

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.45pm.

**Present:** - Mr D Hymers (in the chair to item 5.5), Mr B Rogers (Vice-Chairman in the chair from item 5.5) Mrs K Peck ,Mr R Mantel and Mrs S Doughty.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March and 1 member of the public

**2. Apologies** – Mr J Bowley

**3. Declaration of interests in items on the agenda** – none.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007** – proposed Mrs S Doughty, seconded Mr R Mantel – approved 3 for, 1 abstention.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to obtain prices for the replacement of the kitchen at Twycombe Lodge.

Three companies have visited but in spite of chasing, to date only one quote has been received. The Clerk to chase up the outstanding quotes again.

5.2 The Clerk to speak to the church representatives about the proposed sign for the Millennium Garden. Completed – proposal agreed and sign ordered from WBC.

5.3 The Clerk to ask the Park Warden to concentrate his time at KGVR. Completed.

5.4 The Clerk to reply to the tennis club. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to arrange for the hasps on the cricket shed door to be replaced and obtain quotes for installing a security barrier. Quote obtained for installing a security barrier. £255 + VAT. The Clerk has been unable to make contact with a welder who can repair the hasps on the doors. However with a security barrier in place this will not be necessary. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs K Peck that the Clerk places the order for the installation of the security barrier. Carried unanimously.

5.6 The Clerk to place improvements to football facilities on the agenda of the September meeting. Completed.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. The Ranger has a minor accident. He tripped up after stepping over the low wall surrounding the patio at the rear of Loddon Hall. He fell onto the grass and grazed his forehead and nose. The incident has been recorded in the accident book and discussed with the Ranger to avoid it happening again. Otherwise everything else is in good order.

**7. Allotments**

7.1 Hurst Rd. The clearance work has been completed. 4 new plots have been marked out and all have been let to persons on the waiting list.

7.2 London Rd. A high water bill has been received for this site. The Clerk has checked the meter reading, which is correct. He has investigated on site and found one tenant who has an automatic watering device, which was left switched on. Tenants have been advised on a number of occasions that this is not permitted. Agreed the Clerk writes to the tenant to tell him to stop using the automatic watering device and bills him £116.15 towards the additional cost of water.

7.3 London Rd hedge adjacent to 131 London Rd. A site meeting has been held with the owner of the property who has asked if the hedge, which is very untidy with creepers etc, can be replaced with a fence. The Clerk has obtained a budget price to remove the hedge, which is £2000. To install a four-foot high chain link fence will cost about £375. The resident has indicated he may be prepared to make a contribution to improve the quality of the fence. Agreed committee members to have a look at the hedge prior to further discussion at the next meeting.

**8. Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial**

8.1 Report on Burials – Raymond Charles Sanderson and Margaret Smith

8.2 Report on Memorials D M Eldridge – additional inscription.

8.3 Mr Hymers has received a letter from a resident about the failure of the CCTV system at Jubilee Corner. Agreed the Clerk to make enquiries about when it will be repaired and inform the resident.

**9. KGVR**

Skate Park – the Clerk reported on the meeting that took place on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Final prices are being obtained to install both the ball and skate parks. WBC requires the parish council to complete a certificate of title to comply with the requirements of the Lottery Grant. This has to be certified by a solicitor. Agreed the Clerk to ask WBC if their legal department can carry this out and if not if they will pay the cost of employing a solicitor. Children's play area. The new roundabout is now correctly installed and the top bearings on the new swings in the younger persons area have been replaced.

Children's play area. During a recent inspection it was noted there is no seat in the older children's section and parents sit on the log roll. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs K Peck that the Clerk arranges the installation of a new seat to match the seats in the younger persons section for an amount not exceeding £750. Carried unanimously.

Twycombe Lodge patio door. The hinges on the door have broken and replacement hinges cannot be obtained. The Clerk has obtained a quote from Style for £1190+VAT to replace the patio door. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs K Peck to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to replace the door. Carried unanimously.

**10. Stanlake Meadow**

Improvements to football pitches and changing facilities. The Clerk has spoken to Agricultural Estates and obtained budget prices for the various items of work that could be carried out to improve the pitches. These were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk contacts Comets asking them if they will be prepared to make any contributions to the costs and to consider the implications of pitches not being available whilst the work is carried out.

**11. Correspondence** - none.

**12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm.