

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Clerk.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies - Mr C Tennant

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2009, Proposed Mrs K Peck seconded Mr J Jarvis. Approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

5.1 The Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to pressure wash the corner of the tennis courts. Completed.

5.2 The Clerk to make enquiries about alternative suppliers for the ball court backboard. Checks made with a number of suppliers. Some do not supply anything other than their standard size, which is not the same as the one on KGVR. Others would charge a special fee to check and make a one off which is more than the cost quoted by the equipment supplier.

5.3 The Clerk to write to Mrs Sewell about bonfires on Hurst Rd allotments. Completed.

5.4 The Clerk to agree wording on signs with the Round Table. Contact made with Round Table. They agree the use of signs but have left the wording to be decided by the parish council. Suggested wording shown to meeting by the Clerk and agreed. The Clerk to find out the cost for signs.

5.5 Mrs K Peck to provide the Clerk with details of the sign for the children's play area. Carried forward.

5.6 The Clerk to obtain a price for the above sign. Carried forward.

5.7 Mr Jarvis to inform the Clerk which contractors to appoint for the installation of a new bathroom and flooring in Twycombe Lodge. Flooring carried forward

5.8 The Clerk to arrange for the television aerial at Twycombe Lodge to be repaired. Order placed.

5.9 The Clerk to obtain prices for washing machines, electric cookers and fridges for Twycombe Lodge. Prices obtained. The best deal is from Currys. Waiting for decoration to be completed before ordering. The Clerk to arrange for the cooker and washing machine to be connected when they are delivered.

5.10 Mr J Jarvis to obtain prices for the installation of a new garage door at Twycombe Lodge. Completed.

5.11 Mrs K Peck to obtain prices for curtains at Twycombe Lodge. Completed.

5.12 The Clerk to obtain prices for the management of Twycombe Lodge. Details of prices given to meeting. The best offer at present is from Stuarts who are offering complete management for 7% charge for 3 years, Agreed, when Twycombe Lodge is ready the Clerk to arrange for Stuarts to find tenants and administer the tenancy.

5.13 The Clerk to confirm the arrangements for Mr B Rogers to open up Stanlake Pavilion for the installation of a new timer. Completed.

5.14 Committee members to consider the TVP suggestions for the Parish Plan and bring their comments to the December meeting. Agenda item 12.

6. Precept. Figures for expenditure agreed. Proposed hire charges for 2010/11 discussed and agreed. The Clerk to calculate the income and enter into the overall precept figures.

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

7.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. All routine work up to date. He has been quite busy clearing up large amounts of leaves at various locations.

7.2 Clerk's report. The new dog waste bin has been in the NW corner of KGVR. The flower vase has been replaced on the War Memorial. The Clerk gave details of a proposed tree donation received from WBC. Due to the short timescale for a reply this was discussed with Mr J Bowley. Details of the request submitted given to the meeting.

8. Allotments

8.1 Hurst Rd. The remaining area of rubbish at the bottom of the site has been cleared. The Clerk has received a request from a business in Station Rd to rent the parking area for their business use. Discussed and agreed that this may be possible for business use only during working hours Mon-Friday. Probably will be run on a trial basis for 12 months. A suitable rental agreement will need to be prepared and arrangements made for locking the gate. Notices to be erected saying "No unauthorised parking" The Clerk to contact the company who made the enquiry and ask how many spaces they wish to hire and investigate the costs for parking in Polehampton Close car park, season tickets near the library and season tickets at the station.

The Clerk to ask the Ranger to check if the area on the LHS of the entrance gate, currently used for parking to see if it would be suitable for an allotment.

8.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

Report on Burials - Mr L T Lanning

Report on Memorials - Kathleen Hayes

The clearance and planting work has been completed at Jubilee Corner.

10. KGVR

10.1 Lighting. Young persons have requested additional lighting to allow them to use the area after dark and there are concerns about the safety of persons walking through at night. Floodlighting for the skate park/ball court will help deal with these matters. Mrs K Peck to check if SEEDA funds offered in conjunction with the proposed Parish Plan and other grants could be used to fund this.

10.2 Trimming trees adjacent to tennis court. The Clerk has spoken to the owner of the trees and obtained permission to have them trimmed. He has also obtained a price from Beechwood Tree Care for this work, which is £750 plus VAT. Proposed Mr J Jarvis, seconded Mr D Hymers to accept this quote. Carried unanimously.

10.3 Commemorative item (bench) from 1st Twyford Scouts. Two suggested locations discussed. The Clerk to contact the Scouts to see if they agree to this proposal and then the exact location to be agreed.

10.4 Replacement of multi-log unit in children's play area. Proposals agreed by WBC. It is hoped work will start on site in January.

10.5 Twycombe Lodge refurbishment –garage door, carpets and curtains. All items except supplier for carpets now agreed. The Clerk also pointed out that lampshades will be required. Agreed Mr D Hymers to purchase.

10.6 Request from Scouts to use KGVR for a centenary celebration event on Sunday 12th September.2010. Agreed.

11. Stanlake Meadow – Nothing to report.

12. Parish Plan – suggestions from TVP. Committee members asked to consider and to bring their comments to the December meeting. Mrs K Peck reported that TVP have now put out the draft plan for consultation. The Clerk to circulate a copy and put this on the agenda of the January meeting.

13. Community Orchards – information circulated on e-mail. Agreed that the parish council will participate. The exact location for the trees to be agreed when details of the trees available are known. The Clerk to inform the organisers of this project.

14. Correspondence –

14.1 Thank you letter from Round Table. Noted.

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th January 2010

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.