

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Bowley, Mr M Bray, Mrs J Duffield, Mr J Jarvis (until 20:48), Mrs T Ramsden, Ms C Scull & Mrs S Wisdom.

Clerk in attendance: Mrs L Moffatt & Mrs L Povey.

1. **Public questions** - none.
2. **Apologies** – Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Alder, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs L Jarvis, Mr C Wickenden & Mr T Winchester.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Dispensations.** None.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019.** Approval of the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr M Bray, motion carried nem con.
6. **Matters arising.** None.
7. **Borough Council Matters.** No reports from Mr S Conway or Mr L Ferris.
Mr W Smith reported on the Local Plan:
 - He reported on the Twyford site put forward for development.
 - He urged Twyford residents to support the plan at consultation.
 - He reported on the high number of appeals and 5 year land supply.
 - He reported on the work the Borough Councillors are doing on commuter parking and asked the Council their views on tackling commuter parking. Brief discussion took place and it was agreed for Mr W Smith to talk to WBC about the option of using Hurst Road land for a car park.
Agreed for Planning & Amenities Committee to invite GWR to discuss parking provision further.Mr W Smith left the meeting.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** No report.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:**
 - 9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee & Neighbourhood Plan 03.12.19 Mr R Mantel reported highlighting items 8.6 & 9.1.
 - 9.2 Parish Lands Committee 05.12.19 Mr J Bowley reported highlighting items 9.3, 9.7, 11.3, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7 & 14.1.
 - 9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 10.12.19 Mr R Mantel reported highlighting item 9. Recommendations from the Finance committee will be taken at the January meeting due to the meeting timings and being able to list the items for consideration on the agenda.
 - 9.4 Fete Committee – no meeting held
10. **Other representatives reports**
 - 10.1 BALC AGM 14.11.19 Mr Bowley reported on the interesting presentation by Fiona Hewer, Founder of Wild Maidenhead. Agreed to consider inviting her to talk to the Parish Lands committee.
 - 10.2 NAG meeting 28.11.19 Mrs Ashley reported that the NAG AGM has been moved to March. They have a new Chairman – Mr Colin Bell. Items discussed were: poaching of sheep in Shinfield; theft of tools; excessive light reported from the Ruscombe McCarthy and Stone development; speed monitoring in Hurst; hopes for the Wargrave fire station to become a hub for first responders; Sheeplands burglaries; pony left opposite The Piggott School.
 - 10.3 Hurst Charities – Mr T Winchester has resigned from his post and the Council have not been asked to elect a replacement representative.
11. **Clerk's report** – councillor invitation to Loddon Hall social 22.12.19 7:30pm – noted.
Climate emergency action - agreed that both the P&A and Parish Lands committees should

look at Climate Emergency actions and producing website publicity information for residents. Chairmen of both committees to meet and agree split of responsibilities.

12. Items raised at the last meeting for consideration:

Items proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded Ms C Scull.

- Propose a motion to agree a policy concerning the length of time a councillor may serve as Chairman or Vice Chairman to the council or committee.
Mr J Jarvis requested that this item is carried forward for discussion at the January meeting.
- Propose a motion at the Finance & General Purposes committee to appoint 1-2 councillors from the whole council to carry out regular periodic checking on payments and income to the Council. Motion carried 8 in favour, 1 against to refer to Finance and General purposes committee.
- Propose a motion to form a Task and Finish Group to look at the way forward for Twyford Parish Council including discussion on subjects proposed by all councillors and to recommend future works. 1 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstained. Motion fell.
- Propose a motion to discuss the clerks workload and to amend the frequency and content of all committee and council meetings. 1 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstained. Motion fell.

Mr J Jarvis left the meeting.

13. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

Ms C Scull asked that the Council revisit the Code of Conduct. She asked that the Councillors observe respect to each other in their conduct and refrain from letting personalities get in the way. Item to be listed on the next Full Council agenda.

Mrs S Wisdom asked that the Council conduct paperless meetings. Item to be listed on the next Finance and General Purposes agenda.

14. Correspondence (circulated to councillors by email):

14.1 Resident – plastic ties on lampposts (circulated 29.11.19). Noted.

14.2 BALC AGM Report (circulated 29.11.19). Noted.

14.3 Ruscombe Parish Council meeting 4th December 2019 (circulated 02.12.19). Noted.

14.4 Mr S Conway (circulated 29.11.19). Noted.

14.5 HALC - Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments (circulated 02.12.19). Noted.

15. List of authorised payments – list dated 10.12.19. Approval proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mrs S Wisdom. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Dates of meetings:

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

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting	06.01.20
7:30 pm Stanlake Pavilion	
Neighbourhood Plan Sub committee	07.01.20
Planning and Amenities Committee	07.01.20
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	08.01.20
Meet your councillor session	11.01.20
3-4 Waitrose café	
(JD & MB with TW reserve)	
Parish Lands Committee	14.01.20
7:45pm at Stanlake Pavilion	
Finance & General Purposes Committee	21.01.20
Fete Committee 7pm	28.01.20

17. Date of next meeting of the Council Tuesday 28th January 2020.

The meeting closed at 21:00 pm.