



## Minutes of a meeting of the Twyford Village Partnership Committee Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

**Present:** Patrick Heather, Kathy Peck, Geoff Pilgrim, Tim Palmer, Susan Goddard, Bridget Ditcham, Christian Wrigley.

**Apologies:** Stephen Conway, Duncan Edwards, Diane Lee, Emma Donald.

### 1. Minutes from meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – review of Action Points

Photographs for the Parish Plan – *GP has completed his half, PH has almost completed his.*

£1500 donation from Vegpods Ltd (Mike Richards) and Ladds Garden Centre (Gordon Parry) – *GP has tried to make contact on several occasions but has had no response.*

Our application to become a member of T&RCA – *CW has sent several e-mails but has had no response.*

### 2. Review of Action Group Meetings

#### 2.1 Business Focus Group

Disappointing turn out. Only 4 attended out of the 11 who said they would. Thank you to Waitrose for also attending – and for hosting the meeting.

*Actions: TP to follow up by providing feedback to businesses and assessing the level of interest for a Christmas shop-window competition and the formation of a local traders association. KP to e-mail the necessary information to TP.*

#### 2.2 Economy & Education Action Group – no attendees. Suggest splitting this into two separate groups: Economy (local traders association) and Education (schools).

*Actions: KP & CW to write to all Heads and Chairs of Governors*

#### 2.3 Social & Community. It was good that a few new people attended this meeting with some positive suggestions and offers of help.

*Actions: A meeting has been arranged with Lady Elizabeth to see if she can help bring local land-owning groups with large buildings together to see what plans they have for these buildings and if they can assist with any Action Points. The top priority is still the library.*

#### 2.4 Transport & Accessibility. A reasonable turn out. More information is required from WBC and TPC.

#### 2.5 Environmental Action Group. Excellent attendance, some Action Points are already underway.

### 3. Parish Plan Progress

Output from the Action Groups is likely to be the rate-limiting step and could mean a 1 or 2 month delay on the Parish Plan project timeline. We do need to start deciding which project arising from the Action Groups would benefit most from the SEEDA funding as this is only available for a limited period - the last spend is March 2012. Note: The SEEDA funding cannot be used for anything that Wokingham Borough Council has a statutory obligation to provide (like a library!) however it could be used to provide a computer suite/community cafe/exhibition space etc. to go alongside the 'book' part of a library which WBC would need to fund.

*Action: Everyone make projects a priority!*

### 4. Twyford Christmas Fayre 2009 Update

All 50 stalls are booked and there is a waiting list. This is the largest amount of stalls we have had, there is no room for any more! Doing well on budget thanks to several donations.

*Action: KP to help with posters*

*GP/SC to co-ordinate the TVP stall arrangements – helpers required to man the stall*

*PH to visit shops in Longfield Road*

### 5. Bridge House Development

Around 30 members of the public attended the TPC Planning & Amenities meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The draft minutes of that meeting will show that TPC made no comment on the demolition of the garden cottage or the extension to Bridge House, however several comments will be forwarded to WBC regarding the development of the Care Retirement Community Complex (CRCC). These comments relate to the erosion of the 'green gap' between Twyford and Charvil, construction on the flood plain, the density of the proposed development and the impact of traffic on local roads.

**6. AOB**

Sustainable Communities – TVP were invited to present their comments on the WBC Sustainable Communities document to the TPC P&A Committee.

*Action – SG to prepare draft for agreement by the TVP committee*

PH requested business cards to hand out to local traders.

*Action: KP to prepare a design*

**7. Date of next meeting**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00pm in the Waitrose Training Room