

Twyford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7:30pm.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Alder, Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Bowley, Mr M Bray, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs A Evans, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis, Mrs T Ramsden, Mrs S Wisdom & Mr T Winchester (from item 7 onwards).

In attendance: Mr P Cassidy (Ruscombe Parish Council), Mr S Conway (Borough Councillor), PC Adam Young, PCSO Edward Hobart & 1 member of the press.

Clerk present: Mrs L Moffatt (Clerk).

1. Public Questions have been invited in advance of the meeting via email, telephone or in writing. No questions.

2. Apologies. None.

3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda None.

4. Dispensations None.

5. Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22nd September 2020 Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mrs S Wisdom to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Motion carried nem con.

6. Matters arising – no items.

7. Sgt, Philip Ashlee & Edward Hobart PCSO – antisocial behaviour (ASB) and what the Council can do to support the police. Sgt, Philip Ashlee had given his apologies and PC Adam Young attended in his place. PC Adam Young and PCSO Edward Hobart spoke about the ASB in Twyford. They reported 7 incidents in August for King George recreation ground. The incidents were mainly due to a moped being driven from the car park by Longfield Road across the park to the youth shelter. Mrs B Ditcham asked what the Council could do to prevent or alleviate ASB in Twyford. It was agreed that the Councils CCTV footage could be utilised more in the future. Mr R Abeywardana asked if there had been an increase in ASB in surrounding areas and under Covid-19? There was a spike over the summer as is usually the case. Incidents had been reported at St Patricks and area of The Piggott School Charvil. It was reported that moving the bench from Loddon Hall had alleviated some of the problems previously experienced there. Extra patrols will be carried out over Halloween weekend in Twyford, Winnersh and Woodley. The police urged the Council to encourage reporting of incidents. There had been a problem with their 101 number however this has now been resolved. Reports can also be made directly to twyfordnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. The police also reported on 'Be Aware' signs in the area and a speeding operation. Mr S Conway reported a reoccurring issue reported by residents living near to the Longfield Road / Wargrave Road car park. The police were aware of this. The clerk asked if moving the bench in this area might help the issue and it was agreed it could help.

8. Borough Council Matters

Borough Councillor Stephen Conway reported highlighting the following matters:

- Plans for the new library are on track.
- The existing library is closed due to staff being re-located due to Covid-19.
- A meeting was held with WBC, Twyford Together, Wokingham and Woodley local businesses. Businesses active on social media are performing better than those without.
- An archaeological dig is being carried out on the Bridge Farm site. Although this isn't a Local Plan approved site it was in the draft plan and an application might be imminent.

Mr R Abeywardana asked if the Council should be working closely with Twyford Together to help local businesses find a training program to help with digital marketing.

Mrs B Ditcham reported that Wokingham Borough Council had previously pledged to help with training.

Mr R Mantel asked if WBC were going to help with school meals over the holidays.
Mr S Conway responded that it was something he was pursuing and felt that this should be done.

There were no reports from Mr L Ferris or Mr W Smith.

9. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council Mr P Cassidy reported. Ruscombe Parish Council invited Mr J Halsall to talk on future housing issues in the borough, changes to planning guidance and what they can do to oppose plans. They also discussed the new recycling bags which are due to be introduced.

Mrs L Jarvis, as TPC's representative with Ruscombe Parish Council, had no further report.

10. Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 06.10.20 & Neighbourhood plan Sub committee

Mrs B Ditcham reported on the minutes highlighting items 6, 6.5, 6.6 & 10. She thanked those that had attended the White Paper consultation evening and reported that the Neighbourhood plan working group will meet virtually on Monday.

10.2 Parish Lands Committee 13.10.20

Mr J Bowley reported, highlighting items 7 & 9.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £400 for London Road allotment tree works.

Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £5,350 for the Green Prescription project. Motion carried nem con.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £1,412.46 for the supply and installation of permanent goals at Stanlake Meadow. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £1,051 to replace the Stephen Platt memorial bench. Motion carried nem con.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 20.10.20

Mr T Winchester reported.

