TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 6th February 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman) Mr D Hymers, Mr R Mantel, Mr B Rogers, Mrs K Peck, Ms S Doughty and Miss C La Trobe.
In attendance Clerk: Mr J March

1. **Public Questions –** Mr T Fort from the Cricket Club asked about the proposal to carry out remedial work on the football pitch. He is concerned about the effect this will have on the cricket outfield, which means they will not be able to play matches. Agreed the Clerk contacts Comets regarding the possibility of carrying out the work in the autumn or just carrying out the weed treatment in the spring.
2. **Apologies –** None
3. **Declaration of interests in items on the agenda –** None.
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2008 –** proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Ms S Doughty – approved unanimously.
5. **Matters arising and action points**

The Clerk to obtain prices for layering the hedge on the Waltham Rd boundary of Stanlake Meadow. The Clerk has had difficulty finding contractors who can carry this out. Price obtained from R Girdler £10,020. The work cannot be carried out until after 1st October. The Clerk has also written to C Leeke asking for a price. If the work is to go ahead the advice from the contractor is not to cut the top of the hedge between now and then. Agreed the Clerk instructs the hedging contractor not to cut the top of this hedge.

The Clerk to investigate setting up an account at Travis Perkins in Woodley. Forms obtained and being completed.

The Clerk to contact WBC again about having the bench adjacent to the Hurst Rd allotments cleaned. WBC contacted.

The Clerk to arrange for the pitches at KGVR to be rolled. Order placed. Waiting until the ground is suitable.

The Clerk to speak to the cricket club about the work to be carried out on the football pitch. Completed. Discussed under Public Questions.

The Clerk to prepare a notice about dog fouling. Completed. The Clerk has been contacted about dogs not kept under proper control. Agreed the Clerk asks the Park Warden to look out for this and speak to the owners.

Mrs K Peck to encapsulate the dog fouling notices. Completed.

The Clerk to speak to the Park Warden about enforcement of penalties for dog fouling and the use of high visibility jackets. Completed. High visibility jacket purchased.

The Clerk to reply to Comets about the various items raised by them relating to Stanlake Meadow. Completed.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. Everything is in good order with all maintenance items up to date. More tidying up is being carried out on the banking in the Burial Ground.

7. **Allotments**

7.1 Hurst Rd. There have been a number of new enquiries so most of the vacant plots have been re-let.

7.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

8.1 Report on Burials – Kathleen Hayes 31.01.08

8.2 Report on Memorials -none.

8.3 Burial Charges from 01.04.08. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mrs K Peck that all charges be increased by 5%. Carried 6 for, 1 against.

8.4 There are now only 5 new full burial plots left. Agreed the Clerk puts the extension of the Burial Ground on the March agenda

9. KGVR

9.1 Skate Park – details relating to planning meeting on 25th January regarding alterations to specification circulated to committee members. Discussion held on the proposed changes to the scheme in particular the landscape proposals and the number of trees to be planted. Proposed by Mrs K Peck, seconded by Miss C La Trobe to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the revised landscaping and tree planting proposals as detailed in Groundworks drawing no GWK/LD815/02B Revision C dated Jan 08. Carried 5 for. 1against and 1 abstention. Discussion then held on the costs associated with providing lighting. Agreed the Clerk informs WBC that the Parish Council require lighting to be provided to a level that will meet Health and Safety Regulations when the area is in use. As previously agreed the lighting columns are to be the fold down type and the time control for the lighting is to be situated in the switch room at Loddon Hall so the Parish Council can control it. Agreed the proposed bench seating on the outside of the Youth Shelter can be omitted to reduce costs. The Clerk to inform WBC.

9.2 Play Area – agreed Senior Citizens play area be put on the March agenda.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 Request by Cricket Club to install a storage container. The club would like to install a container similar in size to the one at the Scout HQ on the edge of the field near the car park entrance gate to store sightscreens and other items of equipment. It will be partly shielded by existing hedging. Proposed by Mrs K Peck, seconded by Ms S Doughty to grant permission for a container to be sited on Stanlake Meadow in the proposed location with the entrance door facing the car park entrance gate. Carried 4 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

11. Key Holder Records. Agreed the Clerk and Chairman draw up a form for key holders to sign when keys are issued and a register is maintained for all keys issued in future.

12. Correspondence - None

13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 5th March 2008.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.