

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 3rd 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

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March, N Downes and R Edney Twyford Cricket Club, T Toy, W Evans, G Pocock 1st Twyford Scouts

1. **Scouts –proposals for new headquarters.** The scout representatives outlined their proposals for a new headquarters building. They asked for clarification of the boundary position on the west side of the site as their lease refers to the centre line of the hedge, which is not a straight line. They were referred back to the TRCA as the lease is with them and requested to ask them if they were happy to leave the final decision on the boundary to the Parish Council as the landowners. It was felt a hedge or similar should be retained between the proposed building and KGVR. There was no objection to the Scouts applying for planning permission.
2. **Twyford Cricket Club – rent for use of Stanlake** The cricket club representatives gave details of running expenses for the club over the past 8 seasons and outlined the work they now undertake themselves, which was previously carried out by the Parish Council. In view of this they asked for the proposed rental to be reduced to take this into account. Comments noted for later discussion by members.
3. **Apologies-** R Mantel.
4. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-**none
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2004**
Proposed, Mrs G Wright seconded, Mr D Hymers. Agreed unanimously and signed.
6. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 6.1 Repairs to wooden climbing frame – permission now given by insurance company to proceed with repair.
 - 6.2 Circus and Fairs at Stanlake – Circus booking moved to KGVR and dates for fairs agreed.
 - 6.3 Security lighting at Stanlake pavilion -details of quote from SEC for two streetlights provided. More information requested on the light distribution of the fittings. Anti vandal paint requested. Proposed J Bowley, seconded G Wright that the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to install two street lights at Stanlake Pavilion at a cost up to £2500. Carried unanimously.
 - 6.4 Notice for car park in KGVR – quotes obtained and order placed.
 - 6.5 Tennis Club – details of temporary accommodation. Details shown to meeting. No objection to the proposal. The Tennis club have been in discussion with the Berks LTA regarding placing their regional office in the new pavilion when it is built. Up to 3 permanent staff would be present working 9 to 5. There was no objection to this proposal in principle.
 - 6.6 Training course for Dog Wardens – details provided to wardens. Waiting for reply.
 - 6.7 Notices about use of sprinklers on allotments prepared. To be erected when water is turned back on.
 - 6.8 Replacing dead trees at bottom of Millennium Garden. Order placed.

- 6.9 Contacting SE about fence around substation in KGVR – fence now repaired.
- 6.10 Cricket/football club –arrangements for fixtures. Proposal given to clubs who are agreeing arrangements between themselves.
- 6.11 Mower at Burial Ground. Details of quotations obtained provided. Proposed J Bowley, seconded D Hymers that the committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Full Council to spend £494 to purchase a new mower. Carried unanimously.
- 6.12 Advice on area at KGVR from Friends of Ruscombe Wood. Recommendations copied to members. To be put on agenda of next meeting.
- 7. Clerk and Village Ranger’s report on Parish Lands maintenance including-**
- 7.1 Report on work of the Village Ranger. Up to date on most minor jobs. He is working through the list of minor works required on Parish street lighting columns
- 7.2 Twycombe Lodge – installation of shower. Alternative quote obtained Proposed K. Hogg, seconded J. Robinson to **RECOMMEND** to the Full council to spend £350 on the installation of a shower supplied by the tenants. Carried unanimously.
- 7.3 The portable appliances at Stanlake pavilion have had their annual safety check carried out.
- 8. Allotments-**
- 8.1 Members have visited site and met allotment holders who are satisfied with current arrangements. A request was made for a portaloo on site. The Clerk to investigate costs.
- 9. Millennium Garden, Burial Ground Jubilee Corner & War Memorial**
- 9.1 Report on burials –Joan Pepperell 05.02.04 and John Keogh 19.02.04
- 9.2 Report on memorials- none
- 10. KGVR/ Stanlake Meadow**
- 10.1 The representations from the cricket club were reconsidered. Following discussion it was proposed by K Hogg seconded by G Wright to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that for the season 2004/5 the rental is reduced to £600 subject to annual review based on the number of matches played. (The club to provide proposed numbers to the Council in January each year). Carried unanimously.
- 11. CCTV**
- Report from the sub committee discussed. Two important points emerged. For a scheme to be effective good lighting levels will be required and the scheme will have to be monitored. Two companies have been short-listed. Agreed that details of the full costs associated with both quotes must be obtained before a recommendation can be made. M Stillman, B Rogers and the Clerk to meet with the short – listed companies to cost out the complete scheme requirements.
- 12. Skate Park**
- A site meeting has been arranged for 9th March. D Hymers and M. Stillman to attend.
- 13. Correspondence:** - None
- 14. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 31st March 2004**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.57 pm.