

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 13th December 2016 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.

In attendance: 4 members of the public & Borough Councillor Lindsay Ferris.

1. **Public questions** Mick Yeates asked if the Council have a neighbourhood plan. Mr Mantel responded that they do not. Mr Yeates asked if Wokingham Borough Council have adopted Local Agenda 21 strategies. Referred to Mr Ferris.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs L Jarvis & Mr J Jarvis.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016.** Minutes proposed Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr R Morris, motion carried nem con.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 WBC's Angus Ross & Cllr Parry Bath to attend the January meeting to talk to the Council on the Environment portfolio. Noted.
 - 6.2 Borough Parish Liaison questions for next meeting. Questions to be submitted are:
 - 1) Could the long term highways schedule be made available for the Parishes?
 - 2) When will Wokingham Borough Council publish resident's feedback from the Budget Engagement sessions. What concrete actions will the Borough be taking based on the feedback?
7. **Borough Council Matters.** Borough Councillor Lindsay Ferris reported on the Local Plan. The call for Sites closed at the end of September. A total of 240 sites were submitted. A number of additional sites have been submitted since that date (at least 12) and further sites may be submitted over the coming months. WBC will be doing a regular update of sites to take account of this. Lindsay Ferris suggested the Parish Council look at the Berkshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment Document, produced by GL Hearn issued Feb 2016 and the Green Belt review. He emphasised that the threat to Twyford area is still a distinct possibility. The current request for information from the Parishes is extremely important. He reported it is easier to stop something going into the potential Plan than to try to get it removed at a later date. Mr Boniface asked if there are thoughts of spreading the development rather than the SDL's?

Mr Mantel asked if there was a timetable for the housing needs and Green Belt reviews to be accepted?

Mrs Ditcham asked is there any correlation between the increase of housing requirements and the call for sites.

Mr Morris stressed that the infrastructure is important. How would additional traffic get through the Twyford centre crossroads?
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council** – no report.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
 - 9.1 **Planning and Amenities Committee 01.12.16 & Website sub committee** Mrs Ditcham reported. There were a high number of planning applications and Mrs Ditcham summarised the comments made on these. The Local Plan update will be discussed in January. Mrs Ditcham emphasised the importance of the discussions. The Parish

Council will first meet to talk about the priorities for Twyford before then meeting with the surrounding parishes and taking their comments into consideration. Twyford is the hub. Mrs Ditcham reported on the progress with the website. Mr R Morris has been appointed web master and it is hoped the site will go live on 6th January.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 06.12.16 Mr Bowley reported highlighting items 7.1- damage to the KGVR Willow tree, the chain securing the Longfield Road gate was cut and the padlock removed from the footballers shed, 8.3 - the issues with deer at the Hurst Road allotments and 12.4 – the advice of Stephen Loyd to be sought on the wildflower area at Stanlake Meadow.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee – no meeting held

9.4 Other Representatives reports.

9.4.1 Community Hub meeting 09.11.16 – discussion was held on possible vehicles of ownership. Mr Fort had suggested the project is set up as a company although the associated costs are higher. Sir Colin Southgate has put together a rough outline of construction costs however there remains a big chunk of money missing.

Mrs Ditcham asked if the main problem is ownership. Mr Bowley responded that this is not a problem as a company would be set up with the various parties having shares. Mr Bowley expressed concern that commercial conversations were being had with parties who will be paying rent.

Mr Boniface asked if the projected plan includes information on projected income/rent. Mr Bowley will provide a summary for the Council using the information he has.

9.4.2 WDALC 30.11.16 – Mr Mantel was appointed vice chair. There had been some members who wanted WDALC to wind its self up however they do not have the powers to do this. A meeting will be held in January to discuss the way forward. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

10. Clerk's report – As approved by the Planning and Amenities committee chocolates for the 'Adopt a street' volunteers and gardening volunteers needed to be delivered. Councillors volunteered to distribute these.

11. Waltham road path – to consider the options for a path through Stanlake Meadow. [Item put forward for discussion] Motion:

To consider a request from a Colleton School Governor to lay a path in Stanlake Meadow between the Hurst Road entrance and the Paddock Heights Entrance. This would allow children to avoid walking on the narrow pavement on the Waltham Road. A discussion took place and it was made clear this was not a request put forward from the governing body of Colleton School. Most councillors felt that there would be benefit given that the path is narrow and it's a busy road. The path on the opposite side has overhanging branches and there are a number of side roads to cross.

The motion was amended to read:

To consider a request to lay a path in Stanlake Meadow between the Hurst Road entrance and the pavilion entrance. This would allow children to avoid walking on the narrow pavement on the Waltham Road.

Proposed Mr Winchester, seconded Mr Morris, motion carried nem con. Item referred to the Parish Lands committee.

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

13. Correspondence circulated by email:

13.1 Drag FAM information to be circulated – carried forward.

13.2 Mayors concert – invitation to Chairman & guest 11.12.16. Mr Bowley attended.

13.3 Mark Hopwood GWR - An update on the electrification programme for the Great Western route. Noted.

13.4 WDALC – Annual Meeting 30.11.16. Noted.

13.5 Wokingham Borough Libraries Children's Highlights November 2016. Noted.

13.6 WDALC – Draft minutes. Noted.

13.7 LCR magazines for circulation to councillors. Noted.

14. List of authorised payments – list dated 13th December 2016. Proposed for approval Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr J Bowley. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Dates of meetings:

Planning and Amenities Committee	03.01.17
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	04.01.17
Meet your councillor session	07.01.17 (Waitrose 3-4)
Mr D Fergusson & Mrs T Ramsden with Mr R Morris as reserve.	
Parish Lands Committee	10.01.17 (*Stanlake Pavilion)
Finance Committee	17.01.17

16. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th January 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:53 pm.