

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 8th November 2006 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mrs J Robinson, and Mr J Fort from item 5.4.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March.

1. **Public Questions** - none
2. **Apologies** – Mr R Mantel and Mrs G Wright.
3. **Declaration of items of interest on the agenda** - none
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2006** – proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs J Robinson – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 5.1 The Clerk to reply to WDC about the school boundary fence. Completed.
 - 5.2 The Clerk to arrange for the small works contractor to trim the hedge beside the London Rd – Loddon Hall Rd footpath. Completed.
 - 5.3 The Clerk to find out the cost of a bench to match the others at Jubilee Corner. The cost of a Glasdon Stanford seat to match the existing is £724.75 delivered to site. Proposed Mrs J Robinson, seconded Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to purchase. Agreed unanimously.
 - 5.4 The Clerk to check to see if there is any action required by the council as a result of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. There are no significant implications that have an impact on the current method of operation. One possible option is to install bat boxes or bird nesting boxes at suitable locations. Agreed the Clerk to make further enquiries with the WDC Countryside Service.
 - 5.5 The Clerk to place the order to have the Millennium Garden flowerbed replanted and ask for spring flowering bulbs to be planted in it. Completed.
 - 5.6 The Clerk to Invite Mr Gilson of TVCMI to the Full Council Meeting. Completed.
 - 5.7 The Clerk to find out the cost to have the white lines repainted in Loddon Hall Car Park. Agreed to leave until after the repairs are carried out.
 - 5.8 The Clerk to review the need for an additional litterbin on KGVR with the Village Ranger. Discussed with the Ranger who feels it is not necessary. Agreed to take no further action.
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.
7. **Allotments**
 - 7.1 Hurst Rd. The Clerk has received a letter from the Horticultural Society regarding uncultivated plots. Agreed the Clerk replies detailing the action being taken.
 - 7.2 Discussion held on calls that have been received regarding the possibility of installing a mobile phone mast at the Hurst Rd site. The callers were told that the council has only responded to an enquiry from the consultants dealing with this and it is only one of several options being considered. The council is still waiting to hear from the consultants. Details of the consultants provided to the callers to enable them to make further enquiries.
 - 7.3 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 – none
 - 8.3 Disposal of rubbish from Burial Ground. There is no rubbish collection made from the church so when items such as plastic and oasis are left on graves it creates a problem disposing of them later. The Clerk is in discussion with the URC Church regarding leaving bags of rubbish by their dustbins for collection by WDC.

8.4 The shrubs at Jubilee Corner need pruning and the flower beds tidied up. The Clerk has obtained a quote from the small works contractor to carry this out at a cost of £85. Agreed the Clerk places the order for this to be carried out.

9. KGVR

9.1 Pedestrian Access Gates – discussion held and agreed that the existing gates are a suitable compromise as they are reasonably easy to open yet robust enough to take the daily wear they receive.

9.2 Broken roundabout in younger children's play area. The company asked to replace this unit has contacted the Clerk. There is a problem with taking the old unit apart, as the main fixing nut has been welded to the shaft. They will try to remove it but cannot guarantee to do so without damaging the fixing shaft. They have also expressed concern over the implications of replacing the unit on the size of the safety surface. They have received advice from the manufacturer that it should be enlarged although advice received by the Clerk from ROSPA is that it does not need any alteration. They have requested that the council confirms they are happy to proceed based on the advice received from ROSPA. Discussed and agreed the Clerk writes to them confirming that the council are happy for them to carry on with the repair.

9.3 Installation of new equipment in children's play area. The Clerk has received a reply from WDC regarding the Lottery grant application. Due to changes in the rules and the need to obtain more information the application has been delayed to March 2007 and any award will be not be made until June 2007. In addition the applications received are more than the amount allocated so there is no guarantee that any grant will be made to Twyford. The Clerk has received a reply from his application to the Awards for All section of the Lottery making an award of the amount requested of £9200. This has been paid direct to the bank account and expenditure has to be made within six months. Discussed and agreed that the Clerk places the order for the work to be carried out using the part funding from Awards for all and writes to WDC withdrawing the grant application. The expenditure of £18,356 + VAT was authorised at the Full Council meeting on 20th June. An alternative quote of £19,293 +VAT has been obtained from Clements Play Management for the same specification confirming value for money of the original quote.

9.4 Mr J Robinson informed the meeting that members of Friends of Ruscombe Wood will be carrying out a tidy up of the NW corner in the near future.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 Comets request to hire for Easter Soccer School – agreed.

10.2 Pavilion – a fault has occurred on one of the lighting circuits, which trips out the supply. As the lighting is needed for the nursery school the Clerk has arranged for SEC to come to identify and repair the fault.

11. Precept 2007/8 – initial discussions held on items to be included. Committee members asked to provide details of any additional items that they feel should be included.

12. Correspondence

12.1 Mr Bounds. A letter has been received raising several points relating to Stanlake Meadow. Agreed the Clerk replies to Mr Bounds, asks the Ranger to tidy up the gate area near Paddock Heights and contacts WDC regarding the path worn across the grass verge near the Broad Hinton roundabout.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th December 2006.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.