

Twyford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at The Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Mr R Mantel (Chairman), Mr R Abeywardana, Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Bowley, Mr M Bray, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs J Duffield, Mr D Fergusson, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis, Mrs T Ramsden (from item 4 onwards), Mr C Wickenden & Mr T Winchester.

In attendance: Mr L Ferris, Borough Councillor.

Clerk in attendance: Mrs L Moffatt.

1. **Public questions** – None.
2. **Apologies** – Mr M Alder & Mr M Boniface.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – None.
4. **Dispensations** – None.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2019.** Approval of the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr C Wickenden, motion carried unanimously.

6. **Matters arising.** None to report.

7. **Borough Council Matters.** Mr W Smith – no report.

Mr L Ferris reported on the following items:

1. A resident had found a hyper dermic needle and syringe in Stanlake Meadow earlier this month. It was reported to the police and removed by WBC.
2. Road resurfacing in 2019/20

The following roads are to be resurfaced in Twyford over the coming 12 months.

Wargrave Road - from Hermitage Drive through the cross-roads and to include Church Street.

The rest of Wargrave Road is in the schedule to be done over the following 24 months.

London Road - from the end of the recent road resurfacing by Pedestrian Crossing to the border of Twyford (past Loddon Hall Road).

Hermitage Drive & Sycamore Drive.

Mr Ferris has also asked for the access road from Wargrave Road to Waitrose to be considered for resurfacing. The first 45 metres is public highway.

3. WBC Budget - The Budget meeting was held last Thursday evening. A council tax rise of 3.49% (made up of 2.99% + 0.5% for Adult Social Services) was agreed. There will also be a separate precept for Thames Valley Police and the Fire Authority.

4. A revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme was agreed. This scheme is to assist the most vulnerable in the Borough. Here such residents will pay a reduced percentage part of the Council Tax. Those on the lowest incomes will now receive a 78% discount (i.e. pay 22% of the Council Tax). There are further bandings (i.e. 60%, 40% discount etc) where the level of council tax paid increases with income until it hits a threshold where residents pay the full Council Tax. It was recognised that some of our most vulnerable residents may not be able to afford to pay even these reduced figures. As a result a safety net fund (of £100k) has been agreed to be set up to assist these residents.

Mr J Jarvis reported that Pauline Jorgenson is collating details of potholes or roads needing resurfacing to be carried out before the end of the financial year. Mr Winchester suggest that links to report potholes should be included on the website. Broad Hinton and Colleton Drive were thought to be needing surface repairs.

8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council.** Mrs Jarvis reported on the Ruscombe Parish Council meeting. Ruscombe Parish Council have been considering how to spend their CIL. They have ruled out converting grass verge to parking on Pennfields due to expense. Other projects include St James Church fencing, refurbishing Pennfields garages, taking over a small area of land, Pennfields playpark, Loddon Hall CCTV and Loddon Hall door replacement. Other items discussed were loneliness (CCB project) and the Heathrow 3rd runway.

9.0 Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees:

9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee & Neighbourhood Plan 05.02.19

Mrs B Ditcham reported on items 6.6, 7.5, 13.1.1, 14.3.1 & 14.6.

Mr C Wickenden reported on the Neighbourhood plan highlighting progress with the questionnaire, a volunteer who is keen to project plan the next stage, village banners and progress with the electronic survey.

9.2 Parish Lands Committee 12.02.19

Mr J Bowley reported on items 6, 7 and 14.1.

9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 19.02.19 – no meeting held.

9.4 Fete Committee 26.02.19

Mr D Fergusson reported that the fete plans are going well and Barnes Fitness / Castle Royle are looking at organising a mini tough mudder around the fitness trail.

9.5 Other representatives reports

9.5.1 Twyford in Bloom meeting 05.02.19 Mr M Bray reported that Nick Barnes will be providing sponsorship. The judging will take place in June. Items discussed were maintenance of street furniture, permanent notices to pick up litter, crack in Bell Corner planter and posters on website and twitter.

9.5.2 Neighbourhood Action Group 07.02.19 Mrs T Ramsden reported. Piggott School are doing well with their academic achievement. Reports of an increase in Woodley burglaries and decrease in reports of antisocial behaviour. Two new PCSO's are joining the police in March. Wargrave firestation has 59% crew. It is holding a May open day which should be supported - there would be a significant impact on Twyford should the firestation close. Reports from Hurst and Wargrave were summarised. The next meeting will be 7pm on 16th May 2019.

