

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held on Zoom on Tuesday
13th April 2021 at 7.45pm.**

Present: Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Bray, Mrs E Ashley, Mrs J Duffield, Mrs L Jarvis, Mr R Mantel, Mrs T Ramsden, Mr T Winchester & Mrs S Wisdom.

Clerk: Mrs L Moffatt.

A minutes silence was held to mark the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April 2021.

1. **Public Questions are invited in advance of the meeting via email, telephone or in writing.** No questions.
2. **Apologies.** None.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Bray & Mrs Ramsden declared an interest as allotment holders and members of TATA. Mrs S Wisdom declared an interest in the Fete request and withdrew from voting on item 13.5.
4. **Minutes dated 9th March 2021.** Approval of the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mrs E Ashley, motion carried unanimously.
5. **Matters arising.**
 - 5.1 Annual Parish Meeting Parish Lands report
Mr J Bowley shared the power point for his report. Agreed for Mr R Abeywardana to provide photos and a report on Twyford Growers.
6. **Monthly reports on Parish Lands maintenance.**
 - 6.1 Village Ranger
Glass smashed by the permanent goals has been cleared. The clerk highlighted ranger jobs from the report. The report was noted.
 - 6.2 Park Warden – no items to report.
 - 6.3 Clerk's Report – the written report was circulated with the agenda. Items 2.1, 5.3, 5.4 & 6.1 were noted.
A request from a mobile refill hub to visit Twyford was looked on favourably. Agreed for the clerk to make contact saying that there is no land for parking in the village centre however a pop up shop on Jubilee Corner might be a possibility.
A report from Mr Lindsay Ferris on dogs becoming ill after going in a mucky pool where the bonfire usually is at KGVR was noted.
7. **To review climate change actions.**
 - 7.1 Review of actions in the 0-3 months band:
For the Council to encompass 'zero carbon' in their visions and values. This should also be considered in the 'Engagement Plan' and 'Stanlake Pavilion project'.
TRHA hut project to cascade water – Graham Starkie – no update.
Carbon off-setting – trees – Mr M Bray reported that a meeting had been held with the clerk, Rebecca Howard and Stephen Loyd. It was agreed there was space to plant a further 25 trees at Stanlake Meadow.
Promote wildlife gardening – Paul Humphrey. A report has been published in the TRHA newsletter.
Promote gardening in smaller spaces podcast – this is in progress.
Smaller allotment plots – Mr Bray reported that there are not currently any available plots.
8. **Twyford Growers. (RA)**
 - 8.1 Twyford Growers – to receive an update (meetings 17/3 & 7/4) on the project and start dates. Mr R Abeywardana reported. Mrs T Ramsden, Mr M Bray and Natalie Burton have worked hard on preparing the plots and the first referral has commenced sessions. There are plans for a video and podcast to promote the benefits of gardening on mental health, this will link into the climate change plan and gardening in small spaces. The current costs are less than £700. Project publicity has had a good impact on the charities. The project have published

leaflets and the social prescribers are aware of the benefits of the scheme.
Referrals will increase as surgeries recover from the impacts of Covid.

9. Allotments.

9.1 Hurst Rd

9.1.1 To consider using the Hazel Copse area to create a number of small extra plots – agreed to carry out a formal inspection in order that unused plots can be reallocated.

9.1.2 To consider taking on the letting the 4x TATA plots – proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mr M Bray to let the plots at a cost of £10 a year. Motion carried unanimously.

9.1.3 Update on SHARE Wokingham produce scheme – carried forward.

9.2 London Road

9.2.1 Skip request £359 – approval proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mr M Bray, motion carried unanimously.

10. Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial. No report.

11. Bell Corner & Polehampton Corner. A request for use of the paved area of Bell Corner to spill out onto from a charity launch party on 24th June was approved.

12. King George V Recreation Ground.

12.1 Skate Park working group update following meeting – Mrs S Wisdom reported. WBC's Ricky Jose attended and offered helpful input. It was agreed that an action plan should be compiled which will include:

- visiting local skate parks
- talking to local Councils who have recently been through the process
- looking into planning requirements
- forming a working party separate from the Council that could access funding
- engaging youths that have maintained regular contact

The committee noted emails from the Twyford Youths and will hope to involve them in the project.

12.2 CCTV

- Police request for recording (to note)
 - To consider whether/ how to proceed
(3x quotes, sample footage and existing footage in one drive folder)
- Agreed to carry forward.

12.3 Flytipping over hedge – update from resident following letter 19.03.21. The resident has made contact to confirm that they will 'sort' the flytipping.

12.4 Brick pillars – north / west entrance – to consider quote for ivy / hedge work and alternative quotes for the pillar renovation. Carried forward.

12.5 New resident gate onto south – westerly corner – agreed for the Clerk to write a letter asking that resident desist from using the gate.

12.6 Resident email – glass and antisocial behaviour (one drive folder). Noted. Mr R Abeywardana suggested that a solution could be 'plogging' which is a Swedish initiative to collect litter whilst jogging.

12.7 To consider installing a larger bin in the play area. The committee requested costs for a larger bin and for an additional bin (along with waste disposal costs).