The budget and capital statement to 30.09.20 was presented – noted.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** that correspondence and agendas are saved in the one drive folder and not sent by email. Motion carried nem con.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** approval of the 2021/22 meeting dates. Motion carried nem con.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** approval of the amended standing orders [Note: They now include the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee terms of reference and for the Finance committee to applying for grants and funding]. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to make a grant to ARC of £1,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to propose no change to the standing orders and not to limit the term of consecutive office years for Council Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Following a lengthy discussion a vote was taken. 5 in favour, 5 against, 3 abstained. The Chairman used his casting vote for the situation to remain the same. Motion carried.

Mrs Ditcham and Mr J Jarvis left the meeting.

11. Other representatives reports

11.1 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 19.10.20 (RM & JB) Mr R Mantel had attended and will circulate Woodley's energy saving report in due course. Other reports from the meeting were circulated with the agenda.

12. Code of conduct consultation – agreed to pass to the Finance committee.

13. Community Resilience program

13.1 Twyforward Arts and Crafts festival 2020 – Mr R Abeywardana reported that the Round Table are holding a celebration event on 7th November and would like to include content from Twyforward - consideration is being made to GDPR and consent. It will be a facebook live event and will include a quiz and some clips from charities, live music etc.

A facebook post will request Remembrance themed Twyforward entries and Mrs Wisdom has requested Twyford Halloween Hunt themed entries.

14. Communication & liaison with other groups within the Parish – no reports

15. Clerk's report

15.1 Town and Parish collective letter re housing numbers was sent to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Minister of Housing, Communities & Local Government. Noted.

15.2 LCR magazine – copies are available to be picked up from the Clerk.

16. Remembrance day arrangements (receipt of Covid-19 risk assessment from St Marys) Agreed for Mr R Mantel to lay the wreath on the Councils behalf and Mr R Mantel and Mr J Bowley to represent the Council at the service.

17. Meeting Time - to consider reverting back to the usual meeting start time of 7:45pm

Proposed Mr J Bowley, seconded Mr R Mantel, 7 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

18. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

Mrs A Evans asked for the Council to discuss how they can support local businesses with social media. Mr R Abeywardana suggested creating a working group to work with Twyford Together and push this forward rather than waiting for a month to pass.

Mr R Abeywardana also suggested pushing forward the councillor 4 year action plan in order to form groups to push the actions forward.

19. Correspondence:

19.1 Link Visiting Scheme 23.09.20. Noted.

19.2 Thank you and Training Opportunities from CCB 24.09.20. Noted.

19.3 Action for All E-Bulletin 24.09.20. Noted.

19.4 The Wokingham Chain Newsletter 25.09.20. Noted.

19.5 Ruscombe Parish Council meeting 7th October 2020 01.10.20. Noted.

19.6 Members Bulletin 01.10.20. Noted.

19.7 BALC AGM Cancellation 01.10.20. Noted.

19.8 WBC Leader's Update 05.10.20. Noted.

19.9 CCB's Annual General Meeting 2020, Thursday 5th November 2020 08.10.20. Noted.

19.10 Borough Parish Liaison Forum - 19 October 09.10.20. Noted.

19.11 BALC newsletter 13.10.20. Noted.

19.12 The Wokingham Chain Newsletter 19.10.20. Noted.

19.13 Action for All E-Bulletin 20.10.20. Noted.

20. List of authorised payments – list dated 22nd October 2020. Approval proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mr T Winchester. Motion carried nem con.

21. Dates of meetings:

All meetings **7:45pm** by Zoom unless noted otherwise.

Neighbourhood Plan working group (19:30) 02.11.20

Neighbourhood Plan sub committee (19:00) 03.11.20

Planning and Amenities Committee (19:30) 03.11.20

Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ) 04.11.20

Parish Lands Committee 10.11.20

TDYC AGM 10.11.20

Finance & General Purposes Committee 17.10.20

22. Date of next meeting of the Council Tuesday 24th November 2020.

Meeting closed at 21:49