

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2002 at 7.45pm.**

Present:-Mr J Fort (Chairman), Mrs C Wilson, Mrs G Wright, Messrs K Hogg, B Rogers, M Stillman, R Thomas.

In attendance Clerk: Miss F Penn, Mr Leigh Middleton and assistant streetworker.

**1. Apologies-** Messrs R Dean, D Hymers, R Mantel.

**2. Declarations of Interest-**None

**3. Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2002, were approved and signed.

### **4. Recreation Ground**

4.1 Playground-nothing to report.

4.2 Youth Shelter-The light still awaits final connection the Clerk to chase along with quote for windbreaker walls.

4.3 Skatepark proposals- The Committee agreed to Groundwork making a presentation at the next Committee meeting, to demonstrate the possible options for siting the Skatepark and Hard Court area on KGVF. These are in front but forward of the tennis courts, behind the youth shelter and in the unused patch of land to the right of the Wargrave Road footpath. Mr Middleton confirmed that WDC will be able to fund the balance of £10,000 required to support the project, with the main funding (£60,000-70,000) coming from Grundons/Summerleaze via the landfill tax scheme.

4.4 Twycombe Lodge- The Clerk reported the vandalism of the fence and the need to replace at least 6 of the panels. One of the current tenants is leaving but a replacement has already been found.

4.5 Lee West Associates report on potential renovation of the tennis courts. The Committee agreed that they wished the tennis club to be more specific in exactly what financial support it could obtain elsewhere and therefore quantify the potential commitment being sought from the Parish Council. The Clerk to write to the tennis club to that effect but also to suggest that they seek five quotes for option1 (budget) and option 3 (technical recommendation), to inform themselves and the Committee as to the possible costs involved in restoration. The Clerk to also ask the tennis club to specify and quantify the costs of replacing the current club house which is subject to repeated vandalism.

4.6 The Clerk is liaising with Agricultural Estates over the renovation work on the football pitches and will obtain a quote for top soil to fill in the ruts along the Longfield Road hedgeline.

4.7 General-Six new trees have been planted along the hedgeline. The Clerk to ensure correct watering and maintenance.

### **6. Allotments:**

6.1 London Road- Mr Thomas updated the Committee on the condition of the hedge between the allotments and the resident who had requested replacement panelling. Mr Fort to inspect the site and report on suggested way forward.

6.2 The Clerk to obtain quotes and suggestions for tree planting at the Hurst Road site where the clearance work has created large spaces to the utilised.

6.3 The Clerk to ensure sufficient promotion of the allotments to try and maximise usage.

**7. Millennium Garden, Burial Ground & War Memorial:**

7.1 Burials-Mrs E La Porte.

7.2 Memorials-Mr E Miffling

7.3 20 new trees have been planted in the Woodland area.

**8. Stanlake Meadow**

8.1 Cricket Square update-The installation should be finished next week.

8.2 The Committee agreed to the request from the cricket club of burying the ashes of a member in the new square, but pointed out this is not necessarily a precedent for Parish Lands.

8.3 The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the cricket club and Mr Fort to agree the siting of the practice nets.

8.4 The Committee discussed a letter from Twyford Comets regarding usage of Stanlake Meadow along with the possibility of a new adult team requesting use of a pitch next season. The Committee agreed to allow the Comets to play all their matches at Stanlake Meadow next season and for a third pitch to be marked out, providing no additional fencing was required. The Clerk to liaise with the Comets and Agricultural Estates to achieve this.

**9. Jubilee Corner**

9.1 The Committee discussed the problem of skateboarding and cycling in the area and agreed to monitor the situation.

**10. Village Ranger-** Mr Fort reported that one further candidate had been interviewed and the intention was to see one more candidate next week and then make a decision.

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 Letter from resident re tree in children's playground- The Clerk to obtain a quote for removing the branch and approach the resident for a contribution

11.2 DEFRA-illegal poisoning leaflet-for information only-noted

**12. Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2002**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

### **Action points from the Parish Lands Meeting 03.04.02**

1. The Clerk to chase the light and quote for YS at KGVF
2. The Clerk to write to the tennis club re the consultants report and the desirability of a new clubhouse.
3. The Clerk to obtain a quote for top soil filling of the ruts at KGVF
4. The Clerk to ensure watering and maintenance of the trees recently planted.
5. Mr Fort to inspect the London Road allotments site re the hedge.
6. The Clerk to obtain quotes and suggestions for Hurst Road allotments.
7. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the cricket club and Mr Fort.
8. The Clerk to arrange for renovation and layout of football pitches at S.M and liaise with the Comets over usage.
9. The Clerk to obtain a quote for removing a branch off the tree in the children's playground and write to the resident re payment.