

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman) Mr D Hymers, Mr R Mantel, Mr B Rogers, And Ms S Doughty.

In attendance Clerk: Mr J March, Mr N Shaw WBC.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – Mrs K Peck and Miss C La Trobe.

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2008 – proposed Ms S Doughty, seconded Mr R Mantel – approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

The Clerk to speak to Comets about the work to be carried out on the football pitch. Completed and revised proposals received. Discussed under item 10.1

The Clerk to instruct the hedging contractor to leave the top of the Waltham Rd hedge at Stanlake Meadow uncut. Completed.

The Clerk to speak to the Park Warden about warning owners who do not keep their dogs under proper control. Completed.

The Clerk to put extension of the Burial Ground on the March agenda. Completed.

The Clerk to inform WBC about the various decisions relating to the Skate Park project. Completed.

The Clerk to put Senior Citizens play area on the March agenda. Completed.

The Clerk to inform the Cricket club about the location of a storage container. Completed.

The Clerk and Chairman to prepare a key holders form and the Clerk to maintain a register of key holders for all keys issued in future. 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. Some overgrown areas at the Hurst Rd allotments have been strimmed.

6.2 St Mary's Church have asked for an additional sign to fit on the church pointing to Millennium Garden. The Clerk has priced up a sign and following agreement from the church to pay for its cost of £40.53 inc VAT has ordered it. Agreed the Parish Council will bear the cost.

6.3 The Clerk has received a request from the contractor who will be rebuilding the footbridge on the station to use the spare space at the top of the Hurst Rd allotment site for storage. A site meeting has been arranged to discuss the proposal. Agreed the Clerk can give approval for this subject to receiving confirmation that allotment parking will not be prevented and any damage will be repaired.

7. Allotments

7.1 Hurst Rd. The Clerk has received a quote to repair the gate. It was agreed to take no action until the outcome of the site meeting in point 6.3 is known.

7.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

8.1 Report on Burials – David Hawkes 15.02.08.

8.2 Report on Memorials - Walter and Lucy Long 11.02.08.

8.3 Extension to Burial Ground. Possible options discussed. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Ms S Doughty that the committee **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that burials in the burial ground continue beyond the beech hedge. Carried 3 for, 2 abstentions.

9. KGVR

9.1 Skate Park – update from Nigel Shaw – details circulated on e-mail. At the invitation of the Chairman Mr Shaw summarised the current position and gave details of the costs

for the proposed lighting scheme. The budgeted figure of £8K will only cover the cost of installing ducts and cables to all lighting column positions. A further £27K will have to be provided to complete the installation of the lighting. Proposed by Ms S Doughty, seconded by Mr R Mantel to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the scheme goes ahead without the lighting columns being installed on the understanding that cabling is installed to all lighting column positions and that the project consortium intends to complete the lighting installation in the future. Carried 4 for, 1 against.

Mr Shaw then explained the options to overcome the lack of funding required to overcome the problem on the ball court base created by the presence of land fill. The various proposals were discussed. Proposed by Ms S Doughty, seconded by Mr R Mantel to agree to relocate the ball park with revised positions, in order of preference, of: (1) In front of the north side of the children's play area with the long side parallel to the footpath. (2) With the same orientation on the other side of the footpath adjacent to the original position. (3) In the same position as 2 but turned through 90° so the long side is parallel to the footpath running east to west across the field. Proper justification to be provided by WBC if option (1) cannot be implemented. Carried 4 for, 1 abstention. The phasing of the installation was then discussed. The relocation of the ballpark will require an amendment to the existing planning approval, which may create a delay. Mr Shaw suggested that if this happens the skate park is installed first followed by the ballpark. Proposed by Ms S Doughty, seconded Mr R Mantel to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to agree that if necessary the skate park is completed first and the ballpark is completed afterwards. Carried. For 3 against 2.

9.2 Twycombe Lodge – replacement kitchen. The kitchen installation has been completed and Mr J Bowley and the Clerk have carried out an inspection to confirm it is satisfactory.

9.3 Senior Citizen outdoor fitness area. Deferred, as Miss C La Trobe who raised this was not present at the meeting.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 Remedial work on football pitch. The cricket club and football club have had discussions and obtained an alternative proposal for remedial work from SCS Landscape Management. Both clubs like the proposed work and timescale. The cost of the minimum work recommended of £1386 is similar to the original costs obtained from Agricultural Estates of £1245 (July 07) although the work is slightly different. Agreed the Clerk arranges for the work to be carried out by SCS subject to receiving confirmation from both the cricket and football club that the proposed work and timetable is acceptable.

10.2 Attempted break in to cricket shed. An attempt has been made to force the door open. The newly fitted security bolt prevented this but the door lock was damaged and has been replaced by the Village Ranger.

11. Correspondence

11.1 WBC – Youth Shelter Light. The Clerk has replied. – Noted.

11.2 Request to hire one of the recreation grounds for softball. The Clerk gave details of the request and the size of pitch required. Agreed the Clerk can discuss the possibility of establishing a pitch on KGVR subject to it not interfering with the football pitches and matches.

11.3 Letter from Mrs Leavey requesting clearance of hedge trimming from her property adjacent to the footpath from London Rd to Loddon Hall Rd. The Clerk to reply indicating it is not on Parish Council property and she should liaise with her neighbour regarding its removal.

11.4 Letter from Yellow Brick Nursery regarding the increase in rent. The Clerk to acknowledge and put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th April 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.