

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 5th December 2007 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman) Mr D Hymers, Mr R Mantel, Mrs K Peck and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Miss C La Trobe.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2007 – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr D Hymers – approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to order a set of net supports. Completed

5.2 The Clerk to place the order for repairing the Burial Ground fence. Completed.

5.3 Mr J Bowley and the Clerk to inspect the Hurst Rd allotments and the Clerk to write to tenants with unkempt plots. Inspection made and letter sent to offending tenants.

5.4 Mr D Hymers to reply to the Horticultural Association letter. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to check if Nigel Shaw has informed schools about the proposed work to install the skate park. E-mail sent and discussed with Nigel Shaw.

5.6 The Clerk to write to Nigel Shaw about painting the Skate Park components. Completed and discussed.

5.7 The Clerk to arrange for the tennis court to be treated with moss killer and reply to the tennis club. Moss cleaned off under guarantee by the contractor who cleaned the courts and tennis club e-mailed.

5.8 The Clerk to liase with the Cricket Club regarding the installation of a concrete practice strip and net storage box. Completed.

5.9 The Clerk to reply to Comets letter and ask them to provide information on regulations relating to the length of grass. Completed. Reply received read to meeting. Agreed to delegate the decision if the grass needs cutting to the Clerk. The council's contractor to be used and the council will pay the additional cost compared with the Comets using their own contractor. The Clerk to inform Comets.

6. Precept – proposed figures for expenditure and income discussed and agreed.

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

7.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. Everything is in good order with all maintenance items up to date.

The fence adjacent to the burial ground boundary which was leaning over has been straightened up by the ranger and Clerk but the posts will need additional supports so the Clerk has asked the contractor who carried out the other repair on the fence to quote for this work.

A new tenancy agreement has been signed for Twycombe Lodge for 1 year from Nov 07. The managing agents have carried out an inspection and they are satisfied with the current condition.

The hedge on the Waltham Rd boundary of Stanlake Meadow has a number of gaps in it that are more noticeable now the vegetation has died back. Agreed the Clerk seeks advice on the best way to reinstate the hedge.

8. Allotments

8.1 Hurst Rd. Nothing more to report.

8.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

9.1 Report on Burials – none.

9.2 Report on Memorials -none.

10. KGVR

Skate Park – the Clerk has spoken to WBC about the problems created by the landfill on the site. He has obtained a drawing showing a possible alternative location for the ballpark if these problems cannot be resolved. Discussed and agreed that the ballpark should remain in the original agreed and approved position. The Clerk to inform WBC. The proposal for CCTV mentions ambient lighting at all times. Concern was expressed about possible health and safety implications and complaints about noise and light pollution. The Clerk to inform Groundworks that the CCTV scheme must be designed to work at low light levels without ambient lighting.

Mr G Robinson has asked to complete the layering of the hedge on the boundary of his property, half of which was completed last year. Agreed.

11. Stanlake Meadow

11.1 Notices on pavilion to say balls must not be kicked against the walls. Discussed and agreed to keep a watching brief but take no action at this time.

Car parking for football matches. The Clerk has corresponded with Comets about the problem caused by cars parking in Waltham Rd. The Comets have been asked to come up with a solution. Agreed to wait to hear from Comets.

12. Correspondence

Footpath beside Roman Catholic Church. A resident in Sycamore Drive has raised concerns about the overgrown state of their neighbour's hedge on the boundary of this footpath. Agreed the Clerk writes to the resident asking him to have the hedge cut back and offering to arrange for the council's contractor to do if the resident agrees to pay the cost.

Wokingham Biodiversity Forum – Guidance on the implications of the NERC Act 2006 – noted.

13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.