

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mrs L Jarvis, Mrs T Ramsden (absent from the meeting between items 11.4 to 16), Messrs M Boniface, J Bowley, M Bray, D Fergusson, J Jarvis, R Morris, C Wickenden, T Winchester & D White.

In attendance: Mr M Alder (to be co-opted), Mr C Smith (presentation), Mrs C Bulman (Ruscombe Parish Council & Mr Wayne Smith (Borough Councillor)).

1. **Public questions** – No questions.
2. **Apologies** – Mrs E Ashley & Mrs B Ditcham.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Dispensations** – none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2017.** Approval of the minutes proposed by Mr M Bray, seconded Mr M Boniface, motion carried nem con.
6. **Presentation to Mr C Smith (Retiring Councillor)** The Chairman presented Mr Smith with a tankard in recognition of his 12 years service with the Council. He thanked him for his service on behalf of the Parish Council.
7. **Co-option of a Councillor and decision as to which committees he will serve.** A personal statement from Mr M Alder had been circulated to councillors. Decision to hold a public vote, carried unanimously. Proposed Mr R Morris, seconded Mr M Boniface that Mr M Alder be co-opted. Motion carried unanimously; he signed his declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting. Proposed that Mr M Alder serves on the Planning & Amenities Committee. Motion carried unanimously
8. **No matters arising.**
9. **Borough Council Matters.** Apologies had been received from Mr L Ferris. Mr W Smith spoke about the Local Plan and the Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham. He spoke about the proposed development in the Northern Parishes and said that wherever the development goes it will effect Twyford. He asked 'What do Twyford want?'. There are talks on moving the station and Twyford becoming a satellite station, talks of a third bridge over the Thames and a cycle route into Reading. These are plans for 2026-2036 however if there is not sufficient building it can come sooner.
Mr J Jarvis reported. He spoke about the plans for waste and recycling. WBC need to be recycling 50% of waste by 2020 or they will be fined £0.5M by the European Union. Residents will be provided with a vermin proof container for food waste which will be collected weekly. Discussion took place on whether food waste is the biggest item not recycled. Why don't Wokingham look at recycling more grades of plastic?
Civil Parking enforcement is now the responsibility of WBC. There will be 192 hours of traffic wardens around the borough and extra hours can be purchased by the parishes. Between 2nd and 9th October tickets will be issues but no charge. Illegal car parking is still being enforced by the police.
Mr Jarvis then reported on the Local Plan. The Northern Parishes are working closely together. The Local Authority Masterplan talks about Strategic Development Locations in Twyford, Grazeley and Barkham Square. Commissioned by Wokingham Borough Council the Thames Valley Berkshire LEP conducted a transport review. It concluded that it was sustainable to build 3,500 houses in Twyford. £400,000 will be spend on looking at the three potential SDL sites. Discussion took place on infrastructure required, transport, building on greenbelt, hospitals, school provision and sewage. Wayne Smith commented that WBC would have £400m to spend on infrastructure. Meetings of the

Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham are being held to formulate opposition to the plans. Meetings are to be held on Thursday 28th September at 8pm and Saturday 30th September 10am at Loddon Hall.

10. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council. Mrs C Bulman reported that the Ruscombe meeting had been very similar to the Twyford Council meeting. A meeting is to be held tomorrow evening where Ruscombe Councillors will decide on the way forward with the Local Plan Masterplan. Mrs Bulman reported that the Wokingham Times had covered the Local Plan development and questioned the reliability of the Housing Needs Assessment figures. She recommended residents and councillors look at the article.

11. Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:

11.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 01.08.17 & 05.09.17 & Local Plan Northern Parishes meeting 20.09.17

Mr C Wickenden reported on the August meeting. He highlighted comments made on the plans and that the refusals had been discussed. Consideration was given to the heritage lamps being replaced with LED. The committee commented that WBC are slow to respond to village maintenance issues. At the September meeting, following the resignation of Mr C Smith, Mr Wickenden was elected vice-chairman to Planning and Amenities. Mr Wickenden reported on the September meeting. It was agreed to change the heritage lamps to LED. A recommendation had been made - 'Recommended that full costings of £10,177.59 be taken to Finance and Full council meetings and that all lamps should be changed in one go.' It was uncertain this was an accurate figure and it was agreed to refer this back to the Planning committee. Mr Wickenden highlighted minutes 9.5 – coaches on Broad Hinton and 10.2 – Ruscombe Bridge traffic lights.

Mr Wickenden also report on the meeting of the northern parishes. He highlighted the publicity campaign to engage with residents and strategy around protecting rural Wokingham. Discussion on the Neighbourhood Plan, sustainable development, forming an alternative view to provide smaller housing units and starting a legal fighting fund of £10 per house through the precept. A funding proposal will be made through the Planning and Amenities committee and Finance.

