

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held remotely on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 7:45pm.

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, Mr C Wickenden, Mr T Winchester (from item 7 onwards) & Mrs S Wisdom.

In attendance: Mr P Cassidy (Ruscombe Parish Council), Mr S Conway (Borough Councillor), Mrs F Price (Age UK), Mrs C Hughes Nind (Twyford Growers) & 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.** Mrs T Ramsden.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Dispensations** None.
5. **Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd March 2021** Proposed
Mr M Bray, seconded Mrs B Ditcham to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Matters arising.**
6.1 Letter to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, Minister for Housing, (virtual meetings) sent 25/3/21 – no reply from Rt Hon Robery Jenrick. Rt Hon Theresa Mays secretary called to report on the imminent announcement. The Government concluded that it is not possible to bring forward emergency legislation for the continuation of virtual meetings.
7. **Twyford Growers** – Speakers Fiona Price (Age UK Berkshire) and Christina Hughes Nind (Horticultural Therapist). Fiona and Christina presented on the project for Twyford residents with mild to moderate anxiety and depression. There are currently 1-2 self referrals and capacity for 6. The local organisations that are in contact with individuals who might be eligible to join the project are aware the service is there for these individuals. Lockdown has delayed the flow of these referrals however its expected that the project could expand and develop.
8. **Borough Council Matters**
Mr S Conway reported:
 - He and Mr Ferris will be meeting with the Head of Children’s Services about the Piggott School admissions. Some places have been created by churn.
 - A speed monitoring system will be placed on Hurst Road opposite the Broadwater Road.
 - A request for a crossing on the Hurst Road will lead to the road being monitored week commencing 24th May and possibly again on week commencing 5th July.
 - A reduction in speed limit on the Wargrave Road from the roundabout to the Piggott School has been requested to encourage children walking to school.
 - General reduction of speed limits from 30mph to 20mph are of interest to Mr Conway and he’d like feedback as to the Councils thoughts.

- Liaison with WBC on exhibition space at the new library has been discussed. Mr Conway would like the library to become an Art and Culture centre for Twyford. Mr R Abeywardana suggested that some of the Twyforward entries could be displayed as part of the exhibition.

As its in the purdah period Mr L Ferris & Mr W Smith did not provide a report.

Mrs Ditcham expressed her delight that progress is being made as to a speed device on the Hurst Road as this is something that Councillors have pushed for at their regular meetings with WBC Highways. The Planning and Amenities committee have also been pushing for a reduction on the speed limit between Charvil and Twyford (and beyond) and it should be a constant 40 if not 30mph. This is not a safe route to school and needs addressing. Twyford Parish Council would welcome a meeting with the northern parishes to put joint pressure on WBC.

Mr R Abeywardana suggested that signs similar to the 'turn off engine' signs could be erected in conjunction with WBC. They would warning of school children and could be designed by children.

There was general support for a reduction in speed limits and this will be discussed further in Planning and Amenities.

Discussion on recent accidents and making people feel safe to walk was discussed.

Mr J Jarvis urged that the parish council should be involved with any discussions on the junction between the A4 and London Road.

Residents on Springfield Park, Chaseside Avenue and Malvern Way have expressed concern by the inclusion on the Local Plan green spaces.

9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council**

Mr Mantel congratulated the Ruscombe Councillors on being elected unopposed.

Mr P Cassidy reported. Ruscombe Parish Council have been talking to WBC highways and would happily join conversations about speed limits particularly around the schools. Two new street lamps have been installed in New Road and Pennfields. 30 hanging baskets have been ordered and the bee highway is under construction. Gateways are on hold until Twyford's have been installed.

10. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees**

10.1 Planning and Amenities & Neighbourhood Plan Committees 06.04.21

Mrs B Ditcham reported on items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.7, 15, 16.1 and 18.

Mr C Wickenden reported on item 5.4 and 6 of the Neighbourhood plan minutes.

10.2 Parish Lands Committee 13.04.21

Mr J Bowley reported on items 7.1, 9.1.1, 12.5, 13.2 and 14.1.

10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 20.04.21

Mr T Winchester reported on items 6.7 and 6.8.

Recommendations:

10.3.1 The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** approval of the Community Engagement Policy Statement – motion carried unanimously.

10.3.2 A report on face to face meetings and risk assessment had been circulated. The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** To hold the Annual Meeting of the Council on 25th May 2021 in the Loddon Hall main hall or other suitable location. 4 in favour, 9 against, 1 abstained. Motion fell.

Mr M Bray proposed, Mr R Abeywardana seconded to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to hold the Annual meeting of the Council virtually on Tuesday 4th May. Motion carried with 11 in favour, 3 against.

10.3.3 The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to only hold Full Council meetings throughout May and June. Motion carried 10 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstained. Agreed to hold a short Planning and Amenities meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 4th May.

10.3.4 The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to award a grant of £160 to Berkshire MS. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Other representatives reports

11.1 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 12.04.21 – minutes and presentations will be circulated.

11.2 Meeting with Simon Price on Partnership Working 26.04.21 Mr Mantel and the Clerk attended. Mr Mantel raised the issues over the street lamps and the polling station. The clerk raised the gateways. A follow up email will be sent. Simon Price has pledged to assist where there are blockages in communications with WBC.

12. Community Resilience program

12.1 Twyforward Arts and Crafts festival 2020/21 – no report.

12.2 NAG meeting – no report.

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

14. Clerk's report:

- The clerk had attended a paperless seminar and changes will be made to the finance system to allow invoices to be attached to transactions. Councillors authorising payments will soon be able to do so via an app.
- Thank you to councillors that completed the government 'Call for Evidence' on virtual meetings.
- Over 100 hanging baskets have been ordered – more than last year.
- The three wildflower areas opposite the Wagon and Horses, outside Bridge House and by the Hurst Road allotments will soon be prepared by WBC and then the volunteers will sow the wildflower seeds.

15. Review of Annual Parish Meeting 21.04.21 - Positive feedback has been received.

16. To consider approval of the Town Parish Charter – a joint charter to promote partnership working (copy in one drive folder) – agreed to refer to the Finance committee.

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

18. Correspondence (in Councillor one drive folder):

18.1 Link Supporter Spring News March 2021. Noted.

18.2 LCPD News Spring 2021. Noted.

18.3 Ruscombe PC Agenda and minutes. Noted.

18.4 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 12.04.21. Noted.

19. List of authorised payments – list for April (in Councillor one drive folder) Three lists dated 31.03.21, 27.04.21 and confidential 27.4.21. Approval proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr T Winchester. Motion carried unanimously.

20. Dates of meetings:

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

Planning and Amenities Committee 7pm
(urgent matters only)

04.05.21

Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	05.05.21
Ruscombe Annual Parish Meeting	27.05.21
Great British Spring Clean	12.06.21
Full Council meeting	22.06.21
Neighbourhood Plan 7pm	06.07.21
Planning and Amenities Committee	06.07.21
Parish Lands Committee	13.07.21
Finance & General Purposes Committee	20.07.21

21. Date of Annual meeting of the Council Tuesday 4th May 2021 on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 21:41