

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at Loddon Hall, RG10 9JA.

Present: Mr M Bray (Chairman), Mrs J Jagger & Mrs S Wisdom.
Minutes: Mrs L Povey (Deputy Clerk).

1. **Public Questions.** No questions.
2. **Apologies.** Mr T Winchester, Mr M Alder & Mrs L Jarvis.
3. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
4. **Minutes dated 16th January 2024.** Minutes approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed Mrs S Wisdom, seconded Mrs J Jagger. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Matters arising.** None.
6. **To review the Clerks report & Parish Lands report.** (circulated with the agenda). The report was noted.
7. **Allotments.**
 - 7.1 Request for a change to the tenancy agreement to permit dogs. [Draft wording in the shared folder]. The Committee were not minded to change the tenancy agreement at present.
 - 7.2 Report on meeting to review flooding at the Hurst Road allotments 01.03.24. Mr M Bray & the Deputy Clerk provided an overview of the meeting held with WBC's Green Infrastructure Delivery Officer. Investigations for a swell (French Drain) and funding are being undertaken. Item to be carried forward.
8. **Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Bell Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial.**
 - 8.1 To review the burial ground meeting notes 18.01.24 & draft updated terms and conditions. It was proposed by Mrs J Jagger, seconded by Mr M Bray, and unanimously agreed for the revised terms and conditions to be adopted and for the Clerks to proceed with sending out compliance letters at their discretion.
9. **Twyford in Bloom Meeting (TIB) 29.02.24**
[these are requests from the TIB working group]
 - 9.1 Request for labyrinth – edging to define (plants or soil bund)
[Note: November 2023 - Labyrinth / grass maze – to consider quote for picket fencing, lavender, and information board having visited the site. The committee agreed no action at present.]. It was proposed by Mrs J Jagger, seconded by Mrs S Wisdom and unanimously agreed to set aside Standing Order number 7 regarding previous resolutions (6-month rule). The Committee resolved for the edge of the Labyrinth to be planted with native bulbs (recommendation – Crocus & Daffodils). Item referred back to the Twyford in Bloom Committee.
 - 9.2 Request for fencing to be replaced / improved on the outside of Stanlake Copse. Clerk to investigate options and costings. Item carried forward for discussion at the next meeting.
10. **Update from the Skate Park Working Group.**
 - 10.1 To elect additional members to join the Skate Park Working Group
[Malcolm Bray, Jackie Jagger, Charles Wickenden, Martin Alder]

It was proposed by Mrs S Wisdom, seconded by Mrs J Jagger and unanimously approved to elect those named as additional members to the Skate Park Working Group.
11. **Update from the Stanlake Pavilion Working Group**
 - 11.1 To co-opt sports club representatives to the Working Group
[Mark Baker, Rob Brophy, Simon Burr, Ben Gilbert, Brian Rogers]

It was proposed by Mrs S Wisdom, seconded by Mrs J Jagger and unanimously approved to co-opt those named to the Stanlake Pavilion Working Group.
12. **Wokingham Borough Council - Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**
WBC have reviewed the age, type of structural design and other indicators alongside an external site visit of the Councils property and have confirmed that they do not consider that any RAAC has been used in their construction.(To note). Noted.

13. Correspondence.

13.1 WBC/WDVTA Diamond Jubilee Oak Trees – 10th Year Report. Noted.

14. Date of next meeting – 14th May 2024. Noted.

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Allotments.
To facilitate the need for additional allotments – to note the letter sent (11.12.23) to the land owner – response awaited
Hurst Rd.
Hurst Road plot availability – 0
Waiting list – 7 plus 6 existing plot holders wanting an additional plot
Following a meeting with Cllr Bray and the clerk with two mobility scooter users the Hurst Road allotment hedge was trimmed back on 06.02.24. The residents will report properties with overhanging hedges to WBC.
Letter to allotment holder re breach of terms and conditions 28.02.24
Both padlocks and chains have been taken from both gates
London Rd.
London Road plot availability – 0
Waiting list – 6 plus 1 existing plot holder wanting an additional plot
Hedge work, removal of Sycamores and planting of whips – completed
Bell Corner
The garden areas have been mulched and some plants have been ordered which the volunteers will take care of.
Millennium Garden, Jubilee Corner, Burial Ground & War Memorial
Burial ground - Regulation reminder notices put up 30th November 2023
Burial Ground
Burials:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alan Sidney William Phillips
Memorials approved
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King George V Recreation Ground.
Wildflower Information Board – awaiting delivery
Labyrinth Information Board – Mrs J Jagger will co-ordinate with the Twyford in Bloom committee to progress this
Playground works – commenced 4 th March
Playground tree works (to lift the canopy) will be carried out after the playground works
Tennis Club lease - ongoing
Tennis court clean completed – 10/11 th January
Ball court fence repairs – work completed
10-14 th February – Ian Wisdom covered Ranger duties
Memorial Rowan & plaque planted near the playpark 01.02.2024
Resident report of glass and litter 27.01.24
Stanlake Pavilion.
Quote to paint changing racks and work to replace wood on racks – carried forward
Stanlake Meadow.
Working parties Tree volunteers & Friends of Stanlake Copse meetings – February meeting cancelled due to the rain.
Gate stopping plate (gate behind the pavilion)– work completed
Receipt of Oak processionary moth Statutory Notice under the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) Regulations 2019 - 07.02.24. There is a requirement to ensure the affected tree(s) are sprayed twice between 1 April and 30 June 2024. However, as in previous years, they are offering this work to be carried out at no cost by their approved Forestry Commission contractors.
Fitness trail repairs and bench installation commenced 04.03.24

Climate Change
Last meeting 07.07.22. Meeting scheduled for 21.05.24.

Items to be carried forward:
Review of Park Warden job description
King George V Recreation Ground.
To consider additional lighting
Stanlake Meadow

Bookings approved since the last meeting:		
King George V Recreation Ground		
Stanlake Pavilion / Meadow		
Twyford Comets	Soccer School	08.03.24 – 09.03.24

Expenditure approved under Financial Regulation 4 since the last meeting:			
Description	Budget	Amount	Approval
KGVR pillar – tree work stump grinding	Lands Contingency	£450	Clerk
Mobile power washer	Ranger Materials	£207.98	Chairman
Geraniums	Volunteer Expenses	£29.98	Clerk
Online Playgrounds Basketball hoops and metal net	Playground repairs	£433	Clerk
Stanlake Pavilion – thermostatic valves	Stanlake Pavilion	£711.47	Clerk
Stanlake Pavilion – replace flexible hoses with copper piping	Stanlake Pavilion	£556.11	Clerk

Meeting closed at 20:46