It was agreed to adjourn the Council meeting in order that public questions could be taken.

Resident Terri Jones commented that the Council need to consider their online presence to enable them to build views.

Darren Street commented on the car parking situation, shoddy filling of potholes and questioned why Wargrave haven't been selected for development. He raised issues with the Henley train timetable.

11.2 Parish Lands Committee 12.09.17 & Twyford Village Fete sub committee 21.09.17 – decision as to charity donation of £319.50

Mr J Bowley reported. He highlighted items 8.3 – toddler playpark vandalism and 10.4 – burial ground boarder edging slabs.

Mr M Boniface reported on the Fete committee. He commented that the fete had been reviewed and was successful beyond all expectations. The costings were within budget, the car parking was a success and it was agreed the Finance Committee will consider how the £319.50 charity donation will be allocated. Mr R Morris suggested the committee consider giving to Autism Berkshire. Councillors may email suggestions to the clerk.

11.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee – 19.09.17

Mr D Fergusson reported. Capital account and budget figures to 30.06.17 had been circulated for councillor's information. Mr Fergusson highlighted item 7 from the minutes – data protection changes, 9 – twinning – clarification requested as the Council were not consulted on the change of the name to 'Twyford & Ruscombe twinning association', 11- social media policy to be updated and discussion on man hours to update the forms on the website and 13 – new location considered for 'Meet your councillor' sessions.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to approve the Financial Regulations as they are with no amendments made. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** a grant of £500 to Twyford Comets Dutch exchange. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** that no grant be made this year to Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre. Motion carried nem con.

11.4 Parking Advisory Committee 13.09.17

Mr R Morris reported. The Parking Advisory committee had finalised their findings and a report had been circulated. There were 12 options that were to be put forward for the Council to consider as recommendations. Mr D Fergusson had written to the councillors expressing his concerns with the report expressing concerns as to whether the report would stand up to scrutiny. He commented that the data wasn't quantifiable, there were no costings or capital cost alternatives.

Mr J Jarvis suggested putting the report and recommendations on hold until developments with the Local Plan were clearer. A lengthy discussion took place covering timescales, commuter parking, civil parking enforcement, crossroads, transport, Heathrow link, park and ride and options for a commuter car park. Questions raised were: Will a car park alleviate the parking problem? How will WBC know what Twyford wants?

Mr R Morris proposed, Mr C Wickenden seconded to adjourn the report/recommendations. Motion carried nem con.

11.5 Other Representatives reports

11.5.1 Twinning meeting – a September meeting had been held. Minutes had not been circulated to the Council. Mr Jarvis reported that representatives from the association plan to visit Cuincy at their own cost. A letter from the association asking for approval of a name change to Twyford and Ruscombe Twinning Association is awaited.

11.5.2 Community Hub meeting – Mr J Bowley has not received any notifications of meetings.

11.5.3 Meet Your Councillor 09.09.17 – no members of the public attended.

12. Clerk's report – no report.

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

14. Correspondence:

14.1 NEWS: Reading well scheme comes to Wokingham Borough Libraries. Noted.

14.2 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 03.07.17 minutes & presentations. Noted.

14.3 Libraries - Teen Reading Challenge & Summer Reading Challenge 2017. Noted.

14.4 Sonning School job advert. Noted.

14.5 Twyford Twinning Association - Minutes from last meeting 24th July 2017. Noted.

14.6 Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction course in Twyford starting in September. Norted.

14.7 Borough Parish Liaison Forum - October Meeting 10th Oct. Noted.

14.8 Twyford & Ruscombe Twinning Association - Minutes from last meeting 17th August 2017 & Constitution/Charter for Review. Noted.

- 14.9 Interim Chief Executive announced for WBC. Noted.
- 14.10 News: Future Housing Sites being carefully assessed . Noted.
- 14.11 NEWS: WBC takes over parking enforcement on 9 October. Noted.
- 14.12 Cllr D Fergusson – Parking Advisory report. Noted.
- 14.13 Invitation to the collation and induction of Rev'd Anna Horwood as vicar of the Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst. Mr Mantel & Mr Bowley to attend.
- 14.14 WBC introduction from Manjeet Gill, WBC Chief Executive. Noted.
- 15. List of authorised payments** – list dated 26.11.17. Approval proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr D Fergusson, motion carried unanimously.

16. Dates of meetings:

All meetings 7:45pm at Loddon Hall unless noted otherwise.

Planning and Amenities Committee	03.10.17
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	04.10.17
Parish Lands Committee	10.10.17
Finance Committee	17.10.17
Meet your councillor session	11.11.17 (Waitrose café 3-4)
Mr M Alder & Mr R Mantel with Mr M Bray as reserve	
Remembrance Sunday	12.11.17

17. Date of next meeting of the Council – Tuesday 24th October 2017.

The meeting closed at 20:53 pm.