

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr B Rogers, 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. Election of Chairman. Mr J Bowley proposed by Mrs K Peck, seconded by Mr D Hymers. No other nominations. Elected by a unanimous vote.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman. Mr B Rogers proposed by Mr J Bowley, seconded by Mr R Mantel. No other nominations. Elected by a unanimous vote.

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

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2008 – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded – Mr D Hymers and approved unanimously.

7. Matters arising and action points

The Clerk to obtain prices for repairing the damaged kerbs and replacing all the kerbs in Loddon Hall car park. Waiting for quote.

The Clerk sign and return the agreement for use of land at Hurst Rd allotments. Completed.

The Clerk to reply to the cricket club. Completed.

The Clerk to reply to the resident about the Pensioners Play Area. Completed.

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

8.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. Everything is in good order with all maintenance items up to date. The new mower has been purchased.

8.2 Clerk's report. Vandals have broken down a length of the wooden fencing inside KGVR adjacent to the Longfield Rd entrance. It is not a boundary fence but was erected to divert pedestrians from walking across the middle of the field. Agreed not to replace the broken section and see what happens. The Ranger is on holiday from 16th to 30th June. The burial ground and playground grass will require cutting during this period. Agreed the clerk asks the small works contractor, Aspects, to do this. Arrangements have been made to clean Stanlake Pavilion when the cleaner is on holiday. A large branch has been broken off a tree on the Waltham Rd boundary of Stanlake Meadow and is lying in the ditch. It is too large for the village ranger to cut up and remove. Agreed the Clerk arranges for a contractor to do this.

9. Allotments

9.1 Hurst Rd. – The Chairman and the Clerk have made a site inspection. Various tenants have been written to regarding the condition of their plots.

9.2 London Rd. One plot has become vacant which will be let to the first person on the waiting list.

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

10.1 Report on Burials – None.

10.2 Report on Memorials - None

10.3 Burial of cremated remains. The Clerk has been asked if more than one set of cremated remains can be interred in a cremated remains plot. At present the Burial Ground rules do not allow this although according to undertakers other cemeteries do. Agreed in principle that this will be allowed in future but the charges to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.

10.4 The paving on Jubilee Corner needs weeding and the slabs need cleaning. The Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to weed and obtain a price for pressure washing.

11. KGVR

11.1 Skate Park – steady progress has been made on the installation. The bases are due to have the tarmac installed. The clerk has noticed that the mounds at the end of the

skate park are steep on one side and will be difficult to mow. Agreed the Clerk to contact WBC and ask for the grading to be made shallower. The Clerk to obtain details about a ROSPA post installation inspection to be made prior to hand over to the Parish Council.

11.2 Insurance cover needs to be arranged for the skate park. Agreed the Clerk to obtain a price for insurance to cover the equipment cost.

11.3 Offer for Skate Park opening ceremony. An individual has contacted the Clerk offering the services of his son's band for an opening ceremony. The Clerk has discussed this with the Youth Worker. Agreed that that an opening ceremony will be a good idea. The Clerk to ask the Youth Worker to prepare a proposal and let the Parish Council have details for approval.

11.4 Request from Round Table to use for Bonfire Carnival on 25th October. Agreed

11.5 The tree adjacent to the footpath near the Youth Shelter has deteriorated further. Agreed the Clerk to obtain a price to have it removed.

11.6 Tennis Club replacement nets. The club have obtained a price for replacement nets of £80 + VAT plus £14 +VAT for adjusters. Agreed the Clerk speaks to the club about the number required and arranges for them to be purchased.

12. Stanlake Meadow

12.1 Various points raised by the cricket club (a representative of the club came to the meeting). The representative asked the committee to reconsider their decision not to allow the cricket club to let other clubs hire the facilities when they are not using them. This will help meet the large expenses they have incurred recently. They will be responsible for opening and closing the premises. As they bear the cost of maintenance of the cricket field they do not think it is reasonable to allow others to use the facilities and pay the rental to the parish council. Various problems relating to administration arrangements and insurance cover were discussed. A possible compromise arrangement was discussed where the cricket club allow others to use the facilities and pay a rental fee to the parish council for use of the pavilion and to the cricket club for use of the field and equipment. All users must let the parish council have sight of their public liability insurance policy prior to hire. The Clerk to draft a letter detailing the arrangements discussed. The club also asked about using the pavilion for a few times on weekday evenings during term time for youth team matches. The problems with security of the nursery school equipment were discussed. Agreed that the cricket club contact the nursery school direct to try to come to an informal arrangement.

12.2 Request from Yellow Brick to use grass area. The nursery school has asked permission to fence off and use an area of the grass adjacent to the existing outside play area. This is in a corner of the field not used by others. Agreed in principle subject to details about maintenance being agreed and changes to the wording of the hire contract. The Clerk to ask the nursery school to send in a drawing showing the proposed area.

12.3 Request from circus to hire in 2009. Agreed.

13. Correspondence - None

14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9th July 2008 at Stanlake Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.