

## Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.45 pm.

**Present:** Mr R Mantel (Chair), Mrs E Ashley, Mrs B Ditcham, Messrs M Boniface, J Bowley, R Morris, C Smith, C Wickenden & T Winchester.

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public, 2 members available for co-option, 1 member of the press & Mrs C Bulman (Ruscombe Parish Council).

**1. Public questions** Mick Yeates asked why only a few of the councillors attended the GWR meeting on Wednesday, arranged by the Planning and Amenities Committee. Mr Mantel responded that a number of apologies had been received.

**2. Apologies** – Mrs L Jarvis & Messrs D Fergusson & J Jarvis.

**3. Co-option of Councillors and decision on which committees they will serve.**

A personal statement from Mr M Bray had been circulated to councillors. Proposed Mr C Smith, seconded Mr R Morris to have a ballot, 4 in favour, 5 against. Motion fell. A vote by show of hands proceeded. Mr M Bray was co-opted by a unanimous vote; he signed his declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting. Proposed Mr C Wickenden, seconded Mr C Smith that Mr M Bray serves on the Parish Lands Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A personal statement from Mrs T Ramsden had been circulated to councillors. Unanimously agreed to vote by show of hands. Mrs T Ramsden was co-opted by a unanimous vote; she signed her declaration of acceptance and joined the meeting. Proposed that Mrs T Ramsden serves on the Parish Lands Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none.

**5. Dispensations** – none.

**6. Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016.** Proposed Mr C Wickenden, seconded Mr T Winchester, carried unanimously.

**7. Matters arising.**

7.1 Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive will attend the November meeting to talk about the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programme. Noted.

7.2 Invitation to WBC's Angus Ross at the January meeting to talk to the Council on the Environment portfolio. Angus has confirmed his availability and may be accompanied with his deputy, Cllr Parry Bath. Noted.

7.3 Borough Parish Liaison questions for next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. To be considered by the committees.

**8. Borough Council Matters.** Mr Ferris had given his apologies and reported concerns about the Local Plan.

**9. Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Bulman reported. Like Twyford Ruscombe have invited Neighbourhood Inspector Alistair Loyd, WBC's Keith Baker Leader of the Council & Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive and Angus Ross, Executive member for Environment to talk at their meetings. Mrs Bulman reported on an adjoining planning application for Heron Drive which the Council felt was overdevelopment of the site. The St James Church paddock is in the process of being transferred to WBC as a burial ground. The Council are in contact with WBC's Peter Baveystock in order to ensure there is sufficient parking space allocated. Mr Hardman and Mr Wrigley will be representing the Council by laying the wreath at the Remembrance Day service. Mr Hardman has resigned as planning chairman and Mr Evans was elected as the new planning chairman.

Questions for Ruscombe Parish Council: Mr Boniface asked if Ruscombe Parish Council have participated in the WBC Issues and Options Local Plan consultation. Mrs Bulman responded that they have. Ruscombe had expressed their objections to any building on the green belt land.

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

**10.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 04.10.16, Website sub committee & GWR meeting** Mrs Ditcham had no further items to report on the minutes. The GWR meeting will be reported back to the Planning and Amenities committee. Mr Morris reported that the website is progressing.

**10.2 Parish Lands Committee 11.10.16, Family Picnic sub committee 04.10.16 & Parking sub committee 11.10.16** Mr Bowley reported. The sports clubs had attended the meeting and were happy with the facilities. The youths had requested a new bin by the youth shelter and although they did not attend the meeting they were represented by a Youth Club leader. The committee intend to purchase a new bin and will consider whether the bins should be emptied more frequently.

Mrs T Ramsden asked when the Family Picnic survey monkey question would be published and suggested opinion could also be gauged as to what type of event residents would like to come to.

The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** that a budget be allocated of £8,829 less any income received for the 2017 Family Picnic. Motion carried with 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstained.

Mr M Boniface reported on the Family Picnic sub committee. The committee considered dates, name and timing of the event following feedback from residents. Following the success of the first year the committee agreed the date of 19<sup>th</sup> August at the slightly different time of 1-5pm. They are keen to book the classic car display and motorcycle stunt show.

**10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 18.10.16** Mr T Winchester reported. He summarised that the committee are looking into the benefits of a twinning relationship with Quincy and are reaching out to other organisations to see if there's any interest. The committee are looking at recruiting an assistant clerk.

**10.4 Other Representatives reports.**

**10.4.1 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 10.10.16** Minutes have been circulated. Mrs Ditcham expressed her concern as to the response to the Councils Question on expansion of school provision.

**10.4.2 Community Hub Meeting (JB) 12.10.16** Following satisfactory completion of the bat survey and traffic survey WBC have granted planning permission for the Community Hub. There is an ongoing debate about how the project is going to be structured and funded. Planning permission is a major step. The Council await a business plan for the project.

**10.4.3 WBC Budget Engagement session** - the sessions had been attended by Mr M Boniface, Mr C Smith & Mr C Wickenden. The meeting was informative and well attended by officers. The councillors queried the purpose of the sessions and whether WBC would take residents feedback on board. WBC will be reducing costs by selling assets and cutting down on staff.

**10.4.4 Twyford in Bloom** – Mrs Ditcham had attending a meeting for the 2017 Twyford in Bloom. She will feed back to the relevant committees.

**10.4.5 Twyford & Ruscombe Community Association** – Mr Mantel reported on the improvements planned.

**11. Clerk's report** – no items to report.

## **12. Items to be discussed at the next meeting**

Concerns reported over Waltham Road path being very narrow – consider options.

## **13. Correspondence**

13.1 Invitation from the Borough Mayor – Voluntary Sector reception – circulated by email & request from Earley TC for mayor to wear chains. Mr Mantel will attend. Approval was given for the Earley Mayor to wear her chain.

13.2 Twyford Together Charity Family Fun Run 09.10.16 Noted.

13.3 Station 10 Red Watch - Bonfire Night information. Circulated by email. Noted.

13.4 WBC – Borough Parish Liaison Forum minutes and date of next meeting. Circulated by email. Noted.

13.5 Resident correspondence – budgets. Refer to the Family Picnic committee.

13.6 Letter from HCPT charity – acknowledging donation in memory of Mr M Bedford. Noted.

13.7 Youth Centre AGM. Circulated by email. Open invitation for all councillors to attend.

**14. List of authorised payments – list dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016.** Approval proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded Mrs B Ditcham, carried unanimously.

## **15. Dates of meetings:**

Planning and Amenities Committee	01.11.16
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	02.11.16
BALC AGM	03.11.16
Parish Lands Committee	08.11.16
Community Hub meeting (JB)	09.11.16
Meet your councillor session (Mrs Ditcham & Mr C Smith with Mr Fergusson as reserve)	12.11.16 (Waitrose 3-4)
Finance Committee	15.11.16

**16. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.**

**The meeting closed at 8:52 pm.**