

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 31st March 2004 at 7.45pm.

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

- 1. Apologies-** R Mantel.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-**none
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2004**
Proposed, Mr D Hymers seconded, Mr K Hogg. Agreed unanimously and signed.
- 4. Matters arising and action points**
 - 4.1 Local residents notified about revised booking dates for events on Stanlake. Reply received regarding noise and security. The Clerk to reply.
 - 4.2 Light distribution details for the proposed streetlights at Stanlake shown to committee members. Agreed order is placed and request made to paint columns black with anti-vandal paint at the top.
 - 4.3 NPFA contacted about the tennis club proposal for KGVR. No objections raised.
 - 4.4 Costs for a portaloo on the Hurst Rd allotments provided. In view of the costs it was decided to take no further action at present
 - 4.5 Loose wire in the hedge adjacent to the road at Hurst Rd allotments removed.
 - 4.6 Meetings held with CCTV companies.
- 5. Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting – approved.**
- 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 most minor jobs. He is still working through the list of minor works required on Parish street lighting columns. The two benches at Jubilee corner have been reaffixed to the ground following their repair. The Ranger will be on holiday from 9th to 16th May. He has arranged for someone to keep an eye on the waste bins. A resident of Kibblewhite Crescent has rung up to congratulate us on the excellent condition of KGVR.
 - 6.2 The ranger has been tidying up in the children's play area ready for the annual safety inspection. This involves removing the moss and filling up gaps in the soil at the edge of the tarmac area. A new base has been installed for the waste bin, which will be installed in the next few days when the concrete has dried.
 - 6.3 There has been another graffiti attack at Stanlake. The ranger was able to remove some on doors and the shed but the graffiti company had to be called in to remove it from the brickwork.
 - 6.4 Dog Fouling Enforcement Scheme. The Dog Wardens have indicated they are prepared to attend a training meeting subject to being available. WDC have been contacted and the proposed date is Friday 7th May 10am to 3pm at Dinton Pastures. The cost will be £30 for two persons. Agreed to ask dog wardens to attend.

7. Allotments-

- 7.1 Report given on points discussed with allotment holders at the March meet the public meeting. It was suggested a regular visit is made by councillors to the allotments to meet allotment holders during the growing season. Improvements to parking have been requested. It was agreed that an area adjacent to the hazel copse will be designated for parking and allotment holders will be asked to clear it for use. It was also suggested that an annual competition is run for the best-kept allotment. Agreed. The council will provide a trophy for each site. The Clerk to contact the Horticultural Society about running a competition.
- 7.2 London Rd – a request has been made to have a walnut tree cut down. Mr M Stillman to arrange a meeting with the allotment holder to discuss.
- 7.3 Hurst Rd – a number of new enquiries have been received and vacant plots taken up. There are a few plots that are badly overgrown with brambles and need clearing. Indicative prices have been obtained for this work but they seem quite high. Agreed the Clerk to meet the contractors on site to obtain a specific quote for the work required.

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

- 8.1 Report on burials –Albert James Hughes 25.03.04
- 8.2 Report on memorials-John Keogh additional inscription to existing. Eric Frank Wiseman –new memorial.
- 8.3 The gravediggers left piles of earth around the burial ground following the burial of Mr Hughes. The funeral directors have been contacted and they are arranging for this to be cleared away.

9.KGVR/ Stanlake Meadow

- 9.1 Improvements to unused area in NW corner of KGVR. Proposals from Forwood discussed. They will supply labour free of charge and there will be a cost of about £200 to buy shrubs and trees. Proposed, Mr D Hymers, Seconded Mr K Hogg and agreed unanimously that the work they propose is carried out The Clerk to write to the owners of the properties in Longfield Rd adjacent to the boundary of this area and inform them about the work proposed on the hedgerow before any work is started. The Clerk to obtain a price to have the gate and fence removed and taken away for storage at another council site.
- 9.2 A request has been received from Ruscombe FC for a reduction in the pitch rental as they had to hire a pitch elsewhere when they were unable to use the goals due to the fire at the tennis club. They incurred costs of about £100. Agreed the bill will be reduced by £50 providing it is paid within the next 10 days. Twyford and Ruscombe have not paid any pitch rental for this season in spite of reminders being sent. The Clerk to chase up payment again and if it is not forthcoming the club will not be allowed to use the pitch again. Agreed the Clerk to put hire agreements on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. CCTV

Meetings have been held on site with Securipol and ADT to agree the positioning of cameras and the additional work to be carried out by others. Details of the work required noted. The Clerk to obtain prices for this.

11. Skate Park

Details of discussions held at a recent meeting with interested parties provided. Details of proposals to be provided for consideration by the Council. Letter from resident received detailing experience of Crowthorne

Council with a skate park. The Clerk to contact Crowthorne to obtain more information.

12. Correspondence: -

12.1 Notification from ROSPA – Playground inspection in April.

12.2 Letter from resident relating to permanent goals at Stanlake. The Clerk to reply.

13. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th May 2004

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44 pm.