

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 8th April 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr B Rogers (Vice –Chairman), Mr R Mantel, Mrs K Peck and Ms S Doughty
In attendance: Clerk.

1. Public Questions – none

2. Apologies – Mr J Bowley, Mr D Hymers, and Mr C Tennant

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March – proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Ms S Doughty. 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 place the order to replace the water pipe at Hurst Rd allotments. Completed.

5.3 The Clerk to place the order for installing a gate in the Longfield Rd boundary of KGVR. Completed.

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

5.5 The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to sweep Jubilee Corner and repaint the decorative railings. Completed.

5.6 The Clerk to arrange for safety inspections of the skate park and ball court at the same time as the inspection for the children's play area. Completed.

5.7 The play area sub committee to obtain a quote from Fieldwork for the installation of new equipment to replace the log world unit. Completed.

5.8 Committee members to consider what should be included in the proposal for new changing rooms on KGVR. Carried Forward.

5.9 The Clerk to place the order to have the football pitches rolled on KGVR. Order placed but work not to be carried out until September 09.

5.10 The Clerk to place the order with SCS for football pitch and cricket outfield maintenance at Stanlake Meadow. Completed.

5.11 The Clerk to reply to Mrs Wilkinson about the rent increase for Stanlake Meadow. Completed.

5.12 The Clerk to place layering further sections of the hedge at Stanlake Meadow on the agenda of the April meeting. Completed.

5.13 The Clerk to reply to Mr Bounds. 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 carried out some repairs on leaking taps at both Hurst Rd and London Rd allotments.

6.2 Clerk's report. Arrangements are being made to install the length of fencing that was removed prior to the installation on the gate on the Longfield Rd boundary of KGVR further along the boundary to close a gap used by persons to enter and dump rubbish. A report has been received from PSK that there may be faults on the wiring at Twycombe Lodge. A full inspection and test of the installation has not been completed for some time so this should be arranged. PSK estimate the cost for this to be about £250. Agreed the Clerk instructs PSK to arrange for this to be carried out.

7. Allotments

Hurst Rd. The waiting list is now 16 residents.

London Rd. The waiting list is now 6 residents.

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

Report on Burials - None

Report on Memorials - None

9. KGVR

- 9.1 Skate Park – Mrs K Peck reported that WBC planners have not approved the alterations to the landscaping scheme. Further discussions are to be held to resolve the situation. The Clerk has chased up WBC regarding the rusty fixings on the ball court. Mrs K Peck will speak to UAC to see what is happening.
- 9.2 Replacement of multi-log unit in children’s play area. Quote from Fieldwork Rest and Play circulated to committee members. The Clerk has requested quotes from 3 other suppliers, which have not been received yet.
- 9.3 KGVR changing rooms. General discussion held on the merit of this proposal and possible ways of making better use of existing facilities. Further discussions to be held with interested parties.
- 9.4 Dog faeces. Possible courses of action discussed. The Clerk has instructed the Park Warden to give more attention to this area and change the times visits are made. Agreed a local campaign is run through an article in the next Issue of Twyford News to raise awareness and ask for volunteers to look out for offenders.
- 9.5 WBC removal of Dog Waste Bins. The knock on effect of this is the withdrawal of the WBC emptying service for the 10 bins owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk has obtained quotes for this service to empty the bins once a week. The annual costs quoted are Quadron £2698.80 + VAT and SDK Environmental £2730 + VAT. Agreed the Clerk place the order for this with Quadron.

10. Stanlake Meadow

- 10.1 Proposed rent increase for Stanlake Pavilion. Letter from the proprietor Mrs Wilkinson circulated to committee members. Mr R Mantel reported on the meeting held with her to discuss the proposed charge. At this she agreed to provide a copy of her full accounts and the details of those items relating to Stanlake Meadow. In her letter she states she cannot separate out the costs for Twyford but has failed to provide a copy of her full accounts. The Clerk to reply and ask her for a copy of her latest published accounts as submitted to company’s house so that the matter can be considered further. Next term to be invoiced as normal.
- 10.2 Layering additional section of hedge. The Clerk has had a site meeting with the contractor. He recommends layering the length of hedge in Stanlake Lane from the bottom gate to the main gate. He suggests that the complete width of bushes in the section round from the main gate to the pedestrian entrance at the rear of the pavilion that is on the inside of the hedge line is kept cut down to a reasonable height. The length of hedge from the pedestrian gate to the roundabout in Waltham Rd has been layered some time ago and should be suitable for normal cutting. The length of the outside hedge from the roundabout to the main entrance in Stanlake Lane should also be layered. His current charge is £33 per metre as this now includes for screwing the binders to avoid damage by vandals. As there are considerable cost implications for this project it was agreed to consider this for a future financial year.
- 10.3 Request for additional litterbin. A local resident has reported the existing bins are often full and has requested the installation of another to overcome the problem. Discussed and agreed not to install another bin due to the additional workload this will create for the Village Ranger. The Clerk to reply to the resident.
- 10.4 Fire damage to seat in NE corner. Agreed the Clerk to ask the ranger to see if he can replace the damaged seat with wooden slats.
- 11. Chairman’s Report to APM** - as the Chairman was not present the Clerk is to ask him to circulate his report to committee members

12. Correspondence

- 12.1 Fields in Trust – Sportsmatch Funding – circulated on e-mail. Noted.

13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th May

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.