13. Stanlake Meadow.

13.1 Sports club 5 year agreement renewal –sent 19.03.21. Carried forward pending a response.

13.2 Tree planting event for 2021 -Twyford Tree Festival – report on meeting 22.03.21

- To consider funding tree(s)

The Clerk presented the map showing the proposed locations of the 25 extra trees. A Crowdfunder is being set up and the 25 trees will be made up from 3 apple trees, 5 Rowan, 3 Goat willow, 5 Oak, 6 Silver Birch and 3 Hornbeam. Residents on the waiting list will be offered trees in the first instance. It was agreed that the Council will only consider purchasing a tree if all 25 trees are not taken up.

Proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mrs S Wisdom to purchase an Oak tree in memory of the late Gordon Storey.

13.3 To explore ideas for play equipment. Mrs J Duffield stated that each of the Parish Lands areas should have a strategic plan rather than considering ideas as

they arise. Mr R Abeywardana suggested a round table meeting to discuss the 4 year Council action plan and residents should be consulted via Survey Monkey questionnaires. Mrs S Wisdom suggested the plans should form part of the Stanlake Pavilion re-development plans.

- 13.4 To consider foot paving for the benches – agreed this would be a good idea. Mrs S Wisdom and the Clerk will conduct an inventory of the benches when they meet on 26th April.
- 13.5 Request for use of the field for a fund raising fete – 21.08.21 or 22.08.21. Proposed Mr T Winchester, seconded Mrs J Duffield, to decline permission. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.6 Report on Stanlake Copse CROW session 07.04.21. Further clearing has been carried out by the Friends of Stanlake Copse. Ramsens have been planted and a small clump of Scarlet Elfcup Fungi was found. The CROW session dug out the pond whilst some members made the stag beetle habitat. The stag beetle habitat has been added to Google Maps and is attracting lots of interest. Signage was considered for the pond. It was agreed to wait until the winter to see how deep the pond gets. There was a suggestion to place a dead hedge around the pond area.
- 13.7 Beer festival – report on delegated decision made. Use of Stanlake Meadow for the Beer Festival was approved subject to working around the cricketers. The cricket club have 3 remaining matches which they are trying to reschedule.

14. Stanlake Pavilion.

- 14.1 Stanlake Pavilion working group – report on meeting 18.03.21. The working group agreed they should use the services of a specialist consultant. Someone experienced in community buildings to manage the project. The clerk reported that Shinfield had just completed a community building project and it was agreed to make contact with Shinfield.
- 14.2 Storage options following storage audit & response from The Colleton as to expected usage. The Colleton do not expect to require use of the pavilion until after October half term at the earliest. Agreed to request the keys back and to release the key deposit.
- 14.3 To consider replacing all the (11) shower valves £1467.40. Agreed for the Ranger to replace individually as needed.

15. Correspondence – no items.

16. Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 11th May 2021

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17. Ranger Jobs

- 17.1 KGVR playground – ‘no dogs’ sign has been fixed to the pedestrian gate – completed
- 17.2 Stanlake Meadow - permitted footpath signs replaced on both entrances – completed
- 17.3 Stanlake Meadow - high jump bar fixed – completed
- 17.4 Stanlake Pavilion - waste behind the pavilion taken to the tip – completed
- 17.5 Hurst Road allotments - broken standpipe replaced - completed

18. Allotments.

18.1 Hurst Rd.

- Hurst Road plot availability – waiting list of 7 residents and 7 non residents
- Wokingham Share – to promote the initiative to share excess allotment produce (email to be sent to allotment holders)
- Skip booked Friday 16th April -Monday 19th April
- To obtain a quote for new hedging on car park boundary

18.2 London Rd.

- London Road plot availability – waiting list of 8 resident and 10 non residents

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

- 19.1 Report on cremations & burials – none
- 19.2 Report on memorials – none.

20. King George V Recreation Ground.

- 20.1 Liaise with TRIP to explore ideas to encourage recycling of waste
- 20.2 Aerial runway matting – awaiting quotation
- 20.3 Ball court triangular brackets – ordered 10.03.21
- 20.4 Location of new benches – meeting 26.04.21 (SW & Clerk) Plaques ordered 19.03.21
- 20.5 Dinghy repairs ordered 19.03.21
- 20.6 Quotes to renovate the brick pillars
- 20.7 Ball court - netball board and nets - to obtain quote

21. Stanlake Meadow.

- 21.1 Gates – parts to be repainted when the weather improves
- 21.2 Copse project update
 - Friends of Stanlake Copse working group – 18.03.21 (photos in one drive) & sight of scarlet elfcup fungi
 - CROW visit – 07.04.21 – visit to dig the pond and make the stag beetle habitat
 - Water connection scheduled for 26th Feb – 2nd March cancelled – needs a re-design
- 21.3 Goal net supports ordered 19.03.21
- 21.4 Wildflower working party 03.04.21 - led by Rebecca Howard – (to note)
- 21.5 Extension of the football season to end of May (to note)

22. Stanlake Pavilion.

- 22.1 Fire extinguisher service complete (to note)

Items to be carried forward:

23. Burial ground

- 23.1 Options for woodland remembrance garden and book – report on memorial book charges & overall feasibility (to be carried forward)

24. King George V Recreation Ground.

- 24.1 To consider additional lighting

25. Stanlake Meadow

- 25.1 Football pitch drainage – possibility to move pitch? To consider quote Waltham road ditch

The meeting closed at 21:39