

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March.

- 1. Apologies-** Dr M Garrard
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda - none**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2004.** Correction made to date of next meeting. Proposed, Mrs G Wright seconded, Mr B Rogers. Agreed unanimously and signed.
- 4. Matters arising and action points**
 - 4.1 The Clerk to contact Mr Fort regarding clearing round the saplings in KGVR. Completed.
 - 4.2 The Clerk to write to the developers of 68 – 74 Wargrave Rd. Completed.
 - 4.3 The Clerk to ask the contractor to cut the grass on the rough areas in KGVR in August each year. Letter sent.
 - 4.4 The Clerk to obtain prices for tiling in the bathroom of Twycombe Lodge. Quotes obtained shown to meeting. The Clerk to obtain further clarification of prices. Quotes also obtained for painting exterior woodwork. The Clerk to obtain quotes for replacing with plastic.
 - 4.5 The Clerk to liase with the tenants and plumber regarding wiring and plumbing the shower in Twycombe Lodge. Waiting for tiling to be carried out.
 - 4.6 The Clerk to place order for new tennis nets. Completed.
 - 4.7 The Clerk to see how the golf notice at Stanlake can be repaired. New lettering on order.
 - 4.8 The Clerk to contact the Cricket Club regarding replacing their sign. Message sent and reply received read to meeting. Comets FC have also asked if they can have a notice put up at the entrance. The Clerk to obtain the price for a notice
 - 4.9 The Clerk to write to the NPFA regarding the skate park on KGVR. Letter sent. Reply received giving approval for construction. The Clerk to copy to TVCMI
 - 4.10 The Clerk to reply to 02 regarding a telecomm mast at Stanlake. Completed
 - 4.11 The Clerk to obtain prices for the removal of the fence in KGVR. Quotes obtained for removal and for re-fixing two sections to fill the gap in the Longfield Rd hedge. Acceptance of quote from B Clark for £774.41, proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr J Bowley, and carried unanimously. The Clerk to place order
- 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 children's climbing frame and other wooden units have been treated with wood preservative.
 - 5.2 Dog fouling enforcement – a meeting has been held with the Dog Wardens. They suggested additional notices on the railway boundary

fence and an additional waste bin by the car park entrance at Stanlake Meadow. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to spend £223 on an additional bin and notices with an additional annual emptying cost of £182.40. Carried unanimously.

- 5.3 Problems with tennis courts surface. The contractor has investigated and identified the problem is being caused by tree roots. His suggested solution is a concrete barrier wall in the ground around the tennis courts. The quoted price for this is £3560. The Clerk to make further inquiries regarding the position relating to the tree owners liability.
- 5.4 Repairs to Children's Play Area. The supplier of the damaged corkscrew climbing frame has inspected the site and quoted for repairs to this, other equipment and safety surfaces. Proposed by Mrs J Robinson, seconded by Mrs G Wright to carry out repairs to the corkscrew climber, the safety surface below it and to have the unit repainted at a cost of £1529. Carried unanimously. The Clerk to obtain alternative quotes for repairs to the other safety surfaces.
- 5.5 The weeds around the War Memorial need clearing. The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to do this.
- 5.6 The cricket club end of the storage shed at Stanlake has been broken into and their roller stolen. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for repairs to the damaged door.
- 6. Allotments-** The Clerk is still receiving enquiries for plots at Hurst Rd and there are only a few vacant ones left. These are all overgrown and some more clearing work may have to be carried out. The notice board has been erected at Hurst Rd. Collection of rents has been arranged for 26.09.04 at the Horticultural Society premises.

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

- 7.1 Report on burials – Cecil Gleed 12.07.04, William Hinton 21.07.04 and John Smith 26.08.04.
- 7.2 Memorials – AJ and M Hughes plot MM213. Permission granted 02.09.04.
- 7.3 Replacement benches at Jubilee Corner – they have now been delivered fixed in place and given a coat of preservative.

8. KGVR

- 8.1 Disability Act – implications on children's play area. Consideration given to the current position. The only immediate action thought to be necessary is to trim back the hedge adjacent to the path leading to the play area. The Clerk to obtain a price from the contractor and to speak to the access officer at WDC.
- 8.2 Work in NW corner. A letter has been received from the residents in Longfield Rd stating they do not want any work carried out on the hedge adjacent to Longfield Rd. Agreed the Clerk writes back to the residents confirming the council agree to this request. Work to be carried out on site by FORWOOD on 30.10.04 and 26.11.04. Quote to be obtained from BTCV for the plants required.
- 8.3 Sycamore tree by Youth Shelter. Part of the trunk has rotted. Mrs J Robinson to arrange for members of FORWOOD to inspect and advise if any action is required.

9. Stanlake Meadow

- 9.1 Enquiry regarding hire for a music event. Request from Mr Ben Sullivan put to meeting. In view of the likely size of the event more information is required. The Clerk to Contact Mr Sullivan to ask him what experience

he has in organising an event like this, how he proposes to run it and to confirm it would be restricted to local performers.

- 10. Schedule of Grounds Maintenance.** Deferred to next meeting, as more time is required to consider the details.
- 11. Rental Agreements** – Copies still being circulated to committee members for comment. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 12. CCTV** – A meeting has been held with T&RCA who have agreed to the placing of cameras and control equipment on their premises. Permission has been obtained to site a camera on the Youth Centre. The telephone extension for the connection to the monitoring station has been installed. A financial status check has been carried out by WDC. In their opinion it will be OK to place an order with this company. Satisfactory references have been received back from two customers listed by Securipol. Rachael Dolby of WDC has raised some points relating to image recording, which have been referred to Securipol for clarification. Financing for the scheme to be agreed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting prior to the Clerk placing the order for the civil works and CCTV scheme.
- 13. Skate Park** – nothing to report.
- 14. Correspondence: -**
 - 14.1 Letter from Mr Bounds to WDC – Noted.
 - 14.2 BBCTP training day 18th September – Noted.
- 15. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th October 2004**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05 pm.