

Twyford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr J Bowley (Chair), Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs L Jarvis, Messrs D Fergusson, R Morris, C Smith, C Wickenden & Mr T Winchester.

In attendance: 9 members of the public, 1 member of the press & Mrs C Bulman (Ruscombe Parish Council).

1. Public questions

Teresa Ramsden highlighted the United Reformed Church wall which is in need of repairs. The Parish Council have recently reported this to the WBC Highways Inspector who reported back that it wasn't dangerous.

Malcolm Bray asked if the Council have a record of WBC compulsory purchases in Twyford. Mr Bowley responded that Mr Bray would need to contact WBC for this information. The last compulsory purchase to memory was of Stanlake Meadow.

Ian Stafford noted that the Council liaise with Ruscombe Parish Council. Does the Council liaise with the other Parishes on their boundary? Mr Bowley responded that the Council do not liaise with the other Parishes in the same way. The Parish share facilities with Ruscombe.

2. Apologies – Mrs E Ashley, Mr M Boniface, Mr R Mantel & Mr J Jarvis.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – none.

4. Dispensations – none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2016. Proposed Mrs L Jarvis, seconded Mrs B Ditcham, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council held on 14th

September 2016. An amendment to the minutes was made. Mr Fergusson's name was added, as an allotment holder, to the list of declarations of interest in item 3. The amended minutes were proposed by Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr C Smith, carried nem con.

6. Alistair Lloyd, Neighbourhood Inspector – Mr Loyd gave a talk on Neighbourhood Policing changes and working more closely with the Parish Councils. He asked the Council to consider promoting the 'Thames Valley Alerts' as if there are sufficient numbers more localised information can be circulated, to consider organising a 'no cold calling zone' for the whole of Twyford and lastly for a contribution of £200 towards the 'Speedwatch' project. This is a project where residents work with police in assisting with monitoring the speed of traffic. These items will be referred to the Planning & Amenities committee.

Mr Morris raised a concern that when he had recently reported an illegally parked commuter car he didn't receive a response until the evening when the car had been moved.

Teresa Ramsden commented on commuter parking highlighting that these are commuters that wish to park for free. She asked how other Parishes had promoted the Thames Valley Alerts suggesting through the schools and scouts etc.

Mr Lloyd also offered to attend a 'Meet your councillor' session in order to engage with members of the public.

7. Matters arising.

7.1 Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive will attend the November meeting to talk about the 21st Century Programme. Noted.

8. Borough Council Matters. Mr Ferris had reported by email:

8.1 WBC are doing a series of Budget Sessions around the Borough starting with Twyford at St Marys Hall 7-9pm on 17th October. This will be the first of the sessions. (He reported that he had pressed for such a presentation in Twyford area)

8.2 Local Plan 2026 -2036. Information is now available (since 21st September). WBC have a useful A3 Map of the "call for sites" (which totals 240 across the Borough). There are a number of significant sites in the Twyford & Ruscombe area.

8.3 Library – approval of the plans is imminent.

9. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. Mrs Bulman reported. Like Twyford Ruscombe have invited Neighbourhood Inspector Alistair Loyd, WBC's Keith Baker Leader of the Council & Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive and Angus Ross, Executive member for Environment to talk at their meetings. They have agreed to publish their members interest forms on the website once they have a scanner. Mrs Bulman reported on adjoining planning applications for Kibblewhite crescent and Middlefields and reported an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 28th September for the Council to comment on the 'Issues and Options' consultation. There were no questions for Ruscombe.

10. Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:

10.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 02.08.16, 06.09.16 & Website sub committee Mrs Ditcham said there were no further items to report on from the meetings. She thanked Mr Wickenden and Mr Morris for the progress with the website.

10.2 Parish Lands Committee 13.09.16 & Family Picnic sub committee 13.09.16

Mr J Bowley reported. He highlighted items 9.2 awaiting reduced toddler playpark quote, 9.4 play equipment remedial work and the parking sub committee who will meet on 11th October at 7pm before the Parish Lands meeting.

The committee **RECOMMEND to full Council** to allocate a budget of £5,000 to replace the rocking horse with a Multi-Pondo. Motion carried unanimously. The Finance committee have agreed this can be financed from capital reserves with no capital payback.

Mr Fergusson reported on the Family Picnic committee wash up meeting. The committee had discussed a poll on facebook and considered doing their own survey. They considered changing the name of the event and came up with some options. It was agreed to continue with the event being held at the same weekend in 2017. Next years event will be held on Saturday 19th August. The Family Picnic committee wished to gauge the opinion and get the backing of the Full Council before putting forward a recommendation for their 2017 budget. Entertainment suggestions were for a motorbike stunt show & classic car show. The clerk commented that there would be increased costs to last years £6,000 if the committee agreed on the stunt show and re-branding the banners.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 20.09.16 Mr Fergusson reported on the meeting. He highlighted the presentation of 'Citizen of the Year' award to Tom Toy, Scout Leader.

Mrs L Jarvis agreed to organise the contribution for the Christmas tree festival (30th November – 5th December).

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make no grant to Age Concern due to them being in a financially strong position. Motion carried nem con.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant of £250 to Keep Mobile. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant of £180 to Citizens Advice Reading. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant of £250 to ARC Youth Counselling. Motion carried unanimously.

10.4 Other Representatives reports.

10.4.1 Meet Your Councillor session 10.09.16 – Mr Wickenden and Mr Morris reported. They had spoken to 3 allotment holders covering topics such as parking and the coming of Crossrail. Many issues raised were WBC issues.

10.4.2 Twyford Citizen of the Year 19.09.16 – previously reported on.

11. Clerk's report

A report had been circulated informing the councillors that Twyford had won the silver award in Thames and Chiltern in Bloom. There are some recommendations which will be considered by the relevant committees.

12. Motion to authorise the clerk as RFO to execute the documents in the transfer of the Bell Corner land from the Fraser family to Twyford Parish Council. Proposed Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mrs B Ditcham, carried unanimously.

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

14. Correspondence

14.1 To consider the offer from WBC's Angus Ross to talk to the Council on the Environment portfolio. Circulated by email. Agreed to invite Angus Ross to the January meeting.

14.2 WBC Budget Engagement Sessions – 17th October 19:00 – 21:00 St Marys Church Centre. Circulated by email.

14.3 Wokingham Borough Sports Council Awards evening invitation to Mr Mantel.

14.4 Invitation from the Borough Mayor – Voluntary Sector reception – circulated by email. Carried forward.

14.5 BALC Newsletter – circulated by email. Noted.

15. To agree a donation to HCPT (Life changing pilgrimage holidays) in memory of Mike Bedford. Mr Bedford had sadly died on 31st August 2016. Mr J Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis and Mrs B Ditcham had attended the Vigil Mass where the priest had spoken about the work Mr Bedford had done with the HCPT charity. Mr C Smith proposed making a donation of £100 to HCPT, seconded Mrs L Jarvis, carried unanimously.

16. List of authorised payments – list dated 27th September 2016. Proposed Mr C Wickenden, seconded Mrs L Jarvis, carried unanimously.

17. Dates of meetings:

Family Picnic meeting 7pm	04.10.16
Planning and Amenities Committee	04.10.16
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	05.10.16
Parish Lands sub committee – parking 7pm	11.10.16
Parish Lands Committee	11.10.16
Community Hub meeting	12.10.16
WBC Budget Engagement Session 19:00-21:00 St Mary's Church Centre	17.10.16
Finance Committee	18.10.16
Meet your councillor session	12.11.16 (Waitrose 3-4)
Mrs B Ditcham & Mr C Smith with Mr D Fergusson as reserve.	

18. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.