

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 4th February 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

1. Apologies- Dr M Garrard, R Mantel.

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2004

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

4. Matters arising and action points

4.1 Repairs to wooden climbing frame – insurance claim made. More information requested by insurance company. The Clerk to reply.

4.2 Allotment fence adjacent to surgery – letter received, repairs to be put in hand

4.3 Security lighting at Stanlake –still waiting for quotes to be obtained.

4.4 Notice for Car Park in KGVR – draft shown and agreed with revision to wording. The Clerk to get sign made up and fitted.

4.5 Repair to footpath in KGVR – order placed. Contractor waiting for suitable weather.

4.6 Pike Smith and Kemp contacted. Letter sent by them to tenants advising them of their obligations. Inspection visit to be arranged.

4.7 Notice about use of sprinklers – draft shown and revised wording agreed. The Clerk to e-mail to D Hymers to get printed and encapsulated.

4.8 Meet the public 13th March - invite to allotment holders. Draft of notice shown to meeting and agreed

4.9 Replacing dead trees in Millennium Garden to be arranged for early spring. Quote from landscape contractor considered. Agreed to accept quote to plant two beech trees at a cost of £115

4.10 Contacting SE regarding fence around substation on KGVR – still to be arranged

4.11 Technical Advice from WDC regarding CCTV – reply received from Stephen Conway. Agreed to leave until have selected a short list from firms quoting.

4.12 Mower at Burial Ground – taken to Twyford Mowers who have said it is 12 years old and beyond economic repair. The Clerk to obtain prices for a suitable replacement.

4.13 Advice on area at KGVR from Friends of Ruscombe Wood. An initial inspection has been carried out and proposals will be sent to the Clerk.

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 sourcing some fencing from the Burial Ground to close the gap in the fence at KGVR. He has been issued with the list of minor works required on Parish street lighting columns

5.2 Twycombe Lodge – installation of shower. Alternative quotes have been requested, waiting for replies. The carpets have been replaced.

- 5.3 New enquiry for renting Stanlake by a fair discussed. Agreed the Clerk asks if the circus will move to KGVR and to try and accommodate the new enquiry from another fair so there are only three bookings at Stanlake. Letter from local residents regarding location of fairs/circus on Stanlake discussed. Agreed the Clerk replies stating every effort will be made to keep activities away from their properties depending on cricket fixtures and ground conditions. The Clerk to send the cricket club dates of bookings.
- 5.4 The Clerk has negotiated a settlement of the outstanding account for KGVR water usage. Thames Water will issue a credit. The problem regarding the meter at Stanlake is still outstanding and is being investigated by Thames Water.
- 5.5 The railway authority is replacing the boundary fence between the railway embankment and Stanlake Meadow.

6. Allotments-

- 6.1 The issue of outstanding rents for a number of allotments was discussed. Agreed that those allotments where rents remain outstanding can be offered to new enquirers if required.

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 The tennis club have submitted a planning application for a temporary building to use as a pavilion until they can rebuild. The Clerk to ask them what the appearance of this will be.

9. CCTV

Report given on the discussions held in the sub committee and the additional information requested to clarify various points in the quotes. Consideration is being given to leasing rather than outright purchase. The potential cost of additional work required is a cause of concern and needs careful consideration. The Clerk has contacted the crime prevention officer who is prepared to look at the schemes quoted to give a technical assessment on their suitability. Agreed to leave until have selected a short list from firms quoting.

10. Skate Park

The position regarding the latest letter received from Loddon Hall Management Committee was explained and various aspects relating to the proposal were discussed. Proposed By J Bowley seconded by J Robinson that M Stillman notifies all interested parties of the latest position regarding the location of the skate park in the light of this letter. Carried 6 for, 1 against.

11. Budget 2004/5

Further discussion was held on budget and final figures were agreed.

12. Correspondence:

- 12.1 Request from Scouts to lease a plot of land at Stanlake Meadow. Discussed - Proposed by D Hymers, seconded by G Wright to **RECOMMEND** to the Council that the Council does not wish to allow the Scouts to develop premises on this site. Carried 3 for 1 against 3 abstentions.
- 12.2 National Playing Fields Association – renewal of membership - Agreed

- 12.3 WDC - Dog Fouling Enforcement –training for staff. Agreed the Clerk asks the Dog Wardens if they will be prepared to attend a training course.
- 12.4 Round Table – 2003 Bonfire Carnival - noted
- 12.5 Letter from Thames Valley Police regarding local problems - noted
- 12.6 Letter from MP Teresa May regarding issues raised with police. – noted
- 12.7 Letter from Cricket Club regarding annual rent and clashes of fixtures with the football club at the start and end of the season. Agreed the Clerk writes to the Cricket Club about the rent for next season and explains how the figure was calculated. Clerk to inform the Cricket and Football Club that football fixtures will have to be arranged in September to fit round cricket fixtures and in April/1st Weekend in May the cricket matches will have to be fitted round the football fixtures.

13. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd March 2004

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.