

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Stanlake Pavilion, Twyford on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.45pm.**

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

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March.

**Note:** Prior to the start of the formal meeting a discussion was held about the proposed skate park on KGVR between the committee members present and Ms T Collis WDC Youth Service, Ms D Jackman and Messrs T Knight and P Upward of Groundworks.

A number of issues were discussed including the level of support from local young persons for the project, who is responsible for managing the progress of the project and funding available. According to Groundworks the proposed project will cost about £140k. Funding secured to date is Land Fill Tax £30k, WDC section 106 £26k and a Lottery Bid is to be made for an addition £17k. T Collis indicated that up to £20k might be available from the Lottery Fund Youth Projects. Due to the large shortfall it is unlikely that the complete scheme can go ahead. Groundworks indicated they needed a firm commitment from the council for the scheme to be considered further. The Clerk gave details of a letter written to Groundworks in 2004 that gave permission from the Full Council for both a skate park and ball park with preference for a ball park if sufficient funds were not available for a complete project so no further action is required from the Parish Council at present. The Parish Council indicated that they are quite happy for the installation of a ballpark using the funds available but T Collis felt this would not meet the needs of the local youth. Groundworks indicated that due to the long time delay there is a risk that some of the existing funding might be allocated to another project. They agreed to have further discussions with WDC and come back to the Parish Council with a proposal.

1. **Public Questions** - none
2. **Apologies** - none
3. **Declaration of items of interest on the agenda** - none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006** –proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr R Mantel – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
  - 5.1 The Clerk to obtain prices for removal of the three oak trees and hay cuts in the proposed wild flower area at Stanlake Meadow. A second quote has been received from Aspects Gardening Services of £390 compared with the quote from another contractor of £1490. Agreed the Clerk places an order with Aspects.
  - 5.2 Mr R Mantel to arrange for artwork to be prepared for the Remembrance Day wreath. To be supplied in the near future.
  - 5.3 The Clerk to arrange for the lease for the Horticultural Society to be signed. Details supplied to the society and it is to be discussed at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July.
  - 5.4 The Clerk to make enquiries about grants towards the cost of updating the children's play area. The Clerk is in discussions regarding funding from Land Fill Tax or the Lottery Fund.
  - 5.5 The Clerk to ask the T Collis and D Jackman to attend the July meeting to discuss the skate park project. Completed.

- 5.6 The Clerk to ask the mobile phone mast consultant if he has considered Hurst Rd allotments as a possible site. Details provided and consultant to recommend this to Orange as the preferred location.
- 5.7 The Clerk to agree suitable goal posts for Stanlake with Comets and arrange their purchase. Waiting to hear from Comets.
- 5.8 The Clerk to obtain prices for an additional seat at Stanlake Meadow. Prices obtained for Glasdon Metro - £661 including delivery or for Urban Furnishing Anti Vandal Seat in black finish - £570 including delivery. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs G Wright to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to purchase the Urban Furnishing Seat at a cost of £570, to be allocated to capital expenditure. Agreed unanimously.
- 6. Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including:**
- 6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. All work up to date and everything in good order.
- 6.2 The Clerk has negotiated with Aspects for the minor hedge cutting and trimming work required at various locations as routine on-going maintenance. The prices obtained are lower than those from the previous contractor who has not responded to requests for information. Agreed the Clerk uses Aspects for this work and places a suitable contract with them.
- 7. Allotments**
- 7.1 Hurst Rd. A leak developed on one of the taps. Probably due to it being knocked. The Clerk has remade the joint and the water has been turned back on. The bottom of the gate nearest the station has rusted and the hinge has come away. The Clerk to get it checked to see if it can be repaired or if a new gate will be required.
- 7.2 London Rd. – nothing to report.
- 8. Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial**
- 8.1 Report on Burials – none
- 8.2 Report on Memorials – request for memorial for Mr Gleed. A revised specification has been received which complies with the regulations.
- 9. KGVR**
- 9.1 Skate Park. Nothing further discussed following above meeting prior to formal meeting.
- 9.2 Cleaning surface of tennis courts. Still waiting for contractor to inspect and quote.
- 9.3 Improvements to Children's Play Area - alternative quote obtained from CPM who are the suppliers of the Parkplay equipment quoted by Playground Facilities Ltd. Their quote based on the same specification as Playground Facilities is £19293 compared with Playground Facilities quote of £18356. Agreed the quote from Playground Facilities is accepted subject to the Clerk confirming the terms and conditions are acceptable. The order not to be placed until the Clerk has completed enquiries about grants towards the cost.
- 9.4 Hedge along footpath beside RC Church. A resident has complained that this is getting overgrown and blocking the path. There is not a contract to cut this hedge, as the council does not own it. The Clerk will ask the Ranger to trim back long items of growth. Agreed the Clerk writes to the residents in the properties adjacent to the path and asks them to trim their section of hedge. The Clerk to also point out the poor condition of the horse chestnut tree to the resident concerned.

**10. Stanlake Meadow**

10.1 Blocked drains. Once again there have been problems with the drains from one set of toilets. The Clerk and Ranger have managed to clear the blockage and the drains are now running freely.

10.2 Replace stile. Prices have been requested and to date only one quote has been received.

**11. Correspondence - none**

**12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.