

Twyford Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Meeting held at the Twyford Room, Loddon Hall, RG10 9JA on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7:45 pm.

Present: Mr M G Alder (Chairman), Mr M Andrea, Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Bowley (from item 7 onwards), Mr M Bray, Mrs B Ditcham, Mrs J Jagger, Mr J L Jarvis, Mrs L Jarvis, Mr F Newman, Mr C Wickenden, Mr T Winchester, Mrs H Winder & Mrs S Wisdom.

In attendance: Mr S Conway - Borough Councillor.

Clerk present: Mrs L Moffatt (Clerk) & Mrs L Povey (Deputy Clerk).

1. **Public Questions.** No public 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 Tuesday 26th September 2023**
Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mr J Jarvis to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Jackie Whitney - Assistant Director, Customer and Change, WBC - The Community Vision** (power point circulated 13.11.23)
Jackie talked through the presentation and timeline for the joint vision. Councillors were asked to engage local groups with the three questions:
Q1 - What things do you like about the area where you live?
Q2 - What would you like to change about the area where you live?
Q3 - If you were describing the place where you live in the future, what would you want to say about it?
7. **Matters Arising** – none.
8. **Borough Council Matters** Mr S Conway's report had been circulated and was noted. A discussion took place on commuter parking, parking schemes and public transport. There were no reports from Mr L Ferris and Mr W Smith.
9. **Liaison with Ruscombe Parish Council** Mr P Cassidy had given his apologies. The Ruscombe Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will take place on 7th December and best wishes for this will be passed on from the Council. Mr M Andrea had attended the last meeting and reported on tree planting and the wish to spend CIL funds on railings along the A4 footpath.
10. **Reports and to receive any recommendations from committees**
 - 10.1 Planning and Amenities Committee 03.10.23 & 07.11.23
Mrs B Ditcham reported on the meeting highlighting several planning comments.
Twyford in Bloom 12.10.23
Twyford achieved the Thames and Chiltern Silver Gilt award. Volunteers are needed to plant bulbs at the gateways with Hurst and on Ruscombe Turn.
 - 10.2 Parish Lands Committee 14.11.23
Mr M Bray reported on the budget discussions. A discussion took place on the decision against installing an EV charger point – it was agreed that Mrs J Jagger and Mr M Bray will document the discussions.
The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £21,172.64 playground remedial works. Motion carried unanimously.
The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £1,100 for a Tennis Court Clean. Motion carried with 13 for, 1 against.
Skate Park working group 24.10.23

- Mr T Winchester reported that the Council have gone live with the tender. Stanlake Pavilion Working Group 08.11.23
Mr F Newman reported that the group are working closely with the sports clubs and have met to confirm approximate room size requirements.
- 10.3 Finance and General Purposes Committee 17.10.23
Mr C Wickenden had no further items to report.
- 10.4 Community Events and Engagement Committee 10.10.23
Mr M Alder had no further items to report.
The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £300 plus mileage for Public Speaking Session (all Councillors). Motion carried unanimously.
The committee **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to donate £200 to Age Concern Twyford & £200 to Twyford and District Youth Centre car park funds from the Fete event. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10.5 Climate Change – to note the updated report 12.07.23
10.5.1 Northern Parishes Repair Café – to note Charvil Parish Council's enquiry. Councillors gave a positive response to the idea of a joint initiative.
- 11. Other representative reports**
- 11.1 Meet your councillor session 14.10.23
Mr M Alder, Mr M Andrea & Mrs S Wisdom
Meet your councillor session 11.11.23
Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Jarvis & Mr F Newman
Residents enquiries have been recorded and responded to.
- 11.2 WBC Standards Committee 23.10.23 Mrs J Jagger reported giving examples of the type of complaints that are being received. Democratic Services will draft a questionnaire / survey to see if there is a need for training to appraise Councillors and Officers of legal and social rules of engagement with both colleagues and members of public.
- 11.3 Northern Parishes Communication Group meeting 27.09.23 (FN)
No items to report.
- 11.4 Loddon Hall (JJ) – a change in constitution will be considered in January.
- 11.5 BALC AGM Shaw House, Nr Newbury. Mr M Alder and Mr J Bowley Attended. 09.11.23 - A written report had been circulated.
- 11.6 Remembrance Parade and Service (All Councillors) 12.11.23 – Proceedings in Cuincy and Twyford both went well.
- 11.7 The Wokingham Volunteer Centre Annual Meeting 02.10.23
Mr M Alder attended – no items to report.
- 11.8 Twyford & District Youth & Community Centre AGM 14.11.23 – no councillors were able to attend due to a meeting clash.
- 11.9 Age Concern Twyford relaunch event 24.11.23
Mr F Newman attended reporting that it was a successful event.
- 12. Clerk's report** - Councillors volunteered for the distribution of the volunteer 'Thank you' cards and gifts, bulb planting and Christmas tree set up.
- 13. Empowering Young Voices in Your Community NALC training 25.10.23** Mrs H Winder reported on the training and she hopes to meet up with other local councils to share ideas.
- 14. Cost of Living Crisis**
- 14.1 To consider producing and distributing a leaflet detailing Cost of Living information as last year. Proposed Mr T Winchester, seconded Mr M Bray to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** £300 to print and circulate an updated Cost of Living leaflet. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs H Winder will draft a leaflet. Agreed to liaise with Ruscombe Parish Council.

