

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:- B Rogers (Chairman), Mrs J Robinson, Mrs G Wright, Messrs D Hymers, K Hogg, R Mantel.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March

- 1. Apologies-** Mr M Stillman, Mr J Bowley
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-**none
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2003-** Error in venue corrected from Stanlake Meadow to Loddon Hall. Mr R Mantel proposed, Mrs Wright seconded. Agreed unanimously and signed.
- 4. Matters arising and action points**
 - 4.1 Surfacing area of parking at Wargrave Rd entrance to KGVR: Quotes obtained ranging from £8,500 to £22,500 plus vat. Discussion held on proposal and whether this is good use of public money. Proposal put by Mr D Hymers that this is taken to the full council to consider if the Wargrave Rd car parking area should be upgraded, seconded by Mrs G Wright. Agreed 5 for, 1 against.
 - 4.2 Moving crests in brick piers to new position by Loddon Hall: Quotes ranging from £984 to £2772 plus vat discussed. Recommendation to take to the full council for further consideration rejected unanimously.
 - 4.3 Repair to fence by Surgery not resolved yet. Clerk to arrange meeting with practice manager.
 - 4.4 Meeting held with landscaping contractor to obtain prices for work at Hurst Rd allotments.
 - 4.5 Access requirements for Burial Ground: Guidelines obtained from WDC. Gradient on path considered acceptable. Clerk to seek advice on how to alter the surface of the path to meet the recommendations.
 - 4.6 CCTV Suppliers contacted do not recommend the installation of dummy cameras. Agreed not to proceed with this option. Quote for basic one camera system discussed. Clerk to obtain more information relating to the requirements for a single camera installation also the cost to provide 3 located by the Youth Centre, Loddon Hall and the children's playground. Securipol to be asked to quote for the same installation.
 - 4.7 Gate on tennis court – repair completed.
 - 4.8 Repairs to benches at Jubilee corner - alternative quote obtained and work in hand.
 - 4.9 Repainting youth shelter – this has been carried out by the Youth Centre but it is in white paint and some offensive graffiti has appeared. Clerk to arrange for it to be painted over in a darker colour.
 - 4.10 Stanlake Pavilion decoration complete.
 - 4.11 Permanent goalposts erected at Stanlake.
- 5.1 Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including-**
- 5.2 Resignation of Village Ranger. The Clerk gave details of the temporary appointment made following the resignation of the ranger for health reasons.

- The arrangement is for two months. Clerk to review the situation and report back to the next meeting.
- 5.3 Wooden/metal goalposts. Wooden goalposts are no longer available so when the existing ones wear out they will have to be changed to metal. The costs for these are very similar to wooden posts.
 - 5.4 Safety Inspection of children's play area. There are a number of items pointed out to us most of which are of a low risk nature. Clerk to check what work is required.
 - 5.5 The vandalised roundabout has comments regarding protruding bolts. Clerk to clarify and arrange for the repair which has been quoted at £370 to be carried out.
 - 5.6 Damage to Stanlake Pavilion. The corner of the roof has been damaged by a vehicle. Insurance details have been obtained and quotes are being sought for the repair.
 - 5.7 Vandal Damage to storage shed at Stanlake. After the recent repair to the roof another attempt has been made to pull back the roof to gain entry. Clerk has contacted shed contractor to obtain a price to repair. Clerk asked to investigate the possibility of a web cam to watch the shed from the pavilion.
 - 5.8 Disposal of old rollers at KGVR. There are two large rollers that are no longer used now the cricket club have moved. Vandals move them around and leave them on the football pitches. Clerk to arrange disposal.
- 6. Allotments-**
- 6.1 Possible use of part of Hurst Rd for car parking. The proposal suggested by District Councillor S Conway was discussed. There is sufficient area at the bottom of the allotments for this use without affecting any allotments. The Parish Council might be prepared to make this land available on a long-term lease. Proposed by D Hymers, seconded K Hogg that the recommendation is put to the full council for this offer to be made to S Conway to gain his reaction. Carried unanimously.
 - 6.2 Clearing drainage ditch/rubbish following fire. We have been asked by WDC to clear out the drainage ditch in the south east corner of Hurst Rd allotments. There is a considerable amount of debris in the same area following a fire in one of the allotment holders shed. Clerk to arrange for a skip and to get the ranger to clear the rubbish.
 - 6.3 A quote has been obtained to increase the height of the entrance gate to the London Rd allotment to improve security. The cost is £300+vat for a 1.5m timber height extension or £1432+vat for a new gate. Proposed by D Hymers, Seconded by G Wright that we proceed with the alteration to the existing gate and fit a combination lock and chain. Carried 5 for, 1 abstention. Clerk to liaise with allotment holders and arrange for work to be carried out.
- 7. Millennium Garden, Burial Ground Jubilee Corner & War Memorial**
- 7.1 Report on burials –none
 - 7.2 Report on memorials-none.
 - 7.3 Planting in flowerbeds. Proposed that bulbs be planted in Millennium Garden and Jubilee Corner to provide colour in the spring. Clerk to

arrange for bulbs to be purchased and planted by the ranger together with a top up of the mulch on the beds at Jubilee Corner.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Letter from Youth Centre regarding hard play area. Referred to next meeting due to insufficient time. Clerk to inform Youth Centre

9. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 8th October 2003

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm