

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 4th September 2002 at 7.45pm.

Present:-Mr J Fort (Chairman), Mrs G Wright, Messrs J Bowley, C Dean, M Garrard, D Hymers, R Mantel, B Rogers. M Stillman.

In attendance Clerk : Miss F Penn, 1 member of the press, 1 member of the public.

Mr Hymers opened the meeting

1.Apologies- Mrs C Wilson, Messrs, K Hogg, R Thomas,

2. Election of Vice-Chairman- Mrs Wright proposed and Mr Dean seconded Mr M Stillman, agreed unanimously.

Mr Stillman took the chair

3.Declarations of Interest-None

4.Previous Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 3rd July 2002, were amended, then approved and signed.

Mr Mantel arrived at 7.55pm

Mr Fort took the chair at 8pm.

- 5. Consider the quotations obtained for the refurbishing of the tennis club.** The Committee discussed the report circulated by the Clerk on the four quotations received for the proposed refurbishing work. The Committee agreed to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that they accept the quote from Bernard Clark Associates of £27,499.**incl vat.** The Committee also discussed the involvement of the tennis club and or an independent overseer. The Clerk to approach National Playing Fields Assoc for a contributory grant and to discuss with the tennis club the recommended proposal.
- 6. Consider quote for entrance to KGVF for Bonfire Carnival and new fencing along Longfield Road hedgeline.**The Committee RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the acceptance of a quote of £600.35 to create a accessible entrance on the Longfield Road hedgeline. The new fencing quote of £900 for the gap in the hedge was held over.
- 7. Report on public exhibition re proposed skatepark at KGVF.** Mr Stillman circulated a report showing a summary of the feedback forms received to date, from the public consultation exhibition held on 31st August 2002. There had been 49 forms showing 69% of respondents felt Twyford should have a skatepark and 63% agreed on balance it should be sited at KGVF. The Committee agreed in the light of the evidence from the consultation exercise, that it affirmed its RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL as specified in the 12th June 2002 meeting. Mr Hymers proposed, Mrs Wright seconded, 8 for and 1 abstain.
- 8. Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance during the summer.** The Clerk had circulated the report and the Committee discussed the work achieved and the implication of the additional hours worked by the Ranger during the summer months. The Committee agreed to pay the Ranger at time and a half for the emergency call-out hours he had worked at weekends since starting work on 1st May 2002.

The Clerk is to continue monitoring ¹ the hours worked and report back to the Committee in November for further consideration. The Committee

expressed its thanks to all the hard work and commitment shown by the Ranger in tackling the new post.

The Clerk and Ranger to address the following points.

1. Look out for quad bikes in KGVF and ask them to stop as appropriate.
 2. The display of the by-laws
 3. The flashing light in the Youth Shelter
 4. The noise made by the entrance gates rattling shut!
 5. Replace the bollards at Stanlake Meadow and repair the stile.
 6. Remove the rubber ties from the mature trees around the Lands.
 7. Consider the need for additional rubbish bins at KGVF.
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- 8.1 Playground inspection report- The Committee to visit the playground and then consider the quotes for refurbishment work at the next meeting. The Clerk to obtain additional quotes.
 - 8.2 Consider quotes for grilles at Stanlake Pavilion- Held over for budget consideration
 - 8.3 Consider need for further benches in KGVF-Held over for budget consideration.
 - 8.4 Consider need for litter bin in Loddon Hall area- Refer to Loddon Hall management.

9. Allotments

- 9.1 The Clerk updated the Committee on the latest allotment clearance work and take up.
- 9.2 Response from Railtrack re allotment land- The Clerk had met with a representative from Thames Trains to discuss the possibility of unused allotment land being utilised as car park for the railway. The Clerk to liaise further and research the law regarding the use of allotment land.

10. Millennium Garden, Burial Ground & War Memorial

- 10.1 Report on burials- Mrs Mary Florence Ann Howe
- 10.2 Report on memorials- Mrs Thelma Trevethan

11. Correspondence:

- 11.1 Letter from resident re London Road allotment fence- The Clerk to reply that the Committee had no changes to make to their original decision concerning the fence.
- 11.2 Letter from WDC re Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996-noted
- 11.3 Request from tenants of Tywcombe Lodge re replacing the carpet with natural floor boards. In the light of the short term nature of the lease, the Committee decided to turn down the request.

11. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 9th October 2002

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Work outstanding and action points from the Parish Lands Meeting 04.09.02

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1. Hurst Road Allotments-tree planting
 2. Windbreaker wall @ Y.Shelter
 3. Electric check @ Stanlake Meadow
 4. Quote for Y.Shleter @ Stanlake Meadow
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 3. The Committee to visit the playground and then consider the quotes for refurbishment work at the next meeting. The Clerk to obtain additional quotes.
 4. The Clerk to investigate the situation re allotment law for the possible use of land as a car park.

RANGER JOB OUTSTANDING

1. Railings to be painted and seats to be treated in Jubilee Corner
2. Seats to be treated in Millennium Garden
3. The flashing light in the Youth Shelter- check sensor
4. The noise made by the entrance gates rattling shut at KGVF – bolts problem?
5. Replace the bollards at Stanlake Meadow and repair the stile.
6. Stanlake Meadow provision of rubbish bin area.
7. Stanlake Meadow check showers and hot water working.