15. **Best dressed window competition** - a WBC initiative to support local businesses – noted.
16. **Strategic action plan** – to review committee amendments so far – carried forward.
17. **Items to be discussed at the next meeting** Mr J Jarvis requested a discussion on car parking in Twyford. Agreed this is subject to Mr J Jarvis providing a report of questions to be considered and limiting the item to a short discussion.
18. **List of authorised payments** – list dated 22.11.23 (in Councillor one drive folder)
Proposed Mr H Winder, seconded Mr C Wickenden to approve the cheque list dated 22.11.23. Motion carried nem con.
19. **Correspondence** (copies in one drive folder) – all noted.
 - 19.1 Berkshire ALC AGM 09.11.23
 - 19.2 Grant Funders Forum 21st September 2023 - Best Practice Spotlight with Berkshire Community Foundation
 - 19.3 Ruscombe Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 4th Oct 2023
 - 19.4 BALC October 2023 newsletter
 - 19.5 Twyford District Youth & Community Centre AGM - November 14th 2023
 - 19.6 Royal County of Berkshire Pension Fund Annual Meeting 16.11.2023
 - 19.7 WBC Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) 4th Progress Report
 - 19.8 Council - RPC Agenda Wednesday 1st Nov 2023
 - 19.9 Zero Hour request for Twyford Parish Council support for Climate and Ecology Bill (circulated 01.11.23)
 - 19.10 Borough Parish Liaison Forum minutes 26.07.23
 - 19.11 Grant Funders Forum December 2023
20. **Dates of meetings:**
All meetings 7:45pm at Loddon Hall unless noted otherwise.

Christmas Fayre, Village Centre	01.12.23
Christmas light switch on, Bell Corner 5:30pm	03.12.23
Stanlake Pavilion working group	04.12.23
Planning and Amenities Committee	05.12.23
Ruscombe Parish Council 7:30pm (MA / FN)	06.12.23
Borough Parish Liaison Forum (MA & JB)	06.12.23
Finance & General Purposes Committee	12.12.23
Ruscombe Parish Council 7:30pm (MA / FN)	03.01.24
Planning and Amenities Committee	09.01.24
Meet Your Councillor (10-12 Waitrose) [Mr M Bray, Mrs J Jagger & Mr F Newman]	13.01.24
Parish Lands Committee	16.01.24
Twyford in Bloom Working Group	18.01.24
TRCA AGM 8pm	22.01.24
Finance and General Purposes Committee	23.01.24

Agreed not to hold a December Meet Your Councillor session.
21. **Date of next Full Council meeting – 30th January 2024**

Meeting closed at 21:31