

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 6th June 2007 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr B Rogers and Mr R Mantel from item 5.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March.

1. Public Questions – none.

2. Apologies – Mrs K Peck.

3. Election of Chairman. Mr J Bowley proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers – elected unanimously.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr B Rogers proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr D Hymers – elected unanimously.

5. Declaration of interests in items on the agenda – none.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2007 – proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr B Rogers – approved 3 for, 1abstention.

7. Matters arising and action points

7.1 The Clerk to investigate how the surface of the car park at Stanlake Meadow can be cleaned. On-going. Some work carried out, waiting to see if this is successful.

7.2 The Clerk to check the insulation in Twycombe Lodge. A site visit has been made. There is no cavity insulation and only a nominal depth of loft insulation. The Clerk has obtained one quote for the installation of new insulation and is waiting for a second company to contact him.

7.3 The Clerk to obtain prices for the work at Twycombe Lodge. One price obtained and further contractors to visit and quote on Thursday 7th June.

7.4 The Clerk to obtain a price to clear and level space for more allotments at Hurst Rd. Prices obtained to clear the surface with a digger and cart away the rubbish. Alda Landscapes £2600+VAT and Simply Green Landscapes £3,335+VAT. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the quote from Alda Landscapes. Carried unanimously.

7.5 The Clerk to make enquiries about how far down the burial ground burials will be permitted. Details of information obtained from the Environment Agency relating to the extent of the flood plain and how near to this burials are permitted given to the meeting by the Clerk. No further action proposed at present.

7.6 The Clerk to arrange for the lines to be repainted on the tennis courts. Completed.

8. Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including:

8.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. All work up to date and everything in good order.

9. Allotments

9.1 Hurst Rd. Plots not being worked. The Clerk has carried out a site inspection and written to tenants who do not appear to be working their plots. As a result two persons have decided to give up and their plots have been offered to persons on the waiting list.

9.2 London Rd. Plot not being worked. The Clerk has carried out a site inspection and written to the tenant on the one plot that does not appear to be cultivated.

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

10.1 A meeting has been held with the church regarding signage for the Millennium Garden. The Clerk has asked WBC for permission to erect a sign on a post holding a parking restriction sign and received an application form to complete and return.

10.2 Report on Burials – none.

10.3 Report on Memorials -Leslie Edward Francis – additional inscription. Christopher George Saunders tablet on cremated remains plot.

11. KGVR

Skate Park – the Clerk has been notified about the proposed site investigation for contamination. He is waiting for the contractors to contact him to arrange access.

Children’s Play Area – ROSPA Safety Inspection. Nothing major reported. The Village Ranger is carrying out the small amount of remedial work required.

Fence between Scout HQ site and Polehampton Junior School. WBC has installed a new close-boarded fence along this boundary.

12. Stanlake Meadow

CCTV for security. The Clerk has had a site meeting with the Crime Reduction Officer who recommends the installation of CCTV cameras on the existing street lighting columns as the first priority. Agreed the Clerk to obtain prices for this.

Repairs to toilets. Following investigations of a report of water leaking from a toilet it was found that two cisterns are cracked. The Clerk has obtained prices to replace them. Turners £1016+VAT, J V Gigg £501.80+VAT. Agreed the Clerk to place an order with J V Gigg for this work to be carried out.

Comets request for a meeting – 4th July to discuss future use of Stanlake Pavilion.

Agreed. The Clerk to ask them to attend at the start of the meeting, which is being held in Stanlake Pavilion.

13. Correspondence -

Wokingham Biodiversity Forum – noted

Michael Baatz re Skate Park. The Clerk has replied. Noted. The Clerk to copy the letter and his reply to Cedric Gilson TVCMI and Nigel Shaw WBC

14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 4th July 2007 – at Stanlake Pavilion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.