

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 8th December 2004 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley, (Chairman) Mrs J Robinson, Messrs B Rogers, D Hymers, R Mantel, and J Fort.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March.

1. **Public Questions** - none
2. **Apologies**- Mrs G Wright
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr Fort declared an interest in item 11.2
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2004.** Proposed, Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs J Robinson. Agreed unanimously and signed.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to arrange for the growth from roots in the tennis courts to be treated with weed killer. Suitable weed killer obtained. Work to be completed in near future.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to obtain a price for enlarging the hard standing near the entrance gate to the children's play area. Waiting until work on adjacent CCTV mast is completed. The village ranger can probably carry this out.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to trim the ditch in Waltham Rd. Completed.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to speak to the cleaner regarding window cleaning at Stanlake Pavilion. Completed.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to notify Thames Water and allotment holders about the proposed sewer connection across the London Rd allotments. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to obtain a price for the clearance work at Hurst Rd allotments. Price to clear edge of access rd - £175. Agreed. The Clerk to place order.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to place the order for repairs to the safety surface in the children's playground. Order placed and work completed.
 - 5.8 The Clerk to order bark for the children's play area at Stanlake Meadow. Bark supplied and installed
 - 5.9 The Clerk to circulate skate park drawing to councillors. Completed
 - 5.10 The Clerk to contact Janet Warner regarding publicity for the new skate park proposal. Completed.
 - 5.11 The Clerk to update information for discussions on the 2005/6 precept. Details issued at meeting for discussion.
 - 5.12 The Clerk to obtain prices for No Golf notices. Price for replacement notice on Stanlake Pavilion £44 +VAT. The Clerk reported that the existing disfigured notice had now been ripped off the wall. After discussion it was agreed not to replace the sign on the pavilion. The Clerk to check if signs are in place at each entrance gate and order new ones for any that are missing.
6. **Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including-**
 - 6.1 Report on work of the Village Ranger. Up to date on routine work plus most additional minor jobs.
 - 6.2 The cricket and football clubs notice has been installed at Stanlake. The fascias and soffits on Twycombe Lodge have been replaced. The query

relating to the water supply at Stanlake has moved on. Thames Water has stated that the existing meter does not feed the pavilion, as it is not recording any consumption. They are going to arrange for a meter to be installed on the incoming water pipe to the pavilion.

7. Allotments-

7.1 There are still a few rents outstanding, which the Clerk is chasing up.

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

8.1 Report on burials –Leslie Brownbridge 17.11.04

8.2 Memorials – Oliver Thomas Sabine 05.11.04

9. KGV

9.1 Work in the NW corner. Mrs J Robinson gave details of the planting that has now been carried out. There are some saplings left over. Agreed that these are planted along the Longfield Rd boundary to fill gaps in the hedge. Forwood have some logs available that can be used to mark the boundary of the central hedge area and larger ones that could be installed as seats. Agreed they are used for this purpose. The Clerk to ask the scouts if they can transport them in their trailer.

9.2 Children's play area- The Clerk reported that the platform on the roundabout and the footrest platform on the rocking horse have areas where the wood is rotten. Agreed the Clerk to obtain prices for this to be repaired. Following discussions on new equipment it was agreed that the committee chairman and vice-chairman will look at catalogues and price lists to pick some suitable equipment working to a budget figure of about £4000. The Clerk to obtain up to date catalogues and price lists.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 A request has been received from a resident to roll the perimeter area where they jog as it is uneven. The contractor has been asked to quote. The quote received is just for the pitch area and is one pitch plus immediate surround £120, two pitches £200. He has not given a price for the perimeter area but it will probably be about the same a rolling a pitch. The Chairman has inspected the field and does not consider the perimeter is unduly uneven. Agreed not to have this part rolled. The Clerk to inform the resident.

10.2 The Clerk reported that the new position for the permanent goal posts needs to be agreed. Due to their weight, when they are moved an outside contractor will have to be employed. Agreed the Clerk to obtain a price.

10.3 ADT have inspected the intruder alarm and produced recommendations to update the system without being requested to do so. Agreed no changes to be made to the existing system, which is functioning correctly.

10.4 Comets Football Club have requested permission to run a soccer school over Easter. Agreed

10.5 A rates demand for Stanlake Pavilion has been received from WDC. It is backdated to 1996. The Clerk explained the background to this situation and the enquiries he is making. Agreed once the final outcome is known this will be taken into account in setting the rent for the nursery school.

11. Rental Agreements –

11.1 Copies still being circulated to committee members for comment. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

11.2 Query from cricket club regarding obligations in rental agreement. The cricket club have asked if under the current agreement the council

consider they should contribute towards the cost of ground maintenance. The existing agreement was discussed and agreed when the club moved from KGVR to Stanlake and the rental was reduced to allow for the cricket club carrying out the ground maintenance and paying for materials. Agreed the council are not obliged to contribute to this cost. The Clerk to inform the cricket club.

12. CCTV – The civil works have been completed and the columns for the cameras are now in position. A meeting has been held with the Loddon Hall Committee to agree routes for the cabling to the cameras and this work is about to be carried out.

13. Skate Park – Revised drawings have been prepared showing alternative locations for the ball court adjacent to the skate park. Agreed to leave it in its original location – option 2A on drawing GWK/LD815/00A dated Oct 04. The Clerk to inform TVCMI.

14 Precept

Further discussions held on expenditure this year and proposals for next year. Details of charges for use of Council facilities discussed and the charges for 2005/6 were agreed. Agreed the rental on Twycombe Lodge is raised to £830 a month with immediate effect. The Clerk to inform Pike Smith and Kemp.

15. Correspondence: -

15.1 Charity Commission News – noted

15.2 NPFA – Fields Focus newsletter - noted

16. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th January 2005

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm.