads have the highest areas of pollution. A permanent monitor will be installed in Twyford and an action plan will be produced by WBC for the end of March. The Councils suggestions for the village centre were re-sent to WBC for the third time.

Mr Jarvis reported on the Hare Hatch enforcement.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee & Twyford Village Fete sub committee 14.02.17 Mr J Bowley reported highlighting item 6.3 - volunteer gardeners having planted snowdrops and bluebells in Polehampton Corner, Mr Loyd and TATA plans to lay one of the allotment hedges and 10.2 - consultation at Noah's Ark on the plans for the toddler play area.

The committee **RECOMMEND to full Council** to accept a quote for £800 on ex hire Heras Fencing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs Ditcham asked about the wildflower area. Co-ordinated by Mr Loyd over 140 wild flower plugs have been planted by volunteers and youngsters over the half term.

Mr M Boniface reported on the Twyford Village Fete. 53% of residents responding were in favour of a change of name to Twyford Village Fete. WBC have some exciting contributions for 2017 and the Steve Colley motorbike stunt show has been booked for the event along with the Classic Car show.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 21.02.17 Mr Winchester reported. The committee agreed to purchase a book of condolence for Operation Bridge. Discussions took place on the Community Hub. A meeting to discuss the Twinning Project following the model of Sonning will be held on 21st March. All councillors are welcome. Interviews for the Assistant Clerk will be carried out next week. Budget information and Capital Budget Statements up to 31st December 2016 were circulated.

9.4 Parking Advisory Committee 21.02.17 Mr R Morris reported. Letters will be going out to GWR and WBC asking their aspirations and funding plans for parking in Twyford. Current parking provision and usage in Twyford is being monitored. It is planned to form a report with the committee findings and to make recommendations to the Council.

9.5 Other Representatives reports.

Mr Bowley reported on the TRCA meeting. They are agreeable to the idea of changing the switches on the lights to make better use of the projector. They also raised the subject of payment for usage of the electricity for the skate park lighting.

Mrs Ditcham suggested asking Loddon Hall about usage of their car park and should this information be fed in to the monitoring already being done.

10. Clerk's report The Clerk's forum with Wokingham Borough Council will be held on Friday. Agenda items include Community Governance Reviews, Asset Review Progress, Local Plan Update and Cemetery Provision.

11. Items to be discussed at the next meeting – no items.

12. Correspondence circulated by email:

12.1 Notes from the Borough Parish Liaison Forum held on 23 January and the presentation slides for the item on Civil Parking Enforcement. Noted.

12.2 Twyford Together Newsletter. Noted.

12.3 Party Night - to raise funds for Cancer Research. Noted.

12.4 Rogue Traders Event - 13 March 2017. Noted.

12.5 GWR – Welsh Food Giveaway at Paddington for St David's Day. Noted.

12.6 Twyford Post Office – proposed move consultation – referred to Planning & Amenities Committee.

13. List of authorised payments – list dated 28/02/2017. Approval of the list proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mr J Jarvis, carried unanimously.

14. Dates of meetings:

Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	01.03.17
Planning and Amenities Committee	07.03.17
Meet your councillor session (MB & RM, LJ reserve)	11.03.17 (Waitrose 3-4)
Twyford Village Fete	14.03.17 (7pm)
Parish Lands Committee	14.03.17
Cuincy Meeting	21.03.17 (7:30pm)
Finance Committee	21.03.17 (9pm)
Borough Parish Liaison Forum	03.04.17
Parking Advisory Committee	12.04.17 or 19.04.17 (TBC)

15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:48 pm.