

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Lands Committee held on Zoom on Tuesday
9th March 2021 at 7.45pm.**

Present: Mr J Bowley (Chairman), Mr R Abeywardana, Mr M Bray, Mrs E Ashley, Mrs J Duffield (from 7.3 onwards), Mrs L Jarvis (from 7.3 onwards), Mr R Mantel, Mrs T Ramsden, Mr T Winchester & Mrs S Wisdom.

Clerk: Mrs L Moffatt.

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. Mr M Bray declared an interest in the Green Prescription project. Mrs S Wisdom declared an interest in the Beer Festival request and withdrew from voting.
4. **Minutes dated 9th February 2021.** Approval of the minutes as a true and accurate record proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mr M Bray, motion carried unanimously.
5. **Matters arising.**
 - 5.1 Annual Parish Meeting Parish Lands report
Mr J Bowley reported that he would like an inclusive report with input from the committee and a discussion took place. Ideas discussed were: visual impact; powerpoint / Prezi; poll; engagement; interviews – TATA and Green Prescription; highlight unusual year, successes and outcomes. Contributions to be placed in a shared one drive folder by 23rd March (link circulated 10.03.21).
6. **Monthly reports on Parish Lands maintenance.**
 - 6.1 Village Ranger
There has been an increased problem with glass both at King George V and Stanlake Meadow. The London Road entrance padlock had to be replaced. The list of Ranger jobs includes:
 - To replace the broken standpipe at the Hurst Road allotments.
 - Replace the KGVR ball court barrier (awaiting authorisation of parts by the committee).
 - Erect the 'No dogs sign' on the KGVR playground gate (awaiting authorisation of parts by the committee).
 - Stanlake Meadow main entrance - Signs have been moved onto the kissing gate and the fallen down fencing will be taken to the tip.
 - Netting and pipes behind pavilion to be taken to the tip.
 - Stanlake Meadow - high jump bar has been fixed.
 - Stanlake Pavilion - to order and fit a replacement shower push button as a tester.
 - Stanlake Pavilion changing racks – to sand and varnish / oil.
 - Stanlake Pavilion – to fill holes where the pegs were in the showers.
 - Stanlake Pavilion – to fix the lose shelf.
 - Stanlake Pavilion – to complete decorating.
 - Erect 10x 'Clear up after your dog' signs.
 - Burial Ground border to be weeded.
 - 6.2 Park Warden – no items to report.
 - 6.3 Clerk's Report – the written report was circulated with the agenda - items 4.1 – 4.5 were highlighted. The clerk reported receipt of emails from a number of residents enquiring about progress with the skate park plans. Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mrs S Wisdom to given permission for the burial of Christopher Bushnell who had a strong connection with Twyford. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **To review climate change actions.**

The committee reviewed actions to be carried out in the 0-3 months band. Agreed that the committee will encompass 'zero carbon' in their visions and

values. This should also be considered in the 'Engagement Plan' and 'Stanlake Pavilion project'.

The TRHA hut project to cascade water into water butts for use by the allotment holders is being considered by Graham Starkie.

Carbon off-setting (a) trees were delegated to Mr M Bray, Mrs J Duffield & Mrs T Ramsden.

Promoting wildlife gardening to residents and school grounds is being actioned by Paul Humphrey. Agreed for Mr R Abeywardana to coordinate a podcast to promote gardening in smaller spaces. This will promote case studies such as: a Duke of Edinburgh student using the small plots to achieve her award; an allotment holder who progressed to a half plot after enjoying the trial plots; a resident using her front garden as an allotment.

Mr R Mantel suggested reclaiming the Hazel Copse area to create small starter plots. Agreed to add to next months agenda. Mrs T Ramsden reported that the allotment holders are using the hazels as plant supports.

8. Twyford Green Taskforce. (RA)

8.1 Green prescription – Mr R Abeywardana reported. He updated the committee on promotions of the project which is now to be called 'Twyford Growers'. A twitter feed and Instagram is due to be set up. Before and after photos will be taken of the plot. Volunteers are completing their safeguarding training. Materials and tools are being sourced from the community. A budget of £4,700 remains. Members of the team will attend and provide an update at the April Full Council meeting.

9. Allotments.

9.1 Hurst Rd

- Skip £ 359 for a 12 yard skip – Proposed Mr T Winchester, seconded Mr R Abeywardana, carried unanimously.
- Gap in dead hedge – quotes to be obtained for a new hedge to be planted.

9.2 **London Road** – no report.

9.3 **Consideration for public liability to remain with the Council on TATA plots** – the Council's insurers have confirmed that any area of land that the Council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance for is covered within the insurance policy.

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

11. Bell Corner & Polehampton Corner. No report.

12. King George V Recreation Ground.

12.1 Skate Park working group – no report.

12.2 Skate Parks and MUGAs – Covid Marshall report circulated 28.02.21. Noted.

12.3 3 emails from residents – Skate park closure. Noted.

