

# TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** Mrs E Ashley, Mr M Bray, Mr D Fergusson, Mr R Mantel, Mrs T Ramsden, Mr T Winchester & Mr D White.

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chair Mr R Mantel proposed, seconded by Mr M Bray that Mr D Fergusson chair the meeting. Carried unanimously. Mr D Fergusson took the chair.

**1. Public Questions:** Mr Mick Yeates asked who is looking after the trees at Stanlake Meadow? The Parish Lands Committee are responsible for the trees. Mr Jamie Henderson from the tennis club asked for the Council to consider removing a number of trees around the tennis courts. He will forward pictures of the trees to the clerk.

**2. Apologies** – Mr J Bowley & Mrs L Jarvis.

**3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr M Bray and Mrs T Ramsden declared an interest in item 7.5 as members of TATA.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** Proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mrs E Ashley, carried unanimously.

**5. Matters arising and action points.**

5.1 Thames & Chiltern in Bloom sign – to be ordered

5.2 Mr Yeates referred to allotment law that requires members and non-council members to manage the allotments. This will be checked. The clerk had circulated information that stated that the Council are not obliged to have an allotment committee. The law that Mr Yeates referred to has been repealed by LGA 1972.

5.3 Colleton School lease / licence of use. Mrs Ashley had drafted some additions / amendments. Clerk to type up and circulate.

**6.0 Clerk and Village Ranger's report on Parish Lands maintenance including:**

6.1 Village Ranger – usual litter picking and tidying up. The push bar on the Stanlake Pavilion fire exit has been dismantled, oiled and put back together after it was reported to be stiff.

6.2 Park Warden – weekend litter picking continues.

6.3 Clerk's report – the volunteer gardeners have planted 100 snowdrops on Polehampton corner and will be putting in some bluebells. TATA have planted 500 bluebell bulbs in the allotment Hazel Copse and planted 9 Hawthorn plants in the gaps in the Hurst Road hedge. Mr Loyd with the help of TATA would like to lay this hedge in March [the Hurst Road hedge by the car park] This was agreed. The contractor will be asked not to cut this hedge for a couple of years. Tree works on Jubilee Corner and the KGVR playground is complete. A memorial bench enquiry has been received. It was agreed it could be positioned parallel to the railway line or parallel to the Waltham road between the railway line and Paddock Heights.

**7.0 Allotments.**

7.1 Hurst Rd – 11 available Unpaid plots have been chased -15 remain unpaid. Mrs Ramsden had reported a delivery of woodchips and it was agreed to write a letter to the business as this is flytipping. Mrs Ramsden enquired about TATA running a competition finishing at Easter for decorative numbering of plots. Agreed that this would be helpful and Mrs Ramsden will promote this through TATA.

7.2 London Rd – none available, all fully paid. Mr Simpson reported a cable running under the allotments and asked if allotment holders are aware. Agreed for a notice to be placed on the fence.

7.3 Hurst Road update on fencing by brook to deter deer. Mr Bray has obtained two further quotes. Proposed Mr Winchester, seconded Mrs T Ramsden to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** to accept a quote for £800 on ex hire Heras fencing. Motion carried unanimously.

7.4 Motion – Mrs Ramsden: Recommend to advertise/promote vacant allotments on Twyford FaceBook page, parish noticeboards and other relevant social media (e.g., Twitter and newspaper article). The committee agreed that the Finance Committee would need to be consulted on Facebook social media. A tweet informing followers of available plots will be made and it was agreed plots should be advertised on the noticeboards and website.

7.5 Requests for greenhouses/sheds:  
4A/B – TATA – 8x6ft greenhouse  
49B – Helen Turner – shed 8x6ft  
51A - David Lyons – 6x6ft greenhouse

These were approved subject to being sited correctly and not encroaching onto neighbouring plots.

## **8.0 Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial.**

8.1 Report on cremations & burials

Ronald Ketley

8.2 Report on memorials

Andrea Ching

8.3 Contractor to collect grass? Confirmed that the contractor will be collecting the grass cuttings.

8.4 Charges for mole catcher – carried forward.

**9.0 Bell Corner** – no reports.

## **10.0 KGVR**

10.1 Resident gate access – no report.

10.2 Children's play park (toddler side) – Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Ramsden attended the Noah's Ark toddler group and gained feedback on the playpark plans. Agreed for the clerk to circulate this information and a decision to be made next month.

10.3 Booking made: Pelhams Fair – 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April. Noted.

10.4 Aerial runway wire (sagging) – clerk to get a quote. [£943.30 to include cable adjustment and seat installation and seat cost (£335 new seat only)] Agreed for Mr Fergusson to take a look.

## **11. Stanlake Meadow.**

11.1 Wildflower area – information from Stephen Loyd approx. cost of £200. Proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mr D White, to accept the quote of £200 motion carried unanimously.

11.2 To consider a request to lay a path in Stanlake Meadow between the Hurst Road entrance and the pavilion entrance. This would allow children to avoid walking on the narrow pavement on the Waltham Road. Costs of a compacted path were estimated to be £10-£15,000. A discussion took place and it was agreed the speeding traffic on the Waltham Road was an issue. This matter was referred to the Planning and Amenities committee. Agreed to take a vote on the proposal to continue discussions on laying a path in Stanlake Meadow between the Hurst Road entrance and the pavilion entrance. Proposed Mr T Winchester, seconded Mrs T Ramsden, 3 in favour, 4 against, motion fell.

11.3 Adjustments to the height bar. The contractors have adjusted the bar to make it more secure. Agreed to monitor.

## **12. Stanlake Pavilion**

12.1 Alarm service contract – to obtain a quote. Carried forward.

12.2 Colleton Lease – carried forward.

**13.0 Family Picnic sub committee-** no items to report.

**14.0 Parking sub-committee** – no items to report.

**15.0 Youth and Community Centre underlease** – carried forward pending confirmation on the correct Land Registry Title plan.

**16.0 Correspondence** –

**16.1 Reading Science Week** – a request for use of Stanlake Meadow on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March for stargazing and for use of the pavilion. Agreed subject to availability of someone to open/close the pavilion.

**17. Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**The meeting closed at 8:55 pm**