

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** - Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mrs K Peck, Mr B Rogers and Mr R Mantel.

In attendance: Clerk .

**1. Public Questions** – None

**2. Apologies** – Mr C Tennant and Ms S Doughty.

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr B Rogers. Approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to purchase two replacement heaters for Stanlake Pavilion. The Clerk has made various enquiries to find suitable heaters as the nursery school are concerned about the surface temperature of the existing heaters following an incident where a child received a burn. Mrs Wilkinson has reported difficulty in getting the premises up to an acceptable temperature due to the long spell of cold weather. The Clerk has discussed this with Mr J Bowley and Mrs Wilkinson has been authorised to spend up to £100 on temporary heaters to alleviate this problem. Mrs Wilkinson is going to speak to an electrician to get advice and the Clerk has arranged for Southern Electric Contracting to visit and make recommendations.

5.2 The Clerk to contact the owner of the tree adjacent to Loddon Hall car park to obtain permission for it to be trimmed. Letter sent. No reply received but the owners have trimmed the tree themselves.

5.3 The Clerk to place the order for repair work on Stanlake Pavilion ventilation system. Initial visit made by contractor. Numerous faults found. Some repaired and quotes to be provided for dealing with the remainder.

5.4 The Clerk to contact the football clubs about their request for changing rooms. Letters sent to both clubs. No replies received to date.

5.5 The Clerk to place the order for the tree in the ditch adjacent to Stanlake Meadow to be felled. Tree felled waiting for stump to be cut back.

5.6 The Clerk to take photographs of the frozen patches on the skate park surface when they re-occur. Photographs taken and sent to WBC.

5.7 The Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss the Waltham Chase play area. Completed.

5.8 The Clerk to obtain more information about dog Flyball. Information requested.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. Routine maintenance being carried out. No outstanding issues requiring attention.

6.2 Clerk's report. The contractor has completed relaying the path in KGVR.

**7. Allotments**

7.1 Hurst Rd. – Vacant plots being offered to persons on waiting list. Rents outstanding have been followed up. The hedge on the southern boundary has been trimmed.

7.2 London Rd. –nothing to report.

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

8.1 Report on Burials – Dorothy Sylvia Parry 15.12.08

8.2 Report on Memorials – None

**9. KGVR**

9.1 Skate Park - Funding for completion of landscaping. At the progress meeting held with WBC it was reported that the post installation safety report has been completed and the contractor has been requested to correct the defects identified. WBC also reported that there are insufficient funds left to complete the project. This means that the landscaping cannot be carried out. An estimate for this was provided by WBC for £5671 Following discussion it was proposed by Mr B Rogers to **RECOMMEND** to the

Full Council that the Parish Council pays for the required landscaping to complete the project at a cost not exceeding £6000. Seconded by Mrs K Peck. Carried 3 for. 1 against and 1 abstention. The Clerk to contact the landscaping contractor to obtain an estimate.

9.2 Mr Hymers reported that the bolts holding the fencing around the ballpark are starting to rust. The Clerk to investigate and report to WBC.

9.3 Mr Hymers also reported there is a loose bolt on the top right hand corner of the main ramp. The Clerk to report to WBC.

9.2 Replacement of multi-log unit in children's play area. – The sub-committee are still waiting for recommendations from suppliers.

#### **10. Stanlake Meadow**

10.1 Broken tap on kitchen sink in pavilion. The thread on the handle has stripped and the whole tap has to be replaced. It is a special type of mixer tap and has had to be ordered from the manufacturer.

10.2 Yellow Brick Nursery agreement. The revised agreement has been signed and returned. A slight alteration has been made to the condition relation to inspection of the premises, which was agreed. The basis of the annual rent review was also queried. Agreed to wait until the rent for 2009/10 is notified to the nursery as the basis for the increase can be explained then.

10.3 Mr Hymers pointed out that the hedging work has opened up the adjacent area inside the field that was previously overgrown. Agreed that as much of this as possible should be mown. The Clerk to speak to the mowing contractor.

**11. Waltham Chase Toddler Park.** Mr D Hymers reported on the meeting held with WBC. The existing older children's' play area is large enough to take play items for younger children and WBC are considering installing some. The ground in the unused younger persons play area is very wet and land drainage will be required to improve it. Mr Hymers mentioned the possibility of installing fitness equipment for adults and WBC said they would also consider this for the older children's area if there is sufficient space. In view of these points it was agreed the Parish Council would not take over this area. The equipment and fencing will be removed and the area allowed to return to grass. Councillors to monitor the situation to confirm younger persons' play equipment is installed by WBC.

#### **12 Correspondence – none**

**13. Precept 2009-10.** No changes made to figures agreed at last meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.