

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at the Twyford Room, Loddon Hall, RG10 9JA on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 7:45 pm.

Present: Mr R Abeywardana (Chairman), Mr M Alder, Mr J Bowley, Mr M Bray, Mrs B Ditcham, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis & Mr R Mantel,

Clerk present: Mrs L Moffatt (Clerk).

1. **Public Questions** None
2. **Apologies** Mr M Andrea, Mrs E Ashley, Mrs T Ramsden, Mr T Winchester, Mrs H Winder, Mr C Wickenden & Mrs S Wisdom.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda** None
4. **Dispensations** None
5. **Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22nd November 2022** Proposed Mrs B Ditcham, seconded Mr J Jarvis to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Motion carried nem con.
6. **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 [WBC submission to the Boundary Commission for Twyford](#) - noted
7. **Borough Council Matters** Mr S Conway had given his apologies and submitted a written report. He reported on the Wokingham Borough Council deferral of the decision on planning application for Bridge Farm.
8. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council** Mr P Cassidy had given his apologies. Mrs L Jarvis had attended the meeting. She reported that Mrs Bulman has left the Council, the Neighbourhood plan has stalled and there are plans to plant more trees.
9. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees**
 - 9.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 06.12.22 Mrs B Ditcham highlighted the comments on planning application 223455 - Land to the north of the A4 New Bath Road, Twyford. In addition, she reported on the decision by Wokingham Borough Council not to accept the asset transfer of Twyford's street lamps, or any others in the borough. Mrs Ditcham reported that Twyford has by far the highest number of lamps and our residents are double Council taxed both through the Parish and also through WBC for lighting.
 - 9.2 Parish Lands Committee – no meeting
 - 9.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 13.12.22 Mrs B Ditcham gave a brief overview of the meeting. Most of the recommendations will be considered by Full Council in January.
The committee **RECOMMENDED to Full Council** approval of the 'Aspirational' set of meeting dates. Motion carried 7 in favour, 1 against.
Citizen of the Year Award (Part 2) – carried forward.
10. **Other representative reports**
 - 10.1 Meet your councillor session 10.12.22 Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Alder and Mr J Jarvis had attended. The gazebo was set up outside Waitrose and was well attended by residents. Mr R Abeywardana gave a brief outline of residents concerns as well as positive feedback on Council initiatives. Thanks was noted to the Clerk for her help on the day and to the Ranger for assisting with the set up and take down of the gazebo.
11. **Community Engagement**
 - 11.1 Report on Christmas Fayre stall. Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Alder, Mr M Andrea & Mrs T Ramsden had attended. There was positive engagement with the Cost of Living leaflet and also with a different demographic of residents. Thanks was noted for the Assistant Clerk, Mrs H Winder and Mrs T Ramsden for setting the stall up.

11.2 Coronation of King Charles III 06.05.23 – suggestions to mark the event in Twyford – a report of options and costings had been circulated to councillors on 08.12.22.

11.2.1 Options and costings for school gift – the Council favoured a mug – similar basis as the Diamond Jubilee mug design. The clerk will obtain a design and costings.

11.2.2 Availability and costings of LED cinema screen for live screening. The Council reviewed the costings. Proposed Mrs B Ditcham, seconded Mr J Bowley to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** approval of the quote of £1,850 for an LED screen for a live showing of the Coronation. Motion carried unanimously. Timings of the Coronation have not been released at this stage. It is hoped to show some of the warm up, the Coronation and a children's film. The Council will work with Ian Wisdom and Twyford Together on plans for the day. Ian is organising a band, stage, toilets with a 'picnic in the park' vibe. The Council will consider any requests for funding once the other costs are known.

11.2.3 Stanlake Meadow availability – agreed to advise the cricket club that the field will not be available.

11.2.4 Update from Round Table and Twyford Together – Twyford Together are involved. The clerk will contact the Round Table.

11.3 Christmas 2023

11.3.1 To consider having one big tree that we jointly pay for and decorate.

11.3.2 To consider having lights down the high street along with the small xmas trees on the shops.

11.3.3 To combine the Christmas Fayre with switching on the lights

The Council were not minted to change the existing arrangements.

12. Winter Crisis

12.1 How can we support residents?

12.1.1 Hardship meeting (HW) – carried forward.

12.1.2 Warm Space – TRCA – Mr Jarvis reported this is on hold until the toilets are operational.

12.1.3 Community / social Hub section of website – the pages are complete - noted.

12.1.4 To consider forming a working group – agreed no need at present.

12.1.5 Leaflet and distribution – leaflets have been circulated to Twyford and Ruscombe residents. In addition, RG10 will be giving publicity in their January / February magazine.

13. **Clerk's report** – Citizens Advice have offered to meet with Councillors. Agreed to invite Jake Morrison, Citizens Advice Wokingham, to the January Full Council meeting.

14. **Items to be discussed at the next meeting.** None.

15. **List of authorised payments – list for December (in Councillor one drive folder)** List dated 08.12.22. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded Mr J Jarvis to approve the cheque list dated 08.12.22. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Correspondence** – all noted.

16.1 Twyford & District Youth Centre – AGM 22.11.22 minutes and accounts

16.2 Borough Parish Liaison Forum - 8 November – Agenda

16.3 BALC Newsletter – November

16.4 RPC Agenda Wednesday 7th December 2022

16.5 HAAG Newsletter!

16.6 Marie Curie – Supporting families with terminal illnesses through

Christmas

16.7 Southern Water Stakeholder Newsletter and Cost of Living Media Release

17. **Dates of meetings:**
All meetings 7:45pm at Loddon Hall unless noted otherwise.
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| Ruscombe Parish Council meeting (LJ or SW)
(Loddon Hall Ruscombe Room) | 04.01.23 |
| Planning and Amenities Committee | 10.01.23 |
| Meet Your Councillor session (Waitrose 10am-1pm) | 14.01.23 |
| The Citizens Advice mobile van will also be in attendance | |
| *Mr M Alder, Mr R Abeywardana, Mrs B Ditcham & Mrs L Jarvis | |
| Parish Lands Committee | 17.01.23 |
| Finance & General Purposes Committee | 24.01.23 |
18. **Date of next Full Council meeting** – 31st January 2023

Meeting closed at 21:06