

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Wednesday, 7th January at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr M Stillman, (Chairman), Mrs G Wright, Mrs J Robinson, Messrs D Hymers, R Mantel, J Bowley, K Hogg, B Rogers and Dr M Garrard
In attendance Clerk: Mr J March and one member of the press

- 1. Apologies-** None
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda-**none
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2003-**
Proposed, Mr D Hymers seconded, Mrs G Wright. Agreed unanimously and signed.
- 4. Matters arising and action points**
 - 4.1 Repairs to wooden climbing frame – quote obtained £2281 + vat. The Clerk to make claim on insurance
 - 4.2 Allotment fence adjacent to surgery – follow up letter sent waiting for reply from surgery.
 - 4.3 Security lighting at Stanlake –still waiting for quotes to be obtained.
 - 4.4 New Goal for Stanlake – this has been received and Comets are arranging for the sockets to be installed.
 - 4.5 Repair to footpath in KGVR – two quotes obtained. £100 to repair the subsidence in the footpath from Wargrave Rd. £800 to remove the broken paving slabs on the section from the children’s play area and replace with limestone scalping path to take the weight of fair lorries etc. Agreed just repair the subsidence and leave the paving slabs, as they are not in a dangerous condition.
 - 4.6 Use of permanent goals at Stanlake – the Clerk has spoken to the football clubs and they are not using them for training. The Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to move the net that has been fixed to one set to the other to try to even out the wear in the goalmouths.
 - 4.7 Quotes for allotment work – The Clerk has requested prices from the landscape contractor
 - 4.8 Contacting police about level of vandalism- The Clerk has written to Inspector Finch, Chief Constable and Teresa May MP. Reply from Inspector Finch read to meeting –noted.
 - 4.9 Replacing dead trees in Millennium Garden to be arranged for early spring. Quote requested from landscape contractor.
- 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. Have taken the opportunity to use the skip at the tennis club to dispose of various items of rubbish lying around the edges of KGVR.
 - 5.2 Car park area adjacent to KGVR in Wargrave Rd – this has now been repaired and bollards installed. The Clerk to arrange for a notice to be installed on the parking signs warning motorists about the narrow gap between the bollards.
 - 5.3 Replacement goals for KGVR. The cost for these has been recovered from the insurance company
 - 5.4 Twycombe Lodge – installation of shower. Alternative quotes have been requested.

5.5 Twycombe Lodge – The Clerk is having difficulty arranging a date to fit new carpets. The Clerk to try to arrange one more time and if this is unsuccessful to leave the existing carpets.

5.6 Twycombe Lodge – the tenants are leaving the interior in a very untidy state. The Clerk to contact Pike Smith and Kemp to arrange for them to speak to the tenants.

6. Allotments-

6.1 Use of sprinklers – Ian Simpson has been asked to speak to the London Rd tenants. Initial reactions are that they would not want to pay more rent to be able to use sprinklers. A letter has been sent to a selection of tenants at Hurst Rd. Replies received to date indicate the tenants do not want to pay higher rental. However, they have also indicated that some allotment users are leaving sprinklers running. The Clerk to put up a notice to remind allotment users that sprinklers are not allowed. Anyone found using a sprinkler to be billed for water usage. It was agreed that allotment holders will be invited to attend the next Meet the Public open morning on 13th March to discuss any points they wish to raise. The Clerk to add this to the notices on the notice boards.

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

7.1 Report on burials –none

7.2 Report on memorials- none

7.3 The grass in the Millennium Garden has a lot of moss in it. The clerk to ask the Ranger to have a look to see if he can take remedial action.

8. KGVR

8.1 Unused area between KGVR and Wargrave Rd car park. There has been a problem with youths digging out soil to make mounds for mountain bikes. The police have been asked to look in on this area. The Ranger has put the soil back and levelled the ground. One suggestion was that the fence between this area and KGVR could be removed and the area grassed and made part of KGVR. Members of the Friends of Ruscombe Wood have offered to provide advice and labour free of charge to make improvements to this area. Agreed they are asked to contact the Clerk to discuss this.

8.2 Tennis Club The Clerk has arranged WDC to provide a skip at a reduced charge to dispose of the rubbish from the pavilion fire.

8.3 Fence around electricity substation – The Clerk to contact SE and ask them to repair it.

8.4 Area by pedestrian entrance gate from Wargrave Rd. A muddy pothole has developed in the gateway. The Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to fill in and level the ground.

9. CCTV

Additional quotes have been obtained and further ones are due in the near future. After discussion it was agreed to set up a sub committee to look at the quotes and report back to the full committee. Sub- Committee members, Mrs G Wright, Messrs M Stillman, B Rogers, J Bowley and Dr M Garrard. The Clerk to copy quotes to sub-committee members. The Clerk to contact WDC to find out if they can provide technical advice on CCTV systems.

10. Skate Park

A letter has been received from Loddon Hall Management Committee giving permission to use the vacant area between Loddon Hall and the Youth Centre. After discussion it was proposed by Mr D Hymers and

seconded by Mrs G Wright to **RECOMMEND** to the council that the original recommendation agreed by them in September 2002 – “to proceed with applying for planning permission for a skate park and hard court area on KGVF” - is amended to change the location from KGVR to the area between Loddon Hall and the Youth Centre. Carried, 8 for with 1 abstention.

11. Budget 2004/5

Further discussion was held on the level of expenditure to date, the likely outcome to the end of the financial year and proposed projects for next year. Increases to the charges for sports clubs and use of council premises were discussed and agreed. Provisional figures for budget headings were agreed.

12. Correspondence:

None

13. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 4th February 2004

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 pm.