

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.45pm.

**Present:** - Mr D Fergusson (Chairman), Mr J Bowley, Mr Fergusson, Mr R Mantel & Mr T Winchester.

**In attendance:** Mr M Yeates, Mrs W Stafford, Mr I Stafford & Mr McKay.

1. **Public Questions** – Mr Yeates spoke on behalf of the allotment holders. He asked about the rumours that the Council were to ‘hive off’ part of the allotment land for commuter parking. He raised concern on behalf of the allotment holders and also environmental concerns. The committee responded that the commuter parking had been raised as a question by a councillor at the Full Council meeting. He had been approached by concerned residents affected by commuter parking and the subject had previously been raised by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Council have agreed to give full consideration to the question and consider the pros and cons before making a decision. They have set up a sub committee and will be consulting with allotment holders as part of this. Mr Mantel reported that the Council had previously been asked by the WBC lead councillor for transport to consider selling part of the land for this purpose but had decided not to. He reported that a recent Network Rail meeting informed the Council representatives that the existing station car park is an awkward shape and is not suitable for a decked car park. He said that the Parish Council have a duty but not a statutory obligation to provide allotments.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs B Ditcham.
3. **Election of Chairman** Mr D Fergusson proposed by Mr T Winchester, seconded Mr J Bowley, carried unanimously.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman** Mr T Winchester proposed by Mr R Mantel, seconded Mr J Bowley, carried unanimously.
5. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda** – none.
6. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015.** Proposed Mr J Bowley seconded Mr T Winchester. Carried unanimously.
7. **Matters arising and action points** – none.
8. **Asset Review – WBC’s Dee Maddox-Hinton** – Mrs Maddox-Hinton spoke about WBC’s project to review theirs and the Parish’s assets. They are deciding which to retain, review and dispose of. A copy of the presentation will be circulated.
9. **Clerk’s Report**
  - Bank balances as at the end of April 2016. Current account £20,735.98, deposit account £42,938.46, income bonds £37,000, national savings account £1,527.67 and Twycombe Lodge tenants deposit account £3,006.77.
  - VAT return for April 2016 £1,449.99.
  - Bank balances as at the end of May 2016. Current account £32,282.41, deposit account £75,128.85, income bonds £37,000, national savings account £1,527.67 and Twycombe Lodge tenants deposit account £3,007.02.
  - VAT return for May 2016 £661.60.
  - Bank balances as at the end of June 2016. Current account £27,728.21, deposit account £75,135.30, income bonds £37,000, national savings account £1,527.67 and Twycombe Lodge tenants deposit account £3,007.27.
  - VAT return for June 2016 £376.96.
  - Expenditure against Budget and Capital Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Figures examined and noted.
  - NS&I interest rate change. Noted.
  - Confirming the exercise of elector’s rights – displayed on noticeboard. Noted.

- Dividend – Blackrock Greater Europe £428.67 & £27.29. Noted.
- Blackrock half yearly report . Noted.
- BT AGM - 13.07.16. Noted.
- CCB membership renewal - £30. Membership approved.
- Repayment of the TRCA loan for £3,000. Noted.
- New router and BT package finishing on April 2018. Noted.
- Photocopier / contract – agreed to hold off on the ordering of the copier pending completion of the trial on viewing the planning applications online. Clerk to look into quotes for an A3 and A2 printer.
- National Joint Council for Local Government Services - pay scales. Noted.
- Risk Assessments – none to report.

## **10 Correspondence:**

- 10.1 Readibus AGM – 19.07.16. Noted.
- 10.2 Involve Voluntary Sector update – circulated by email . Noted.
- 10.3 BALC Newsletter – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.4 Lets Talk Health Event – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.5 Action for All Bulletin – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.6 NHS Berkshire Health – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.7 BALC Newsletter – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.8 Involve – Governance training – circulated by email. Noted.
- 10.9 Wokingham Borough Libraries – Whats on – circulated by email. Noted.

**11. CIL** - information circulated and noted.

**12. Twinning Project** - Cuincy. After some discussion it was agreed that the Council like the idea of twinning and visiting Cuincy. Agreed that the clerk should write saying that the Council are looking to see if they can facilitate a visit in September. Mr Mantel will confirm if he is able to visit.

**13. Twyford citizen of the year** – agreed to purchase a 13cm crescent clock at a cost of £59 plus engraving and delivery. Agreed Mr Bowley will attend and make the presentation.

**14. WDALC – to consider a response to Richard Rampton, WDALC Chair** After some discussion it was felt that the future of WDALC should be properly discussed at the AGM or EGM. Agreed that the clerk should respond to this effect.

**15. To consider whether the Council feels that it should lead in the quest to help solve Twyford’s station parking problems by considering the development of part of the Hurst Road allotment land to provide a considerable income stream for the Council which could fund future projects in the village?’. This item was not discussed further. A sub committee was formed at the Parish Lands meeting.**

## **16. Grant requests**

16.3 Proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mr R Mantel **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant of £620 to Readibus. Motion carried unanimously.

## **17. Items to be considered from other Committees**

17.1 Planning and Amenities 05.07.16 – no items.

17.2 Parish Lands 12.07.16 – no items.

**18. Clerk’s remuneration** – Proposed Mr Mantel, seconded Mr Bowley to **RECOMMENDS to Full Council** that the clerk’s salary progresses up 2 salary scale points, following her annual review. Motion carried unanimously.

**19. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

**The meeting closed at 9:41 pm.**

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