

**GROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

**Present:**

Cllr F D Parnell (Chairman)	Cllr K Jones
Cllr W Evans (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr W R Ackers	Cllr J Nunn-Price
Cllr J Amys	Cllr C Phillips
Cllr S Dexter	Cllr J M Stock
Cllr P L Hadcroft	Cllr B Williamson
Cllr A Harker	

**In attendance:** One member of the public

**Clerk:** Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I M J Caldicott, H Webb and I Woodbridge.

**2 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting**

Cllrs Dexter and Jones declared an interest in item 15.

**3 Election of council chairman**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Hadcroft **SECONDED** Cllr Stock that Cllr Parnell be re-elected Council Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Parnell was re-elected Council Chairman.

**4 Receive council chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

The chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**5 Election of council vice-chairman**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Stock **SECONDED** Cllr Ackers that Cllr Evans be re-elected Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Evans was re-elected Council Vice-Chairman.

**6 Membership of committees**

Committee membership was agreed with exception of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which will be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.

**7 Elect representatives to the Old Mill Hall Management Committee**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Dexter **SECONDED** Cllr Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that Councillors Evans, Williamson and Woodbridge be elected to the Old Mill Hall Management Committee for a period of 2 years.”**

Clerk

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**8 Grove & Wantage Healthcheck**

Cllr Nunn-Price gave a verbal report into the background of the Grove & Wantage Healthcheck and briefly outlined what is now required. It was generally agreed that a glossary was required for the document.

Clerk The Clerk was asked to email the document to all councillors and comments are to be returned to Cllr Nunn-Price or the clerk by midday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

**9 Representation on outside bodies**

It was generally agreed that the representation on outside bodies be as per the attached appendix.

**10 Sign minutes of council meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008**

Cllr Mellersh informed the meeting that the name of the nomination in item 161(h) should read 'Harry Gulliver' and not 'Oliver'. This was amended.

Clerk After checking the remainder of the report, the chairman suggested and it was agreed that the Clerk take on board comments regarding the grammatical composition of future minutes. It was **MOVED** the Chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that the minutes as amended be signed as a true record of the meeting.”**

**11 Matters arising from the minutes**

- (a) Item 170(a) – Letter to the EA regarding Faber Maunsell – No reply had been received.
- (b) Item 170(i) – Cllr J McGee – The Chairman said that this matter was now closed.
- (c) Item 173(b) – Letter to Paul Davis of Persimmon Homes regarding a meeting – The Clerk read out the reply from Paul Davies. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a telephone call from Jo Hawkins.
- (d) Item 175 – Letter to Allianz Insurance regarding the increase to the Council's excess charges – The Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had yet been received.

**12 Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

**13 Council chairman's communications.**

- (a) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Wantage & Grove Lions Club Lunch on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 – The Chairman informed the meeting that he would attend the lunch.
- (b) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Grove Challengers 6 a side competition on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008 – The Chairman informed the meeting that he is unable to attend this event.
- (c) Invitation for 2 members of council to attend a Thames Water presentation at Hanney War Memorial Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – It was generally agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Stock attend this presentation.

Parnell

**14 Correspondence from the Grove Parish Newsletter**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Grove Parish Newsletter thanking the council for its generous grant of £800 in the last financial year, and requesting the grant assigned to this financial year.

It was **MOVED** the Chairman **SECONDED** Cllr Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that the Clerk write to the parish newsletter and suggest that they write to the county and district councillors and the local Member of Parliament for a contribution when submitting articles for publication and that before this year’s grant of £800 is paid, the council is sent a fuller set of accounts including any assets and reserves held”**

Clerk

**15 Retrospective approval for grant funding to the Vale & Downland Museum Trust**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Hadcroft **SECONDED** Cllr Nunn-Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“to retrospectively approve the grant award of £1000 to the Vale & Downland Museum Trust for this financial year”**

**16 Accounts for Payment**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Stock **SECONDED** Cllr Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that the accounts for the sum of £20,157.78 be adopted”**

**17 Confidential matters**

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **AGREED** in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 ...

**“that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to permit the committee to consider the confidential items.”**

The meeting closed at 8.39pm

Confirmed 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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Chairman