9.5.3 Twyford Together Executive 18.02.19 – minutes have been circulated.

9.5.4 Community Hub – Mr J Bowley reported that a meeting had not been held. Mr J Jarvis reported that the theatre group who were located at Polehampton Boys school have now moved to Loddon Hall. He reported that the Polehampton Trust are looking at options for the building including selling it to a charity to then build a library. A charity is being set up and Mr Turner is starting fundraising.

9.5.5 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 04.02.19 – Mr J Bowley reported on the food waste presentation. Minutes circulated.

10. Localities – meeting with Jude Whyte. [Discussion on managing physical resources in the area, place-shaping ambitions, asset transfer opportunities, joint service provision options and compelling local issues/topics.] Meeting to be arranged.

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

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

13. Correspondence (circulated to councillors by email):

13.1 Community Conference 27.02.19 (circulated 25.01.19) Noted.

13.2 Agenda for Borough Parish Liaison Forum, Monday, 4th February, 2019, 7.00 pm (circulated 25.01.19) Noted.

13.3 BALC Newsletter (circulated 28.01.19) Noted.

13.4 Quincy Concert ,Melodie choir and High Voltage Singers joint concert in Quincy. Video evening. (circulated 28.01.19) Noted.

13.5 CCB - Loneliness and Isolation (circulated 28.01.19) Mrs Ditcham will respond.

13.6 Police & Crime Bulletin January 2019 - Chief Constable appointment, council tax and more... (circulated 28.01.19) Noted.


13.7 Borough Parish Liaison Forum 04.02.19 (circulated 28.01.19) Noted.

13.8 Leader of WBC - Update on the Wokingham Borough Plan (circulated 30.01.19) Noted.

13.9 Executive Committee Meeting 18th February (circulated 01.02.19) Noted.

13.10 Ruscombe Parish Council meeting 6th Feb 2019 Agenda and last months minutes (circulated 01.02.19) Noted.

13.11 Community Conference and Borough / Council Plan (circulated 06.02.19) Noted.

- 13.12 February News and Events from Wokingham Borough Libraries (circulated 06.02.19) Noted.
- 13.13 Borough Parish Liaison Forum - 4 Feb (circulated 06.02.19) Noted.
- 13.14 Library NOTICE: Events for young people at Wokingham Borough libraries this half term (circulated 06.02.19) Noted.
- 13.15 Wokingham Borough Council's First Self-Build Homes Project Moving Forward (circulated 08.02.19) Noted.
- 13.16 Wokingham Borough Council budget news release – budgets (circulated 15.02.19) Noted.
- 13.17  Chief executive's bulletin (circulated 20.02.19) Noted.
- 13.18 Council Announces £1.177 Million Additional Investment To Improve Roads (circulated 20.02.19) Noted.
- 13.19 CCB Community Learning Opportunities (circulated 20.02.19) Noted.
- 13.20 RPC - Deadline for the local plan questionnaire (circulated 20.02.19) Noted.
- 13.21 Wokingham Borough Council budget news release (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.22 Via BALC - Newquay Town Council National Parking Enforcement Survey (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.23 NALC DIS 936 and Funding Bulletin (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.24 WBC - re3 - re3grow compost back on sale (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.25 WBC - Revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be discussed (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.26 Police & Crime Bulletin February 2019 - #KnowThisIsn'tLove, rural crime and more... (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.
- 13.27 Council Awarded £5million Towards New Strategic Road Network (circulated 21.02.19) Noted.

14. List of authorised payments – list dated 22.02.19. Approval proposed Mr D Fergusson, seconded Mr J Jarvis. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Dates of meetings:

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

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (7:30 pm Stanlake Pavilion)	04.03.19
Neighbourhood Plan 7pm	05.03.19
Planning and Amenities Committee	05.03.19
Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ)	06.03.19
Meet your councillor session	09.03.19
Waitrose café 3-4 Mr D Fergusson & Mr M Bray (Mrs B Ditcham reserve)	
Parish Lands Committee	12.03.19
Prospective election candidates meeting (WBC, Shute End 7pm)	18.03.19
Finance Committee	19.03.19
Fete Committee 7pm	26.03.19
Borough Parish Liaison Forum (RM& JB)	01.04.19
Neighbourhood Action Group (EA) (7pm The Piggott School)	16.05.19

16.0 Date of next meeting of the Council Tuesday 26th March 2019.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.