

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 3rd December 2003 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr M Stillman, (Chairman), Mrs G Wright, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs D Hymers, J Bowley, K Hogg, B Rogers.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March and one member of the press

1. Apologies- None

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-none

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2003-

Proposed, Mr D Hymers seconded, Mrs G Wright. Agreed unanimously and signed.

4. Matters arising and action points

4.1 Area at KGVF by the Wargrave Rd entrance. The bollards are due for delivery on 17th December and will be installed by the surfacing contractor who will start work in the near future.

4.2 Repairs to wooden climbing frame. The manufacturer has made a site visit. There are difficulties in carrying out a repair, as the weight of the unit will have to be supported whilst this is carried out. A report and estimate is awaited from their engineers.

4.3 Allotment fence adjacent to surgery – still waiting for reply from surgery. Clerk to follow up.

4.4 Appointment of Village Ranger – The ranger has signed his contract of employment and will be placed on the council payroll from 1st December 2003.

4.5 Twycombe Lodge – maintenance work. The redecoration of the bathroom and has been arranged. The tenants have been made aware of the clause in the lease, which puts responsibility on them to ventilate the room and wipe off any condensation to prevent mould growth. We are still waiting for Style Windows to adjust the catch on the dining room door. Arrangements are in hand for the new carpet/floor covering to be installed early in the New Year. A site visit has been made and a quote is being prepared to install the electric shower.

4.6 Repair to fence at Catholic Church. A note has been received from them indicating this will be carried out.

4.7 Improvements to security arrangements at Stanlake pavilion. The Clerk still has to find a suitable contractor and arrange a quotation for security lighting. The Village Ranger has been asked to trim the bushes adjacent to the pavilion.

4.8 New Goals for KGVR. Following the fire at the Tennis Club two new sets have been purchased. The cost will be claimed on insurance.

4.9 Repairing footpath at KGVR. The Clerk still has to find a suitable contractor and arrange a quotation.

4.10 Replacing dead trees in Millennium Garden to be arranged for early spring.

5. Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including-

5.1 Report on work of the Village Ranger. The bulbs have been planted in Jubilee Corner and Millennium Garden. A lot of his time is spent repairing damage and clearing up rubbish caused by vandalism. Concern was

expressed at the continuing high level of vandalism in the village. The Clerk to write to Inspector Lindsay Finch at Wokingham Police Station to ask what their proposals are to improve the policing in the village and request them to employ one of their mobile CCTV units.

5.2 Trimming trees in Burial Ground. The Clerk has obtained a quote from a contractor to trim three sycamore trees on the boundary at a cost of £185. Agreed work to be arranged.

5.3 New wood chippings have been delivered and installed in the children's play area at Stanlake.

5.4 The protective fence has been erected around the cricket square to prevent damage during the winter.

5.5 The football club using Stanlake has reported that one of the crossbars is split around the bolthole and is unsafe to use. As wooden goals are no longer available it will have to be replaced by metal. Proposed by D Hymers, seconded by B Rogers and agreed the Clerk is authorised to purchase one set of heavyweight steel posts at a cost of £395 plus delivery.

5.6 The ground by the permanent goals at Stanlake is getting worn. The Clerk to contact the football club and ask them not to use them for training or practice matches.

6. Allotments-

6.1 Possible use of part of Hurst Rd for car parking. The Clerk has sent drawings marked to show the space available to Stephen Conway. No response to date.

6.2 Some work may be needed to clear overgrown allotments at Hurst Rd. The Clerk to obtain prices for clearing and rotovating.

7. Millennium Garden, Burial Ground Jubilee Corner & War Memorial

7.1 Report on burials –none

7.2 Report on memorials- Margaret Francis

8. KGVR

Request to reinstate public toilets – a discussion was held about this and a considerable number of problems were highlighted relating to the high level of vandalism likely to occur. In view of this it was agreed to take no further action.

9. CCTV

A discussion was held about the demonstration of equipment that had occurred earlier in the evening. The Clerk to obtain two additional quotes for schemes to provide the same cover as that demonstrated. Alternative sources of funds can then be sought to enlarge the scheme to cover a larger area. Loddon Hall and the Catholic Church have already indicated they will be willing to contribute. Agreed **RECOMMEND** to the main council that the council installs CCTV to protect its own property and then contacts other interested parties to seek contributions to extend the scheme to cover their properties.

10. Skate Park

A discussion was held on the possibility of using the vacant area between Loddon Hall and the Youth Centre. The council are waiting to hear from Loddon Hall Management Committee if this is acceptable.

11. Budget 2004/5

A discussion was held on the level of expenditure to date, the likely outcome to the end of the financial year and proposed projects for next year. Clerk to contact WDC and other suppliers to try and obtain details of

any increases in their charges. The high cost of water for the allotments was highlighted. The Clerk to contact allotment holders to find out if they wish to use sprinklers and pay higher rentals for this. Provisional figures for budget headings were agreed.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Youth and Community Centre – report on mobile youth provision – noted.

13. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7th January 2004 – note this will be in the William Penn Room

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.