

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 9th June 2004 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr M Stillman, (Acting Chairman), Mrs J Robinson, Messrs D Hymers, and B Rogers.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March, and 9 members of the public including 7 young members.

1. Apologies- Mrs G Wright, Messrs K Hogg, J Bowley, R Mantel, Dr M Garrard.

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2004

Proposed, Mr D Hymers seconded, Mrs J Robinson. Agreed unanimously and signed.

4. Matters arising and action points

4.1 The Clerk to check if additional ground sockets can be installed for the permanent goals at Stanlake. New sockets purchased. The Clerk to recommend new site for goals.

4.2 The Clerk to notify the Women's Institute about the replacement bench at Jubilee Corner and ask for suggestions for an inscription. Contact made – waiting for reply

4.3 The Clerk to check what remedial work is required in the children's play area following the annual safety inspection. Minor works identified and being put in hand. One medium risk job identified is to trim off the bolts on the underside of the children's roundabout. They are difficult to reach to work on and a suitable solution needs to be found.

4.4 The Clerk to arrange for bulbs, bluebells and primroses to be planted in the Millennium Garden. Carried forward to the autumn.

4.5 The Clerk to arrange for the fixing on bench near the bungalows to be checked and both benches to be treated with preservative. Put on work schedule for the Village Warden

4.6 The Clerk to contact the Tennis Club about the delivery of the temporary accommodation. Contact made – waiting for Tennis Club to make arrangements.

4.7 The Clerk to confirm if the Tennis Club temporary pavilion is painted dark green this will be acceptable. Letter sent

4.8 The Clerk to ask the Tennis Club how many new nets are required and find out the cost to purchase. Letter sent – waiting for reply.

4.9 The Clerk to purchase Dog Banned notices for the children's play area. Existing notices modified and issued to Village Ranger to erect.

4.10 The Clerk to look out the byelaws for KGVR and put them on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion. Completed.

4.11 The Clerk to advise the cricket club about the current position relating to repairing the showers at Stanlake. Completed

4.12 The Clerk to circulate copies of rental agreements to committee members. Completed

4.13 The Clerk to contact one of the CCTV companies about reviewing their scheme for CCTV. Revised details received.

4.14 The Clerk to reply to C Bugg about skate park provision. Letter sent.

4.15 The Clerk to book a space and attend the Zurich Insurance Health and Safety Seminar. Completed

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

5.1 Report on work of the Village Ranger. Up to date on most minor jobs. He is quite busy keeping the children's play area and burial ground grass cut and weeds under control. The list of minor works required on Parish street lighting columns has been completed. He will repaint the Youth Shelter now that the half term is over. The back of the bench in Springfield gardens has been repaired.

5.2 Vandals have damaged another bench at Jubilee corner. It has been removed and the Clerk is waiting for the estimate for repair. The remaining bench also has one of the back slats broken. Discussions were held on whether to replace them and what type of benches to purchase. To be discussed further at the next meeting. The Clerk to put on the agenda.

5.3 The Clerk gave details of the work required at Stanlake to repair a set of showers and clear the blocked drain. Due to the specialist nature of the work it was not possible to obtain competitive quotes. The total cost was £854.64.

5.4 The Clerk has attended a Health and Safety Seminar. He reported on the subjects covered and highlighted the importance of carrying out risk assessments and taking appropriate action.

5.5 Dog Fouling Enforcement. The Clerk reported on the course attended by the village dog wardens. The Clerk to put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

5.6 Southern Electric have excavated at the front of the Wargrave Rd car park and removed one of the bollards to allow them to joint a new cable on to those coming from the adjacent sub-station. This was carried out without them contacting the Council for permission. The Clerk has made contact and is arranging to speak to the supervising engineer to make sure the area is reinstated correctly.

6. Allotments-

6.1 Quote from landscaping contractor for removal of tree and trimming adjacent tree at London Rd, clearing plots and cutting grass at Hurst Rd discussed. Total cost of all work £1610. Agreed order is placed for work to be carried out.

