

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 3rd February 2010 at 7.45pm.

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

In attendance: Clerk.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies - Mrs K Peck and Mr J Jarvis

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2010, Proposed Mr R Mantel seconded Mr D Hymers. Approved unanimously.

5. Matters arising and action points

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

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

5.3 The Clerk to ask the Village Ranger to check the ground on the LHS of the gate at Hurst Rd allotments. Some trial digging has shown there is hardcore over much of the area so it will not be suitable to let as an allotment.

5.4 The Clerk to speak to the Scouts about the provision of a commemorative bench. Carried forward.

5.5 The Clerk to complete the precept figures. Completed.

5.6 The Clerk to write to Feed The Children regarding their request to use Jubilee Corner. Reply received and read to meeting. Agreed they can use the area and, as they are a charity, no charge will be made.

5.7 The Clerk to arrange for the wreaths to be removed from the War Memorial. Completed.

5.8 The Clerk to contact agents about arranging the lease for Twycombe Lodge. Discussed under item 9.1.

5.9 The Clerk to Speak to the Youth Centre and, if appropriate, arrange for the Village Ranger to repaint the Youth Shelter. The Youth Centre is planning a project for this during half term so no action has been taken.

5.10 The Clerk to forward the comments on the draft Village Plan to TVP. Completed.

5.11 The Clerk to reply to the Rotary Club. Completed.

5.12 The Clerk to reply to Mr Pitts. Completed.

5.13 Signs for bonfire carnival. The Clerk has sent a draft of the proposed signs to the Round Table who have suggested some additional wording. New wording agreed. The Clerk to order four signs.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. He has carried out some more clearance work at the bottom of the Millennium Garden and also cleared discarded branches and other waste material behind the shed in Twycombe Lodge garden.

6.2 Clerk's report. Nothing additional to report.

7. Allotments

7.1 Hurst Rd. The new plots have been let and some additional plots re-let where tenants have been evicted. There is one vacant plot being offered at present, which will still leave 3 persons on the waiting list.

7.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

8.1 Report on Burials - None.

8.2 Report on Memorials - None.

9. KGVR

9.1 Twycombe Lodge refurbishment – finishing off. Everything is now completed apart from an interior clean which is booked for 6th February, installing a new TV aerial,

where the Clerk is waiting to see where new tenants will want the outlet installed and the garden where the contractor is waiting for better weather before carrying out the grass seeding. The Clerk has spoken to a number of commercial letting agents. All say that they can negotiate terms with the incoming tenants but as it is a commercial let the lease will have to be drawn up by a solicitor. The suggested rent that can be charged is very similar to a residential let but there is the advantage of a longer lease period and the lease can be made "full repairing" so the upkeep of the property becomes the responsibility of the tenant. Of the agents spoken to Haslams offered the best terms to set up arrangements. Proposed Ms S Doughty, seconded Mr D Hymers that the property be let on a commercial lease. Carried unanimously. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Ms S Doughty that Haslams be used to negotiate the terms of the lease. Carried unanimously.

9.2 Repair to backboard on ball court. The Clerk has obtained a quotation to make a temporary repair to prevent the existing crack from spreading. The cost will be £40. Agreed the Clerk arranges for this to be carried out.

10. Stanlake Meadow.

10.1 Mr D Hymers asked for the ditch on the Waltham Rd boundary to be cleared of rubbish. The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to carry this out.

10.2 Mr B Rogers raised the issue of flooding in some areas of the football pitches. Agreed the Clerk to ask SCS what remedial action can be taken.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Mr Pitts regarding clearance work in Twycombe Lodge garden. The Clerk has had a discussion with Mr Pitts and cleared up some misunderstanding regarding the work being carried out. Mr Pitts is now satisfied with the situation.

12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.