

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 7th December 2017 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mr D Fergusson (Vice-Chair), Mrs E Ashley, Mr M Bray, Mrs L Jarvis, Mr R Mantel, Mrs T Ramsden & Mr D White (from item 6 onwards).

In attendance: 2 residents.

Clerk: Mrs L Moffatt

1. **Public Questions.** None.
2. **Apologies** - Mr J Bowley.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** Mr M Bray & Mrs T Ramsden declared an interest as allotment holders and members of TATA.
4. **Dispensations.** None.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2017.** Amendment of the minutes to reflect the meeting end time of 10pm. Amended minutes proposed Mrs L Jarvis, seconded Mrs T Ramsden, motion carried nem con.
6. **Budgets and Precept** – Rents and charges and burial costs were adjusted by 3% and then rounded. Figures agreed.
7. **Matters arising** – no matters arising.

8.0 Monthly reports on Parish Lands maintenance:

8.1 Village Ranger – Usual litter collection and patrols. Jobs in progress include the cleaner cupboard shelving & door, KGVR gate closing mechanisms, London Road timber cladding on post & burial ground edging. The Jubilee corner 'Twyford in Bloom' sign has arrived and is due to be put up this week. The ranger met with the plumber to arrange a quote for the dripping showers at Stanlake Pavilion.

8.2 Park Warden – no report.

8.3 Clerk's report – The handover for the toddler playpark is complete. Mrs T Ramsden and Mr M Bray carried out an inspection of the work and confirmed it was satisfactory.

Items outstanding include: Columbarium – quote for base; CCTV – specification then quotes; source spongy tarmac to repair play area gaps under 'witches hat' play equipment, Stanlake Pavilion – set up noticeboard & display fire drill information & electricity certificate.

Ongoing matters include: Children's play park (toddler side) – Spring opening. A box of goodies have arrived from Hags for the children at the opening.

A request for permission for a non resident to carry out metal detecting on Parish Lands had been received. It was agreed to give permission but not to allow digging for a find. Clerk to adapt the WBC 'Metal detecting within public open spaces' guidelines which will be reviewed in January.

9 Allotments.

9.1 Hurst Rd – 6 available. Request from TATA for permission for a 17ftx17ft polytunnel approved, on the basis of being for group use, without precedent.

Mr S Loyd had acquired and loosely planted 3 acer campestre 'Queen Elizabeth' trees along the Hurst Road allotment hedge boundary. The committee were grateful and expressed their gratitude for the trees. Authorisation was given for a Winnersh resident to have an allotment plot.

9.2 London Rd – 1 available.

9.3 Allotment Management Guidelines (TR) – ongoing reviewing of the document.

9.4 Resident complaint about bonfire at the Hurst Road allotments – agreed to monitor.

9.5 To consider quote for tree works – agreed for the clerk to obtain a further comparison quote.

9.6 Hurst road path – meeting with WBC 6.12.17. A request had been made to cut

the hedge back further. It was agreed, that as the hedge is cut level with the footway, then it would not be cut back further.

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

10.1 Report on cremations & burials – Tony Felton.

10.2 Report on memorials – Florence Blick - approval given to the request for a grey painted Manchester United football badge on the stone.

10.3 Resident request for Millennium garden trees to have their height reduced. Mr M Bray and Mrs T Ramsden had visited the resident and monitored the light. It was agreed to take no action.

10.4 Burial ground bin – carried forward.

10.5 Thames and Chiltern in Bloom sign (silver gilt) – due to be added in the next week.

11.0 Bell Corner- no items to report.

12.0 KGVR

12.1 Resident gate access (paperwork for approval) – proposed Mr D White, seconded Mrs T Ramsden to accept the paperwork circulated. Morton carried unanimously.

12.2 CCTV – Clerk to meet with contact and obtain spec – carried forward.

12.3 Skate Park floodlight- agreed for the clerk to obtain further quotes from WBC /electrician.

12.4 Resident correspondence – vandalism/anti social behaviour. The resident has asked permission to add plants to the bank along the fence by his property in order to better screen his garden. Agreed for Mr M Bray and Mrs T Ramsden to take a look and report back.

13.0 Stanlake Meadow.

13.1 Sports club request to consider height bar at the second entrance to Stanlake Meadow – no response from Twyford Comets.

13.2 Pitches – grass cutting [Suggestion of weekly cuts in September / October £420 and broadleaf weed spraying of the 2 junior pitches £133.72] After some consideration the committee agreed to increase the cutting for September only and approve the broad leaf spraying costs.

13.3 Quote to repair dip in Stanlake Lane pitch [£72] Proposed to accept the quote Mr D White, seconded Mrs E Ashley, motion carried unanimously.

13.4 Removal of old goals – these may be of use to the allotment holders. Failing this Clerk should ask the Ranger if he is able to cut up and dispose of.

14.0 Stanlake Pavilion

14.1 To consider a project to extend the pavilion – architects letters of interest . Carried forward.

14.2 Colleton School Lease (JJ) – carried forward.

14.3 Colleton request – extra electricity points. The Colleton would like to install additional electricity points at their expense. The committee had no objection. Agreed to delegate that Mr Mantel can approval a sketch of the proposed points.

14.4 Quotes for fire equipment – carried forward.

15.0 Twyford Village Fete sub committee

Names put forward by the Full Council meeting to join the 2018 Fete Committee.

Proposed Mrs L Jarvis, seconded Mrs T Ramsden to add Mrs B Ditcham to the Fete Committee.

Membership of the Fete sub-committee stands at: Mrs B Ditcham; Mrs J Jarvis; Mr J Jarvis; Mr R Mantel; Mrs S Wisdom (non-councillor); Mr J Bowley & Mr D Fergusson (ex-officio members). Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7pm.

16.0 Youth and Community Centre underlease – lease for approval (JB) – carried forward.

17.0 Risk Assessments – the clerk had circulated a link to the risk assessments completed so far. The Stanlake pavilion / meadow reports are outstanding. Agreed to discuss in January.

18.0 Correspondence –

19.0 Date of next meeting – 16th January 2018.

Part 2 Confidential Information

Item 6. Budgets and Precept

The Council agreed that as confidential items were to be discussed the Chairman invoked Standing Order 1C “That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw”. Proposed Mr R Mantel, seconded Mrs T Ramsden, carried unanimously. The public left the meeting.

Discussion took place on the staff salaries. A recommendation will be made to Full Council under part 2.

The meeting closed at 9:18 pm