

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 3rd June 2009 at 7.45pm.

Present: - Mr B Rogers (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hymers, Mr R Mantel, Mr J Jarvis, Mrs K Peck, and Ms S Doughty.

In attendance: Clerk.

1. **Public Questions** – Mrs M Wrigley of Twyford and Ruscombe FC gave details of issues relating to the condition of their pitch after a recent inspection by the league and asked what action the parish council could take. Mr B Rogers replied that the committee would investigate what is required and consider the appropriate action to take. The Clerk to contact SCS to obtain recommendations and a price for remedial work.
2. **Apologies** - Mr J Bowley and Mr C Tennant.
3. **Election of Chairman.** Mr J Bowley nominated by Mr B Rogers, seconded by Mrs K Peck. No other nominations. Mr J Bowley elected by a unanimous vote.
4. **Election of Vice-Chairman.** Mr B Rogers nominated by Mrs K Peck seconded by Mr D Hymers. No other nominations. Mr B Rogers elected by a unanimous vote.
5. **Declaration of interests in items on the agenda** – Mr R Mantel and Mr B Rogers declare an interest in the item relating to the Twyford Men's Club.
6. **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May** – proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mr R Mantel. Approved 5 for, 1 abstention.
7. **Matters arising and action points**
 - 7.1 The Clerk to purchase replacement heaters for Stanlake Pavilion. Carried forward.
 - 7.2 The Clerk to inform WBC about the items requiring attention on the skate park. Completed.
 - 7.3 The Clerk to investigate the cost of creating more allotments at the bottom of the Hurst Rd site. Quote obtained from Alda Landscapes who were the preferred contractor for the previous clearance work. Price quoted £6050 + VAT. Due to the nature of the site and its unknown condition this allows for clearing as much as can be completed in 5 working days. Following discussion proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr D Hymers to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Council to accept the estimate on the basis detailed and proceed with the work. Amendment proposed by Mr J Jarvis, seconded by Ms S Doughty that additional quotes be obtained. Not carried. For 3 against 3. Original proposal Carried 5 for 1 against.
 - 7.4 The Clerk to copy the letter of complaint about bonfires to the London Rd tenants representative. Completed.
 - 7.5 The Clerk to obtain a quote to clear and replant the flower beds at Jubilee Corner. Quote obtained from Aspects to clear the beds, dig over and replant £1200. This allows for 27 new shrubs and 32 herbaceous/evergreen plants plus spring bulbs. It was felt that this might be too many for the area. The Clerk to ask for more information about the layout and spread of the plants.
 - 7.6 The Sub-Committee dealing with replacing equipment in the children's play area to report to the June meeting. Further meeting of the sub committee required to discuss details. Carried forward.
 - 7.7 The Clerk to draft a letter to Mrs Wilkinson and submit it to Mr Bowley for approval. Letter sent and no reply received. Summer Term rent has been paid at the new rate.
8. **Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including:**
 - 8.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. All routine work up to date. He is spending quite a lot of time clearing up litter and smashed glass left by the users of the skate park. Mrs K Peck to speak to the Youth Worker and ask her to speak to the users.
 - 8.2 Clerk's report. The grass-cutting contractor has not been cutting on the required regular basis. The Clerk has spoken to them. The Clerk suggested going out to tender for this work. Agreed. The Clerk to prepare the schedules for this work and submit

them to the committee for discussion prior to asking for quotes. A meeting has been arranged with N Christo Neighbourhood Area manager to discuss various local issues.

9. Allotments

Hurst Rd. The waiting list is now 18 residents.

London Rd. The waiting list is now 8 residents.

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

Report on Burials - William Marsh and Nerys Miffling.

Report on Memorials - None

11. KGVR

11.1 Skate Park – Still waiting to hear the outcome of discussions on the landscaping and about the repairs.

11.2 Replacement of multi-log unit in children's play area. Agreed to wait for recommendation from sub committee at July meeting.

11.3 KGVR changing rooms. General discussion held on the merit of this proposal and possible suitable locations. Letter received from Twyford Men's Club expressing an interest in any suitable new accommodation. The Clerk to reply asking what size, facilities and access they require indicating that the location of premises on parish council land is a possibility that can be considered.

11.4 Request for additional dog waste bin in the NW corner. The Clerk to investigate the cost for a new bin and the additional cost for emptying.

11.5 Twycombe Lodge electrical inspection and test. Details of report discussed. There are a number of faults requiring attention. An alternative is to have a complete rewire. The contractor who carried out the test has submitted prices for these alternatives. Agreed the Clerk to obtain additional quotes for both the repairs and a rewire. Mr B Rogers and the Clerk to agree the specification for the rewire prior to requesting quotes. As the existing tenants have given notice of termination of the lease the work can be carried out while the property is empty. Mr J Jarvis to check what remedial decorating/building work will be required after the inventory inspection has been carried out.

12. Stanlake Meadow

12.1 Proposed rent increase for Stanlake Pavilion. See item 7.7.

12.2 Request from Yellow Brick for permission to install an outside tap and wooden posts to support a cover in the play area adjacent to the pavilion. Discussed. The Clerk to request details of the location of the tap and the height of the posts together with details of the proposed cover.

13. Mrs Peck – Consideration of a 10 - year land management plan. Mrs Peck outlined the reasons for suggesting this. It was pointed out that whilst an outline plan can be agreed a firm commitment for this period cannot be agreed because the current council cannot impose conditions on the next council that is elected. Agreed the specifications being drawn up by the Clerk for tendering for grounds maintenance can be used as a basis for discussion.

14. Correspondence -

14.1 Twyford Men's Club – discussed under item 11.3.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th July 2009. At Stanlake Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm