

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 9th MAY 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present:

Cllr F D Parnell (Chairman)
Cllr W Evans (vice-chairman)
Cllr W R Ackers
Cllr R Bashford
Cllr K R Clarke
Cllr S Cotton
Cllr D M Hadcroft
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr R Hicks-Greene
Cllr K Jones
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr J M Stock
Cllr B Williamson

In attendance:

County councillor J Moley
District councillor G Stock

Clerk:

Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Harker and J Nunn-Price.

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

The chairman declared an interest in item 15.

3 Elect council chairman

It was **MOVED** Cllr J Stock **SECONDED** the vice-chairman 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 Elect council vice-chairman

It was **MOVED** Cllr S Cotton **SECONDED** Cllr A Lunn that Cllr Evans be elected vice-chairman. There being no other nominations Cllr W Evans was re-elected council vice-chairman.

6 Agree membership of committees

Committee membership was agreed as per Appendix 1 (attached) 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 Committee

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that councillors K Clarke, W Evans and Cllr B Williamson be elected to the Old Mill Hall Management Committee for a period of 2 years.”

8 Representation on outside bodies

Representatives were elected as per appendix 2 (attached) with the exception of the following which will be agreed during the course of the next cycle of committee meetings:

Passenger Transport Representative – Environmental Services 16/5/06
 Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – Environmental Services 16/5/06
 Grove Pavilion Management Committee – Leisure and Recreation 30/5/06
 OPFA – Service Users Advisory Group – Leisure and Recreation 30/5/06

9 Sign minutes of council meeting held 18th April 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

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

10 Matters arising from the minutes

- Clerk
- a) Item 135 d) – Forecast of meeting for 2006-2007 – As a result of the amendment to the forecast of meeting the clerk asked the council if they had received their amended lists. Most of the councillors had but further copies are to be forwarded the councillors R Hicks-Green and S Cotton.
 - b) Item 136 – Grant Applications – The clerk informed the meeting that all grants had been paid.

11 Questions from the public

There were no members of the public present.

12 Council chairman’s communications.

- Clerk
- a) Invitation to attend the Wantage & Grove Lions Club Lunch on Sunday 21st May 2006 – The chairman stated that he was unable to attend this lunch and asked if anyone else could attend on his behalf. There were no takers. The clerk was asked to reply to the invitation accordingly.
 - b) The chairman stated that he had received a letter from Cllr S Cotton regarding reinstating the petition to stop hospital closures. The chairman invited Cllr S Cotton to read her letter to council. The chairman informed the council that he had been speaking to the Mayors of Wantage, Wallingford and Abingdon regarding their united support to stop the closure of community hospital and said that with Grove Parish Councils

Parnell approval would like to support their petition. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to support the three Town Mayors. The chairman agreed to obtain a copy of the petition letter and find out when the deadline is for the petition.

13 Quotation for the renewal of council insurance

- a) General insurance – The clerk informed the council that he had received two quotations for general insurance from Allianz-Cornhill as follows:

£7,343.25 (inclusive of 5 million pounds public liability)
£7,448.73 (inclusive of 10 million pounds public liability)

The clerk is still waiting a further quotation from Zurich Municipal Insurers. The clerk also explained the reason for obtaining a quote inclusive of 10 million pounds was in case the council adopt further highway maintenance from the county council.

It was **MOVED** Cllr K Clarke **SECONDED** Cllr P Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Parnell/
Clerk **“to grant delegated authority to the chairman and clerk to accept a quotation for general insurance not to exceed £7,448.73 pending receipt of the quotation from Zurich Municipal.”**

Clerks note: Insurance to be renewed as at 1st June 2006.

- b) Motor insurance – The clerk informed the council that he had received the renewal notice for the councils motor insurance which is £3,875.21. The clerk also informed the council that he was trying to obtain another quotation from Zurich Municipal, but this had not yet been received.

It was **MOVED** Cllr J Stock **SECONDED** Cllr R Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Parnell/
Clerk **“to grant delegated authority to the chairman and clerk to accept a quotation for council motor insurance not to exceed £3,875.21 pending receipt of the additional quotation from Zurich Municipal.”**

Clerks note: Insurance to be renewed as at 1st June 2006.

14 Mably Civic Visit

The chairman explained to council that the clerk had written to the Mayor of Mably, informing him that the proposed civic visit from Mably to Grove would have to be postponed due to the time frame in getting visit programmes organised and booked etc.

The chairman further explained that Mayor Julia Reynolds had drafted a letter to Mably suggesting dates for a visit from Mably as follows:

28th September – 2nd October
5th October – 9th October
12th October – 16th October

Parnell It was generally agreed to send a joint Grove Parish/Wantage Town Council letter to Mably and invite them to choose a date to visit. The chairman said he would copy the letter onto the joint headed paper and return it to the Mayor of Wantage.

15 Council reception 2006

Clerk The chairman explained that because the proposed civic visit from Mably was postponed to later in the year, he suggested holding a council reception on 30th June 2006. The invitations list was discussed and agreed.

The chairman took no part in the following proceeding....

Clerk It was **MOVED** the vice-chairman **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“to request the Cornerstone Coffee Shop provide outside catering.”

16 Local Plan update

The chairman stated that there was nothing to add to the update he gave at the Annual Parish Meeting. However the chairman did report that the meeting with the Vale officers held on 2nd May went very well. The chairman also informed the council that the next series of workshops and exhibitions would be held on 14th/15th July 2006. The next development forum would be held on 31st May 2006.

The clerk informed the council that team from Persimmon would give a presentation to council. This had been provisionally scheduled for 23rd May following the Planning meeting. Persimmons are also hoping to meet with the sports clubs and other users of the Recreation Ground to discuss issues, but this had yet to be arranged.

17 To consider accounts for payment as per Appendix

It was **MOVED** Cllr Stock **SECONDED** Cllr R Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that the accounts for the sum of £19,459.25 be adopted.”

18 Confidential matters

There were no confidential matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Confirmed 13th June 2005

Chairman