

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Clerk.

1. Public Questions – None

2. Apologies - Mr J Jarvis

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

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2010, Proposed Mr D Hymers seconded Ms S Doughty. 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. Suggested text provided at this meeting.

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

5.3 The Clerk to speak to the Scouts about the provision of a commemorative bench. The Scouts have agreed to the installation of a bench on KGVR with a commemorative plaque to say they donate it. They have suggested a contribution of £500 to cover the cost. The Clerk to obtain current prices for discussion at the next meeting.

5.4 The Clerk to confirm to Feed The Children they can use Jubilee Corner. Completed.

5.5 The Clerk to order 4 signs for the bonfire carnival. Price requested for revised signs.

5.6 The Clerk to contact Haslams about arranging the lease for Twycombe Lodge. Initial meeting held and draft terms discussed.

5.7 The Clerk to arrange for a temporary repair to the ball court backboard. Completed.

5.8 The Clerk to arrange for the Village Ranger to clear the Waltham Rd ditch. Completed.

5.9 The Clerk to ask SCS about remedial work to overcome flooding at Stanlake Meadow. Area surveyed after wet weather and suggestions made to install a drainage pipe on the pitch adjacent to Stanlake Lane and a soak away for the corner of the pitch nearest the pavilion. Quoted price for this work £597.50 plus VAT. Proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr D Hymers to place the order for this to be carried out. Agreed unanimously. The work to be carried out later in the year when the ground is drier to prevent damage to the pitches. The Clerk to inform Comets that this work is being carried out.

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

6.1 Report on the work of the Village Ranger. Normal routine work, clearing litter and minor amounts of graffiti.

6.2 Clerk's report. A site meeting has been held regarding the installation of the floodlighting on court three of the tennis courts and the work will be carried out this week. The area on KGVR at the back of the Youth Centre where Comets carry out floodlit training is getting very worn. Agree the Clerk asks Comets to stop training to allow the grass to rest. There has been a small leak on one of the roof lights at Stanlake pavilion during recent bad weather. The situation is being monitored.

7. Allotments

7.1 Hurst Rd. There are two vacant plots being offered at present, which will still leave 1 person on the waiting list. Nothing further has been heard from the company who enquired about car parking. The Clerk to ask them if they are still interested and to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

7.2 London Rd. Nothing to report.

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

8.1 Report on Burials - Phyllis Lee 05.02.10

8.2 Report on Memorials - None.

8.3 Mr D Hymers asked if the War Memorial could be cleaned again. The Clerk to obtain quotes.

9. KGVV

9.1 Twycombe Lodge Terms of lease. Draft terms drawn up by Haslams circulated. The proposed tenant has queried the size of the deposit and the length of time it is held. Proposed Mr D Hymers, seconded Mrs K Peck that a deposit of £3000 be asked for and this is held for the full term of the lease to protect for any alterations made to the property. Carried unanimously. Proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Mr D Hymers that the arrangements to pay a reduced rent of £500 for the first 4 months be agreed. Carried unanimously. Additional wording to be added to say that any alterations to the property and proposed signage to be approved before work commences.

9.2 Children's play area. Mrs K Peck reported on the delays by WBC in placing the order for the work to be carried out which is causing problems with Play England who want to see the money spent before April. There is now a problem that the play area could be affected over the Easter holidays when it will be busy. The installers cannot complete the installation of the wet pour safety surfaces until the weather gets warmer. Agreed that Mrs Peck asks for the work on the access path and new gate is completed first to avoid too much disruption at Easter. The Clerk to inform ROSPA as they are due to carry out the safety inspection in April

10. Stanlake Meadow.

10.1 Installation of glass recycling bank. Mrs K Peck has had a meeting with WBC and it was suggested that this will be a suitable location for another glass recycling bank to cover the south of the village. Concern expressed about the associated problems created by access, broken glass and litter. Proposed by Mr D Hymers, seconded by Ms S Doughty that no glass recycling facilities are installed at Stanlake. Carried 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. It was felt that other locations within the Broad Hinton estate would be more suitable.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Mrs Lanning – request for additional space for burial of cremated remains. Request discussed. The policy regarding reserving plots was changed recently due to the lack of remaining space and it was felt that this should be adhered to. The Clerk to write to Mrs Lanning apologising for any misunderstanding and explaining that the current policy will not be changed.

12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th April 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.