

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mrs K Peck, Ms S Doughty, Mr C Tennant and Mr R Mantel from item 10.

In attendance: Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies – None

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr C Tennant – and approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to obtain prices for trimming trees in the Burial Ground and Loddon Hall Car Park. Loddon Hall £40, Burial Ground £300, Agreed to proceed with the work at Loddon Hall and budget for the work at the burial ground to be carried out next financial year. The Clerk to write to the resident who owns the tree adjacent to Loddon Hall car park and obtain agreement for the work to be carried out.

5.2 The Clerk to obtain a price for repairing the ventilation system in Stanlake Pavilion. Site visit made and quote given £400 for a days work to investigate and repair as much of system as possible. There may be additional costs depending on what is found. Agreed the Clerk to arrange for the work to be carried out.

5.3 The Clerk to obtain price for overlaying the broken slabs in the footpath on KGVR. Quote obtained from Balfour Beatty who carried out the repairs in Loddon hall car park. The path will have to be removed, a new base laid and then a tarmac surface installed. Cost £1812.90 + VAT. Proposed Mrs K Peck seconded Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council that the order is placed for this work to be carried out.

5.4 The Clerk to arrange for the water heater at Stanlake pavilion to be checked and adjusted. Adjustment not possible so a mixer valve has been installed and the system is now working correctly.

5.5 The Clerk to purchase two replacement heaters for Stanlake Pavilion. Carried forward. To be installed when Nursery School are on their Christmas break.

5.6 The Village Ranger to investigate making the gate on the KGVR entrance from Hermitage Drive quieter. New rubber stops to be purchased and installed.

5.7 The Clerk to resolve the issue of trimming the hedge at the NE corner of KGVR. Discussions held with WBC who have agreed to cut hedge and to try and establish the ownership of this hedge.

5.8 The Clerk to contact Fields in Trust about use of land in KGVR to build changing rooms. Reply received indicating they support this proposal. Agreed the Clerk contacts the football clubs to see what they would like before taking this any further. Councillors to look at the site.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. No outstanding issues requiring attention. He is installing log roll along the banking on the boundary of the Burial Ground to retain the earth.

6.2 Clerk's report. The contractor carrying out the hedge layering at Stanlake has reported some vandalism. The Clerk has reported this to the police. The contractor has also pointed out that he has found a lot more dead areas than were apparent when he originally inspected so some additional planting will be required. He will provide a quote for this when he has completed the layering. Following discussions with Mr J Bowley he has also arranged for a quote from Beechwood Tree Care to remove an Ash tree that is blocking the ditch and cut back the stump of another tree. Price to fell tree £375 + VAT and cut back stump £97.50 + VAT. Following discussion it was

agreed to place the order to have the tree felled but to leave the stump as it will be better if this is removed completely with a digger rather than just cut back. When the hedge has been layered it should be cut with a reciprocating cutter rather than flailed. The Clerk has requested a price for this from the hedging contractor. The Clerk has received a report from the Nursery School about mud on the surface of the car park adjacent to Stanlake Pavilion. Discussion held and agreed that no action be taken as this is inherent in the construction of the car park surface as the stones have gaps in them to allow grass to grow. The underlying car park base is sound and does not create any risk.

7. Allotments

7.1 Hurst Rd. – Vacant plots being offered to persons on waiting list. There are enough plots to clear the current waiting list for new plots. Two rents outstanding.

7.2 London Rd. –All rents paid – no vacancies.

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

8.1 Report on Burials – Colin Hawkes 27.10.08

8.2 Report on Memorials – None

9. KGVR

9.1 Skate Park update – there are still a number of outstanding items that need resolving urgently. The contractor has come back and made good the trenching where the CCTV cable was laid. The Clerk has noted some frozen patches on the skate park tarmac surface, which create a hazard. The Clerk to take photographs if this re-occurs. The CCTV camera is due to be installed on Friday 5th December. A meeting is being arranged to progress the outstanding items.

9.2 Replacement of multi-log unit in children's play area. – The sub-committee reported that the log unit is very popular and therefore they have had a meeting on site to see what can be installed to provide similar facilities. They are waiting for recommendations.

9.3 Fly tipping on area adjacent to Wargrave Rd Car Park. Some replies received and dealt with. No further action required at present.

9.4 Wargrave Rd entrance – brick piers. When the Ranger cleared the ivy from these he found the pointing is coming out between the bricks and some repair work is required. Agreed to budget for this to be carried out in the next financial year.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 Damage to storage shed. Vandals have climbed on the roof, pushed it in and tried to remove the roof covering sheets. They did not gain entry. The clerk has reported this to the police. The original supplier is no longer in business so the Clerk has arranged for a local contractor to inspect the damage. He has advised that if the roof is pushed back up he can weld in additional cross members to support it. The Clerk has managed to push it out using a hydraulic jack and is arranging for the strengthening work to be carried out.

11. Waltham Chase Toddler Park. WBC have contacted the Clerk and requested a meeting to discuss this. Discussion held on the condition of this area and possible use. It was also suggested that consideration be given to taking over the nearby older children's play area. Agreed that Mr J Bowley and Mr D Hymers have a meeting with WBC. The Clerk to arrange a meeting at a suitable time.

12 Correspondence –

12.1 Query about possible hire of area for dog Flyball Discussion held on the possible effect on other users and the space available. Proposed that the Clerk contact the enquirers to obtain more information. 3 for, 3 against. The Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the Clerk making more enquiries.

13. Precept 2009-10. Further discussion held on expenditure and some minor amendments made. Proposed charges for use of facilities agreed.

14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th January 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.