6.2 The Clerk pointed out that there is not a suitable location at Hurst Rd allotments for notices and suggested it would be useful to have a notice board on site. Agreed. The Clerk to obtain prices for the purchase of a suitable notice board.

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

7.1 Report on burials – none

7.2 Report on memorials - none

8. KGVR

8.1 Bye-laws. There are no obvious problems with the existing set and as they are a legal document which is difficult to change it was agreed to take no further action.

9. Stanlake Meadow

9.1 Request from WDC Youth Service to take mobile vehicle on to Stanlake Meadow during the summer discussed. Agreed

10. Rental Agreements – There may have to be some changes to take into account risk assessment. The Clerk to draft proposals and present to a later meeting.

11. CCTV – The revised quote from company B was discussed together with the resulting revised quote for the associated civil works. This brings the quotes from company A and B to very similar sums. Further discussions have been held with Mr S Conway District Councillor and there is a possibility of assistance with the cost of this scheme being made available from Wokingham District Council. Agreed to wait until the next Parish Lands committee meeting to see if a decision is made on this funding from Wokingham District Council.

12. Skate Park – Details of proposals from Groundworks and possible phasing for construction of a skate park and hard play area were discussed. There was also a discussion on the preferred material for construction of the skate ramps. The young members of the public were asked to comment. They reported on their use of the existing ramps at Maidenhead and Henley and the way they were run and supervised. They expressed a preference for the ramps to be constructed of composite material to minimise the risk of injury. The adult member of the public felt Stanlake was a more appropriate location than KGVR and reported that there had been considerable problems at Maidenhead before it was fenced in and supervised. The Youth Service has indicated they will be able to provide support for supervision during the early days of use. Comments and objections from councillors Mrs L Dane and Mr K Hogg were read to the meeting and discussed. Further discussion followed on enforcing regulations relating to the use of the facilities and inspection requirements. The following was proposed by Mr M Stillman and seconded by Mrs J Robinson. To **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that permission is given for the construction of a skate park in KGVR adjacent to the youth shelter and tennis courts by either Eibe or Bencrete, in accordance with the outline plans provided by Groundworks, subject to the following conditions.

1. The project is overseen and managed by TVCMI in conjunction with WDC and Groundworks.
2. Planning permission is granted by WDC.
3. TPC is to be consulted at every stage of the detailed planning and construction process.
4. Ownership of the skate park passes wholly to TPC on completion.
5. WDC youth service agrees to provide support in the initial stages of the operation of the skate park.
6. CCTV coverage of the facility is provided.

Voting - 2 for, 2 against. Chairman's casting vote for – carried.

The following was proposed by Mr M Stillman and seconded by Mrs J Robinson. To **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that permission is given for the construction of a hard court area in KGVR adjacent to the youth shelter in accordance with the plans provided by Groundworks, subject to the following conditions.

1. The project is overseen and managed by TVCMI in conjunction with WDC and Groundworks.
2. Planning permission is granted by WDC.
3. TPC is to be consulted at every stage of the detailed planning and construction process.
4. Ownership of the area passes wholly to TPC on completion.

5. WDC youth service agrees to provide support in the initial stages of the operation of the area.
6. CCTV coverage of the facility is provided.

Voting – 3 for, 1 abstention. Carried.

It was further proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that priority is given to the construction of the hard court area.

Voting 2 for, 2 against. Chairman's casting vote against – not carried.

12.1 Proposal to invite M Bryant WDC to attend the Full Council meeting on 22nd June discussed. Proposed by Mr M Stillman that he be invited. Not seconded – motion failed.

12.2 Showing details of the project at the Meet the Public meeting on 19th June discussed. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers to show the details. Carried unanimously. The Clerk to post notices on the Council notice boards and inform the local press.

13. Correspondence: -

13.1 AGM of National Playing Field Association – noted.

13.2 Letter of introduction from Making Connections project officer – noted.

14. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7th July 2004

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.