

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:45pm

**Present:** Mrs B Ditcham (Chair), Mr M Alder, Mr M Andrea, Mrs E Ashley, Mr J Bowley & Mr F Newman.  
**Minutes:** Mrs Lynn Povey (Deputy Clerk).

1. **Appointment of Chairman.** Mrs B Ditcham was proposed by Mr F Newman and seconded by Mrs E Ashley. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Appointment of Vice Chairman.** Due to Mr C Wickenden's absence and no-one else present wishing to be appointed, it was agreed for the item to be carried forward to the July meeting.
3. **Public Questions** – None.
4. **Apologies** – Mr C Wickenden.
5. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** Mr M Andrea declared an interest pertaining to items 10.1 & 10.2. He noted he had no legal or financial interest in the matter but in his capacity as a Borough Councillor, he sits on Wokingham Borough Council's (WBC) Planning Committee. He will, therefore, excuse himself from the room whilst discussions take place.
6. **Dispensations** – None.
7. **Minutes**
  - 7.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Approval of the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Mrs E Ashley, seconded by Mr F Newman, carried nem con.
8. **Matters Arising and Action Points.**
  - 8.1 Report of faded paintwork on the village centre sign (Bell Corner) received. To consider restoration costs of £1785.00 plus carriage. The Committee unanimously agreed for no action at present. Deputy Clerk to monitor the condition of the paintwork going forward when completing the annual risk assessments.
9. **Planning Matters - Current List.**
  - 9.1 240385 Kiln House, Ruscombe Lane, Ruscombe – No comment but request that the bat survey is followed up and taken into consideration.
  - 9.2 241292 12 Springfield Park – No comment but request that the bat survey is followed up and taken into consideration.
  - 9.3 241328 27A Wargrave Road – No comment.

Mr Andrea left the room 20:02.

#### 10. Other Planning Matters:

- 10.1 240990 Land to the west of New Road, Ruscombe, RG10 9LN – Full application for the proposed erection of a two-storey building to form a 66-no. bedroom care home for older people with parking, access, landscaping, and associated ground works, following demolition of the existing buildings/structures.

Twyford Parish Council's Planning and Amenities Committee are supportive of the comments made by Ruscombe Parish Council.

- 10.2 Riverways Farm – Planning Application/Matter relating to upcoming meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June – Awaiting information from WBC. To be circulated upon receipt.

Application – 223455 – Land to the north of the A4 New Bath Road, Twyford.

Date of WBC's Planning Committee meeting confirmed as the 12<sup>th</sup> June and will be held at 7pm in the Council Offices at Shute End. Deputy Clerk to investigate the possibility of Mrs B Ditcham attending and speaking on behalf of Twyford Parish Council. Mrs B Ditcham to prepare a speech - to be circulated to the Planning & Amenities Committee.

Mr M Andrea re-entered the room 20:12.

11. **Strategic Action Plan 2023-2027** – To review Committee actions.
- Review EV Infrastructure – Deputy Clerk to email Borough Councillor Paul Fishwick asking for details of future plans for the Borough and if any further points are planned for Twyford.
  - Active Travel – No update.
  - Recycling Facilities – Monitoring plans from WBC.
  - Planning Responses (Incorporating Neighbourhood Plan Policies) – In progress.
  - Twyford in Bloom – Ongoing. Plans for 2024 are in progress.
  - Wildflower Areas – Improvement and expansion/new area works continue.
  - Hanging Baskets – Ongoing. Summer basket have been installed.
  - Streetlamp Ownership – Ongoing. Awaiting response from WBC to letter sent November 2023.
  - Village Regeneration Project – Monitoring survey plans from WBC.
  - Bridge Farm – No update.
  - Library – No update.
  - Nature Reserve Bridge – Mrs E Ashley confirmed that contact has been gained and that investigations are to take place.
  - Speedwatch – Refer to the Planning & Amenities Report for an update on progress.
12. **Footway Lighting**
- 12.1 Re-numbering of TPC owned streetlamp columns – update. Carried forward.
- 12.2 TPC owned streetlamp checks - Councillor Reports. One report outstanding – Item carried forward.
13. **Twyford in Bloom.** Mrs B Ditcham provided a brief overview and confirmed the ‘Twyford in Bloom’ judging day as the 9<sup>th</sup> July.
14. **To Review the Planning & Amenities Report** (circulated with the agenda). The report was reviewed and noted (Report can be found after item 15).
15. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.** Noted.

**Planning & Amenities Report**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

• **Notices of Permission:**

\* Denotes applications that the Council has previously commented on.

- 240573 Twyford Snooker Hall, 19 Wargrave Road  
\*Although this building is in the conservation area and the proposed plans make a visual change to the exterior appearance, we consider this to be very acceptable.
- 240729 14 Station Road  
\* No comment.
- 240378 2 Springfield Park  
\* No objection as long as the appropriate materials are used.
- 240946 71 London Road  
\* Twyford Parish Council’s Planning and Amenities Committee would like consideration to be given to replace the felled trees with appropriate species either within the property curtilage or at an alternative site within the Parish providing authorisation has been obtained from the relevant landowners.

Application was determined before the end of the consultation period. To note the Deputy Clerk emailed WBC with the comments made by the Planning & Amenities Committee for their consideration. To note response from WBC (circulated).

• **Notices of Refusal:** None.

• **Other Planning Matters:** None.

• **General Amenity Matters:**

- Transport for the South East – Transport Strategy – ‘Your Voices’ consultation (deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024) (C Wickenden & M Andrea). To note Twyford Parish Council’s response (circulated).
- The old pub sign (outside Tesco) – Damaged. Reported to WBC Land Management Team. Tesco to get it repaired.

• **Speedwatch** – Update

- First session took place 28<sup>th</sup> May.

- To note the news article ([Community-led speedwatch group launches first outing to tackle speeding concerns - Twyford Parish Council](#))
- **Highways**
  - Highways Report on outstanding issues (circulated).
  - Pedestrian Crossing, Twyford Crossroads – Pedestrian crossing not responding. Reported to WBC (W2467893) (Raised by resident – see correspondence).
- **Village Maintenance**
  - Road sign and street furniture cleaning. To note this continues to be carried out by the Village Warden.
  - Jubilee Clock Bi-Annual Service. To note the service has been rescheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.
- **Village Defibrillators**
  - TPC website – Defib page created ([Parish Defibrillators - Twyford Parish Council](#)).
- **Footway Lighting**
  - Lamp 43 Orchard Estate (**TPC**) – Fault logged with WBC (D2444225). Works completed. No further actions.
- **Twyford in Bloom**
  - Twyford in Bloom – Next Meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Previous meeting notes available on Twyford Parish Website (<https://www.twyfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/council/meetings/twyford-in-bloom-meetings/>)
- **Meet Your Councillor Session (May 2024)**
  - No matters raised.
  - June session cancelled.
  - Next session to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 outside Waitrose.
- **Correspondence circulated:**
  - WBC - Notification of Urgent Works - High Street, Twyford (circulated).
  - WBC - Date announced for opening of new Twyford Library (circulated).
  - Residents Correspondence – Crossroad lights (circulated) (Raised with WBC – See Highways).
  - Oneill Homer - ONH Newsletter Spring 2024 (circulated).
  - LNT Construction - Proposed Care Home Development (circulated).

Items to be carried forward:

- **Footway Lighting**
  - Lamp 4 Wargrave Road (**WBC**) – Fault logged with WBC (W2360009) & SSE. Target date for completion of works 24.01.24 - Overdue.
  - Request to WBC for their reconsideration to take over the ownership of all Twyford's Streetlamps. Letter sent to WBC 05.07.23. Awaiting response.

Expenditure approved under Financial Regulation 4			
Description	Budget	Amount	Approval

**Meeting Closed at 20:33**