

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall Twyford on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**, Proposed Mr D Hymers seconded Ms S Doughty. Approved unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points**

5.1 The Clerk to obtain a price for the new sign for the children's play area. Wording for sign agreed at this meeting. The Clerk to obtain a price.

5.2 The Clerk to obtain prices for a commemorative bench. Details of benches and prices provided. Agreed the Clerk to order a black Chatsworth seat from Urbanscape at a cost of £465 + VAT.

5.3 The Clerk to place the order for drainage works at Stanlake. Completed.

5.4 The Clerk to inform Comets about the drainage work and to ask them to stop floodlit training on KGVR. Completed. Comets have arranged for the floodlit area to be scarified and re-seeded to enable it to recover for next season.

5.5 The Clerk to ask if the company is still interested in parking at Hurst Rd allotments. Further request sent but no reply received.

5.6 The Clerk to place parking at Hurst Rd allotments on the agenda of the next meeting. Completed.

5.7 The Clerk to contact Haslams about the terms of the lease for Twycombe Lodge and to progress drawing up the formal contract. Completed.

5.8 The Clerk to obtain prices for cleaning the War Memorial. Still trying to find a company that can carry out this work without damaging the lettering.

5.9 The Clerk to inform ROSPA about the proposed work at the children's play area. Completed.

5.10 The Clerk to reply to Mrs Lanning. Completed.

**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. The main grass-cutting season has now started. One of the litterbins in KGVR has been vandalised but the Ranger has managed to repair it.

6.2 Clerk's report. The control unit for the CCTV is making an unusual noise, which sounds as if a bearing may be failing. It has been reported to Securipol and is being monitored.

**7. Allotments**

7.1 Hurst Rd. The Committee Chairman and the Clerk have carried out an inspection. Tenants of plots that are not being worked correctly have been sent a warning letter.

7.1.1 Parking. Possibility hiring the parking space to others discussed. Agreed no action to be taken unless another enquiry is received.

7.1.2 Spring in access road. Possible solutions to the problem this creates discussed.

Agreed the Clerk to obtain a price for scalplings to raise the level of the road where the water collects.

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 - Phyllis Lee, Leslie Lanning.

8.3 Unauthorised stones on graves. Discussed and agreed the Clerk to write to the owners of all offending graves. To point out the rules do not allow this, there is an

issue when mowing as stones can get picked up by the mower and to give them 1 month to remove before the council will arrange it at their cost.

8.4 Enlarging gap in Beech hedge. The undertakers have been spoken to and in order to get to the Millennium Garden area for burials the gap will need to be widened to 2m. A quote has been obtained from the gardening contractor Aspects and the cost will be £80. Proposed Ms S Doughty, seconded Mr J Bowley that the gap be widened as quoted, Carried 3 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Proposed Mrs K Peck, seconded Ms S Doughty that a frame for an arch be installed to allow the hedge to be re-trained. Carried 5 for, 1 against.

8.5 Problems with youths playing at Jubilee Corner. Issue raised by Mrs Reid at the APM and in subsequent correspondence. The Clerk gave information on discussions he has had with the police about this and possible actions that they can take. The Clerk to reply to Mrs Reid saying that a bye-law is not practical, the erection of signs is only likely to aggravate the situation and to give her information about Operation Lion Club that is run by the police. The Clerk to write to N Shaw of WBC asking for a reply to his earlier e-mail about the replacement of the Youth Worker, to ask if they are aware of the Jubilee Corner problem and to ask what street work is being carried out at present bearing in mind the Parish Council provide funding towards the cost.

## **9. KGVR**

9.1 Lighting for skate park and ball court. Cost and design details discussed. General discussion held on the merits of a lighting scheme but concern was expressed about the high cost of installation. Agreed Mrs K Peck to investigate possible sources of grants.

9.2 Dog mess. E-mail from Mrs Turton raising the problem of the large amount of dog mess on the field and paths. Discussed the possibility of increasing the Park Warden's hours but there is the problem of needing to be on site when offending occurs. Agreed the Clerk to ask the Park Warden to concentrate more on KGVR and to find out if they are prepared to work more hours for a short period to tackle the problem.

9.3 Loddon Hall car park surface. The problem of the deteriorating surface was discussed. Proposed Mr D Hymers seconded Ms S Doughty that the Clerk writes to Twyford and Ruscombe Community Association pointing out the problem and asking what action they propose to take. Carried 3 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

9.4 Children's Play Area. Work is progressing well on installing the new pieces of equipment. The Clerk to put opening ceremony on the agenda of the next meeting.

## **10. Stanlake Meadow.**

10.1 "Running track" Possible solutions to the wet areas discussed. Agreed too expensive to undertake remedial work.

## **11. Correspondence**

11.1 Request from Thames Valley Air Ambulance for clothing recycling bank. There is no suitable location on parish council land and there is already one of their clothing banks in Waitrose car park.

11.2 NPFA Notice of AGM. Noted.

11.3 Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Society – Business Rates. Agreed the Clerk to reply giving information on the small business rate relief that is available.

## **12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.