

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 24th November 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 J Duffield, Mrs A Evans, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis, Mrs T Ramsden, Mr C Wickenden, Mr T Winchester & Mrs S Wisdom.

In attendance: Mr P Cassidy (Ruscombe Parish Council), Mr G Holmes (TRIP), Mr S Conway (Borough Councillor) & 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 27th October 2020** Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mrs S Wisdom to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Motion carried nem con.
 6. **Matters arising.** None.
 7. **Twyford Rethinks its Plastic** – Mr G Holmes reported on progress in preparing the application for plastic free status in Twyford. The Terracycle Scheme continues to work well and Field's Pharmacy have registered as a collection point for medical blister packs. The following businesses have registered as plastic free in Twyford: Duke of Wellington; Perpetual Plastic; Newday's Pharmacy; Emma's Kitchen; Haa Hoos; BIA Hub; Rural Pie Company and Fields Pharmacy. Progress against the five objectives is going well with 4 of the 5 completed. A further 10 Community Allies are required. Mr Holmes reported further on work with schools and a survey on the litter bins and waste in Twyford. The Council thanked Mr Holmes for his work with this project.
 8. **Borough Council Matters** - Mr S Conway reported on the following matters:
 - Distribution of the government grants including the discretionary element – best use is thought to be to reach those that usually miss out because they don't have business premises.
 - The Twyford Christmas Fayre has been postponed. The Borough virtual Christmas Fayre is available to businesses and charities at a cost of £20.
 - Mr S Conway has submitted written objections to plans for land behind 20-22 Station Road.
 - Provisional listing of application for 33 Ruscombe Road.
 - Mr S Conway highlighted the work of Emmas Kitchen and urged the Borough Council to provide meals over the holidays for those that would usually benefit from school meals.
 - Local plan – doubt has been cast on the Grazely plans as infrastructure won't be affordable. A twin track approach might be required to include/exclude the Ministry of Defence land. Revision of the housing numbers (downward) is required.
- Mr R Abeywardana asked about funding for businesses to help their online presence. He also suggested that the Virtual Christmas Fayre should be free.
- There were no reports from Mr L Ferris & Mr W Smith.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council** Mr P Cassidy reported on progress with their Neighbourhood Plan and a Southern Electricity energy rebate.

10. Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees

10.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.11.20

Mrs B Ditcham reported highlighting items 6.6, 6.7.1, 8.8, 9.2, 10.1.1 and 18.6.

Mr C Wickenden reported on the Neighbourhood Plan highlighting that the grant had been approved. O'Neill Homer will run the visioning exercise on the 7th or 14th December.

10.2 Parish Lands 10.11.20

Mr J Bowley reported highlighting items 7, 9.1 and 15.2. Mrs B Ditcham expressed disappointment that the police had warned the Council that Halloween would cause antisocial behaviour and yet there was not a greater police presence. Mrs B Ditcham reported that the Planning and Amenities committee will be discussing the Climate Change plan in January, she reported that schools are under stress and should be left alone at this time although she was sure they will want to be involved.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes 17.11.20

10.3.1 Code of Conduct consultation – the Council approved the changes recommended by the Finance committee. Motion carried nem con.

10.3.2 The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** a grant of £400 to Me 2 Club. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Other representatives reports

Mrs B Ditcham reported on a Twyford Together meeting. She reported on the Christmas Fayre being postponed, Mr Gordon Homes moving away and involvement of Twyford Together with WBC and supporting local businesses. Twyford Together have someone helping support local businesses with social media and they also have an increased social media presence.

Mr R Mantel reported on a meeting he attended with Mr J Bowley and the clerk. It was held by Wokingham Borough Council on Covid-19 and officers reported on their response to support residents through the pandemic. The website www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk provides up to date statistics on the local area. Slides from the meeting will be circulated on receipt. Covid Community Champions are required to help drive messages to residents. Volunteers are requested from schools, BAME groups, residents associations, online community groups, sports and social groups, Towns and Parish Councils. Weekly e-bulletins and monthly zoom meetings will be held and an online feedback form provided for two way communications.

12. Community Resilience program

12.1 Twyforward Arts and Crafts festival 2020

Mr R Abeywardana reported. 66 entries have been received on the Twyforward website page. The Round Table have used two entries for their celebratory event and would like to collaborate with Twyford Parish Council for the open air cinema event to be held next year with the costs being shared.

13. Consideration of a councillor action plan – agreed to hold a separate meeting to review the suggested actions from the facilitated session held in November 2019. Clerk to arrange a suitable date and agenda in conjunction with the Finance committee.

14. Councillor training Mrs B Ditcham highlighted the training available from Hampshire Association for Local Councils, Wokingham Borough Council and CCB. The clerk can direct councillors to suitable courses.

15. Communication & liaison with other groups within the Parish

15.1 Supporting local businesses with digital marketing – this was raised at the last meeting and is being managed by Twyford Together and Wokingham Borough Council.

16. Clerk's report – social distance signage is being arranged by Wokingham Borough Council and suitable locations have been agreed.

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

18. Correspondence (in Councillor one drive folder):

18.1 Friendship Alliance 21.10.20. Noted.

18.2 TDYC AGM 10.11.20. Noted.

18.3 Link Visiting Scheme Newsletter 27.10.20. Noted.

18.4 BALC Newsletter – November. Noted.

18.5 WDALC AGM 25.11.20. Noted.

18.6 CCB AGM 05.11.20. Noted.

19. List of authorised payments – lists for November (in Councillor one drive folder)

Approval proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr C Wickenden, motion carried unanimously.

20. Dates of meetings:

All meetings 7:30pm by Zoom unless noted otherwise.

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.12.20
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	02.12.20
Parish Lands Committee (Thursday)	03.12.20
Finance & General Purposes Committee	08.12.20

21. Date of next meeting of the Council Thursday 10th December 2020.

Meeting closed at 21:27