

# Twyford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7.45 pm.

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

**In attendance:** Mrs C Bulman – Ruscombe Parish Council.

1. **Public questions** – none.
2. **Apologies** – Mr C Wickenden.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.** Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs L Jarvis, carried unanimously.
6. **No matters arising.**
7. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr Ferris had given his apologies and made a report by email. He had met with the Planning Officer dealing with the New Library/Community Hub planning applications in the week. Two outstanding issues are from English Heritage and Parking Survey.  
Mr Ferris also reported on the increase in parking charges in Twyford (Polehampton Car Park). The Council have plans to introduce evening and overnight charges.  
Mr Jarvis reported on the parking charges and new bylaws on ditches.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman reported on the March Council meeting. She reported on the talk by Chief Fire Officer Andy Fry, councillor name badges, a resident suggestion of an avenue of oaks along London road and survey of street lamps. The Chairman had written to WBC asking why the parish had not been consulted on the planning application for the Community Hub. Mrs Bulman summarised the chain of correspondence on this subject. Ruscombe have supported Twyford Parish Council's comment on the library consultation that Twyford library / community hub should be a hub for the northern parishes – not a spoke. Ruscombe's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May at St James Church.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
  - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.03.2016 & Website sub committee.** Mrs Ditcham reported on the Planning and Amenities committee meeting. She highlighted item 5.1 Bell Corner transfer of land – the owner will repay the charge so that the land can be transferred to the Council and 5.2 progress with defibrillators. Mrs Ditcham summarised the committee planning comments and 10.7 the library consultation. Mrs Ditcham also summarised the progress with the arrangements for the website. Notes have been circulated from the website sub-committee meeting.
  - 9.2 **Parish Lands Committee 08.03.2016 & Family Picnic sub committee**  
Mr Bowley reported on the meeting. He highlighted items 9.9 - Beer Festival licence, 9.4 -request from the Youth Centre to install a serving hatch, 6.3 - the waste bin service, 11.1 - the Stanlake Pavilion kitchen refurbishment, 12.1- Twycombe Lodge changes and 10.2 - consideration to fill the rabbit holes at Stanlake Meadow.  
Mr Boniface reported that the plans for the Family Picnic are progressing and he attended the Twyford Village Partnership meeting to promote the picnic and encourage involvement from the Twyford businesses.

The Committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to budget £40,000 for the Children's play park (toddler side) project.

[Note - Finance committee agreed: It will be funded with £8,117 section 106 funding, £26,572.91 CIL monies and the remainder of £5,310.09 from the Councils Capital. This will be claimed back through the precept at £1,000 a year for 5 years starting in the year 2017/18.] Motion carried unanimously.

**9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 15.03.2016** Mrs Ditcham reported that the Committee had looked in details at the proposal to purchase a new printer / photocopier. The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to purchase a second hand copier at a cost of £480 with a contract covering running costs of £14 a quarter. Motion carried 10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant of £210 to Relate Reading. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **9.4 Other Representatives reports.**

9.4.1 Meet your councillor session 12.03.16 - Mr Smith and Mrs Ashley reported that no residents had attended.

9.4.2 Community Hub meeting – Mr Bowley reported that a meeting had not been held.

9.4.3 Borough Wide Litter Pick – Mrs Ditcham reported a successful litter pick with over 30 people and 28 bags of litter collected. The Council thanked Mrs Ditcham for organising the event.

**10. Clerk's report** – no items to report.

**11. Councillor Questions** – no questions.

#### **12. Correspondence**

12.1 McCarthy & Stone – proposed redevelopment of London Road. Mr T Winchester proposed that the Council are represented at the information day. Seconded by Mr R Morris. Motion carried 11 in favour, 1 against. Agreed that Mr Mantel and Mr Morris will attend.

12.2 Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – commemorative medal. Noted.

12.3 Cuincy – Request to twin. Agreed to refer to the Finance committee.

**13. List of authorised payments** – list dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr T Winchester, carried unanimously.

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

Planning and Amenities Committee	05.04.16
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	06.04.16
Family Picnic sub committee (all welcome)	12.04.16 (7pm)
Parish Lands Committee	12.04.16
Finance Committee	19.04.16
Meet your councillor session	14.05.16 (Waitrose 3-4)
Mr R Mantel and Mrs B Ditcham to attend with Mr Fergusson, Mrs Jarvis and Mr Boniface as reserves.	

**15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

**The meeting closed at 8.56 pm.**