

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 4th March 2009 at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Clerk.

1. Public Questions – none

2. Apologies – Mr R Mantel, Ms S Doughty and Mr C Tennant

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr B Rogers. Approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to obtain proposals for updating the heating and controls at Stanlake Pavilion. Meeting held with contractor. Waiting for quote.

5.2 The Clerk to obtain an estimate for repairing the water pipe at Hurst Rd allotments. Completed see item 7.1

5.3 Mrs K Peck to speak to WBC about watering for the trees on the skate park landscaping. Completed. Watering can be arranged by the landscaping contractor if required. This should only be necessary if there is a prolonged spell of hot weather.

5.4 The Clerk to speak to the Youth Worker about painting the skate park. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to obtain quotes for installing a gate in the Longfield Rd boundary of KGVR. Completed. See item 9.3.

5.6 The Clerk to put proposal for changing rooms on KGVR on the agenda of the March meeting for discussion. Completed.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. All routine work up to date. He has completed the installation of log roll in the Burial Ground to hold back the banking.

6.2 Clerk's report. Arrangements have been made for the repair of the ventilation in Stanlake Pavilion. Ruscombe PC have queried why their residents are no longer able to rent allotments in Twyford. The Clerk has replied explaining the current situation. Details have been received about an "Adopt a Garden" scheme to overcome the shortage of allotments. The Clerk has asked if WBC will be setting up a scheme in the borough.

7. Allotments

Hurst Rd. Leak on feed pipe. Osbornes have repaired the leak on the pipe. A quote has been obtained from Turners who replaced the other supply pipe. To supply and install a new pipe complete with standpipes and taps £1175 + VAT. Due to the age and condition of this pipe it was agreed to have the work carried out. The cost to be met out of the 2009/10 budget.

London Rd Nothing to report.

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

Report on Burials - None

Report on Memorials - None

Mr Hymers asked for Jubilee Corner to be swept and for the decorative railings to be painted. The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to carry this out.

9. KGVR

9.1 Skate park – A site meeting will take place on 05.03.09 to agree the location of the trees for the landscaping. The annual safety inspection is due on the children's play area and the Clerk asked if the skate park and ball court should be inspected in the same visit as there is a cost saving. Agreed the inspections are carried out so the parish council has an up to date report on the equipment prior to taking it over from WBC.

9.2 Replacement of multi-log unit in children's play area. –report from sub-committee. Various options considered and detailed proposals obtained from Fieldwork Rest and

Play. The budget cost for the preferred equipment is £9k - £15k depending on number of elements included. In addition there will be the cost for the safety surface. Other supplier's similar equipment ranges from £14k to £25K. Agreed the sub committee asked for the price for a complete installation including safety surface from Fieldwork for further discussion at the next meeting.

9.3 Damage to fencing on Longfield Rd boundary. The damage section has been removed for safekeeping. The Clerk has obtained a quote for £375 from Agricultural Estates to supply and install a five-bar gate to match the main entrance gate by Loddon Hall. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded by Mr B Rogers that the Clerk places the order for this to be installed to maintain the security of the boundary. Agreed unanimously.

9.4 KGVR changing rooms. Various options discussed. The Clerk has obtained a price from MR W Evans to prepare a budget costing. He will need details of the proposed size of the building together with items to be included inside. Committee members to consider further to enable these details to be agreed at the next meeting.

9.5 At a previous meeting with sports clubs it was agreed that the football pitches on KGVR would be rolled. The Clerk has obtained a quote from Agricultural Supplies of £240 + VAT for this to be carried out. Agreed the Clerk places the order for this work.

10. Stanlake Meadow

10.1 Cutting grass in rough area adjacent to Waltham Rd hedge. Agreed the small wild bushes that have grown up inside the boundary be removed so the grass can be cut as near to the hedge as possible when the main area is mown.

10.1 Proposed pitch maintenance schedule. Agreed the Clerk arranges for SCS to carry out the work on the football pitches and cricket outfield as detailed in their proposal dated 3rd October 2008, which has already been discussed and put in the 2009/10 budget.

10.3 Proposed rent increase for Stanlake Pavilion. E-mail from the proprietor Mrs Wilkinson read to the meeting. She expressed concern at the proposed increase in rent. Discussed and agreed that the proposed charge will not be altered. The Clerk to inform Mrs Wilkinson.

10.4 Mr D Hymers asked for the next stage of hedge layering to be put on the April agenda for discussion. The Clerk to obtain proposal from the hedging contractor prior to the meeting.

11. Correspondence

11.1 E-mail from Mr D Bounds regarding stile in Waltham Rd boundary of Stanlake Meadow. Discussed. No further changes to existing proposals to be made. The Clerk to reply to Mr Bounds.

12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th April 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.