12.4 Mini athletics request for use mid April onwards 8am-10.30 – approved.

12.5 Flytipping over hedge – Agreed for a letter to be sent to the property owner explaining that the flytipping creates a cost to the Twyford Council taxpayers and asking them to remove the garden debris wedged between their fence and the hedge.

12.6 Ball court replacement brackets (£300 for 12). Mr M Bray proposed, Mr T Winchester seconded to accept the quote of £300. Motion carried unanimously.

12.7 Replacement 'No dogs except guide dogs' playpark gate sign £14.89 (retrospective) Mrs L Jarvis proposed, Mrs J Duffield proposed to accept the quote of £14.89. Motion carried unanimously.

12.8 Repairs to Hags Dinghy £180 Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mr T Winchester to accept the quote of £180.00. Motion carried unanimously.

12.9 NHS bench plaques £51.90 (circulated 1/3/21 & to agree bench locations) Proposed Mrs E Ashley, seconded Mr T Winchester to approve the cost of £51.90 for two brass plaques. Motion carried unanimously. Agreed for Mrs S Wisdom to agree the location of the two benches.

12.10 Brick pillars – north / west entrance. A discussion was held on the brick pillars and it was proposed by Mrs E Ashley, seconded by Mr M Bray to obtain quotes for a proper job of renovating the pillars. Motion carried unanimously. One quote was considered. Agreed to obtain two further quotes.

Clerk & Mrs S Wisdom to take a look at the pillars and decide if the Ranger could remove the Ivy and shrub by the pillars. Suggested to be a Twyford in Bloom project.

13. Stanlake Meadow.

- 13.1 Sports club 5 year agreement renewal –Twyford Comets suggested amendments. Mr R Abeywardana had reviewed the document. Proposed Mr R Abeywardana, seconded Mrs E Ashley to approve the revised document. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.2 Summer tree watering plans – the clerk presented the tree watering plans. The equipment will be funded from the Crowd fundraising funds.
- 13.3 Tree planting event for 2021 -Twyford Tree Festival – the clerk presented the event plans which were approved by the committee.
- 13.4 Land management plan – the committee agreed this can be added to the website.
- 13.5 Suggestion to remove the wire mesh fence along the Stanlake Lane hedgeline. Clerk and Ranger to check if parts of the fence can be removed. If not diarise for a year and reconsider once the hedge has filled out.
- 13.6 Cricket club request to hold some training days w/c 5th April & 12th April. Approved.
- 13.7 Bootcamp request (once permitted) - 2 classes at Stanlake Meadow 8am - 10:30am on Saturdays. Approved.
- 13.8 Beer Festival request for 24th-27th June – Do the Cricket club have a fixture over this weekend? Proposed Mrs E Ashley, seconded Mr R Mantel for the decision to be delegated to Mr J Bowley. Motion carried nem con with Mrs S Wisdom and Mr M Bray abstaining.
- 13.9 Aluminium strips for signs (£100.30). Proposed Mrs T Ramsden, seconded Mr T Winchester to accept the quote of £100.30. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.10 Permanent goal – to consider permanent marking £500 p/a and net support £150. Proposed Mrs J Duffield, seconded Mr M Bray to purchase net supports at a cost of £150. Motion carried unanimously. Agreed not to mark the pitch lines.

14. Stanlake Pavilion.

- 14.1 Stanlake Pavilion working group – meeting 18.03.21.
- 14.2 Audit of storage (circulated 11.02.21 & visit 03.03.21). Mr Bray and Mrs Wisdom had viewed the pavilion. Clerk to liaise with The Colleton School as to whether their letting will resume.
- 14.3 Fire extinguisher service & requirement for a commissioned 2kg carbon dioxide & 6L water [£85 service plus £55 (water / foam) and £59.50 (carbon dioxide) for fire extinguishers]. Proposed Mr M Bray, seconded Mr R Mantel to approve £200. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Correspondence –

- 15.1 Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre. Noted.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th April 2021.

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16. Allotments.

16.1 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 (export to allotment holders)

16.2 London Rd.

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

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

17.1 Report on cremations & burials – none

17.2 Report on memorials – none.

18. King George V Recreation Ground.

18.1 Liaise with TRIP to explore ideas to encourage recycling of waste

18.2 Aerial runway matting – awaiting quotation

18.3 CCTV update [Carried forward pending existing cctv video]

19. Stanlake Meadow.

19.1 Permanent football goals – completed

19.2 Hedge laying – completed

19.3 Bin liner & bin to be concreted in – completed

19.4 Gates – parts to be repainted when the weather improves

19.5 Copse project update

- Friends of Stanlake Copse working group – session 25.02.21
- Tawny Owl boxes – completed
- CROW visit – awaiting date after lockdown
- Water connection scheduled for 26th Feb – 2nd March cancelled – needs a re-design

20. Stanlake Pavilion.

20.1 The Colleton – disconnection of the telephone line (to note)

The meeting closed at 21:35