

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.45 pm.

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

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public.

1. **Public questions** Mike Yeates asked which councillors had been co-opted as opposed to being elected. There was a show of hands.
2. **Apologies** - Mrs L Jarvis, J Jarvis, & Mr C Wickenden.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.** Proposed Mrs B Ditcham, seconded Mr M Boniface, carried nem con.
6. **Matters arising.** None.
7. **Borough Council Matters.** Borough Councillor Lindsay Ferris reported by email. He expressed concern that the number of houses being proposed by WBC can be impacted by the rate at which developers build their houses. This happened with the recent Park Lane, Charvil appeal decision where the Planning Inspector calculated that WBC didn't have a 5 year land supply. The projected objectively assessed housing need for WBC has now risen from 856 to 894 houses a year. The projected number of houses between 2013 and 2036 is now in the region of 23-24,000 as a result. He expressed concern that a significant number of houses will be coming to the Northern Parishes.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman had given her apologies. There were no reports.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
  - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 07.03.17** Mrs Ditcham reported highlighting items 5.2 - response from GWR's Tom Pierpoint, 5.4 - Twyford Post Office consultation, 8.4 - hanging basket order, 8.6 - Litter pick and 8.7 - recycling in the village.
  - 9.2 **Parish Lands Committee & Twyford Village Fete sub committee 14.03.17** Mr J Bowley reported highlighting items 6.3 – allotment skip & church plans to install a folding bollard at the drive entrance, 7.6 - decision to look at allotment guidelines, 10.2 - agreement to place the order for the playpark refurbishment and new equipment, 10.5 - installation of the skate park bin and 11.1 - completion of the wildflower area planting. Mr M Boniface reported on the Twyford Village Fete. The Steve Colley motorbike stunt show has been booked for the event along with the Classic Car show. Ian Wisdom has agreed to run the bar for Orchid and also take on the security. The layout of the stalls and the car parking are yet to be discussed.
  - 9.3 **Finance and General Purposes Committee & Twinning meeting 21.03.17** Mr Fergusson reported. Due to the confidential nature of the Finance Committee recruitment this item will be discussed at the end of the meeting. Mr Fergusson reported on a successful Twinning meeting. The next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:45pm.
  - 9.4 **Parking Advisory Committee** Mr R Morris reported. Malcolm Richards, WBC Executive member for Highways and Transport & David Sleight, Deputy Executive member for Highways and Transport will attend the next meeting. Volunteers have carried out a study of the off street parking and an analysis of the allotment association information. The next meeting will be held at 7:45pm on 12.04.17.

## 9.5 Other Representatives reports

9.5.1 Meet Your Councillor. Mr Mantel and Mr Bray had attended. A resident raised concerns over the rural footpath along Stanlake Lane. This is overgrown and has become part of the bank. Discussion took place over the possibility of volunteers clearing the path and suggestions of applying for cycle path status in order to have a better change of funding. Agreed to refer to Planning and Amenities Committee to compose a letter to WBC. A resident raised the issue of birds over the alleyway by the side of Tesco. The issue has been taken up by WBC who are looking at pest control and are looking into the ownership of the alleyway.

**10. Clerk's report** The clerk had attended the Wokingham Clerk's Forum meeting. There was some general dissatisfaction with BALC and Finchampstead Parish Council will not be renewing their membership and therefore will not be members of WDALC and NALC.

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

### **12. Correspondence circulated by email:**

12.1 Introducing Give&TakeCare – request to talk to the Council. As there have been a number of local talks it was agreed Mrs Ditcham will feedback from the Twyford Together meeting.

12.2 GWR - Improvement work between Reading and Paddington on Sunday morning. Noted.

**13. List of authorised payments** – list dated 28.03.17. Approval proposed Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr C Smith, motion carried unanimously.

### **14. Dates of meetings:**

Borough Parish Liaison Forum	03.04.17
Planning and Amenities Committee	04.04.17
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (R.Morris)	05.04.17
Twyford Village Fete Meeting	11.04.17 (7pm)
Parish Lands Committee	11.04.17
Parking Advisory Committee	12.04.17
Finance Committee	18.04.17
Ruscombe's Annual Parish Meeting (room)	19.04.17 (7:30pm Ruscombe room)
Twinning Meeting	20.04.17
Twyford's Annual Parish Meeting	26.04.17 (8pm St Marys Centre)
Meet your councillor session	13.05.17 (Waitrose 3-4)

[Mrs E Ashley & Mr M Bray with Mr R Mantel as reserve.]

## **Part 2 Confidential Information**

Item 9.3 discussion – Recruitment of Assistant Clerk

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 Fergusson, seconded Mr T Winchester, carried unanimously. The public left the meeting.

Discussion took place on recruitment and the recommendation was carried unanimously.

**15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

**The meeting closed at 8:48 pm.**