

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2007 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr D M Hadcroft (chairman)
Cllr J Nunn-Price (vice-chairman from item 4)
Cllr W Evans
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr A Harker
Cllr K Jones
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr C Phillips

In attendance: 2 members of the public
PCSO Barry Gills (part meeting)

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Caldicott.

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

Cllr J Nunn-Price declared an interest in item 6 (c) (4).

3 Election of Committee Chairman

It was **MOVED** Cllr Parnell **SECONDED** Cllr W Evans that Cllr D Hadcroft be elected as chairman.

It was **MOVED** Cllr A Harker **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones that Cllr J Nunn-Price be elected as chairman.

The chairman called for a vote and the votes were cast as follows:

Cllr D Hadcroft – 5 votes
Cllr J Nunn-Price – 3 votes

Cllr D Hadcroft was elected committee chairman.

4 Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

It was **MOVED** Cllr F Parnell **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones that Cllr J Nunn-Price be elected committee vice-chairman. There being no other nominations Cllr J Nunn-Price was elected committee vice-chairman.

5 Sign report of committee meeting held 20th March 2007

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

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

It was generally agreed to defer item 6 until the arrival of PCSO Barry Gills.

7 Matters arising from the meeting held on 20th March 2007

- a) Item 4 c) – Westfield Park Homes Estate – The chairman referred to the correspondence received from OCC stating that footpath No 4 should be 6 feet wide. The clerk was asked to write back to OCC and inform them that the current footpath through the Park Homes Estate is not 6 feet wide and arrange a site meeting. The clerk is to copy all correspondence to the Charles Simpson Organisation.

Clerk

Clerk

b) Item 4 c) – Kissing gate at the rear of Westfield Park Homes Estate – The chairman allowed Mr Clive Capp (warden of the Park Homes Estate) to address the committee. Mr Capp informed the committee that since the installation of the double kissing gate more and more people had been using the footpath and at all hours of the day and night. Because the footpath is not wide enough pedestrians walk over gardens, knocking over fences and other garden ornaments. Cyclists go round the wrong way on the internal road etc. On conclusion the chairman thanked Mr Capp for his comments. The clerk was asked to write to OCC and enquire as to the procedure for re-routing public footpaths, the clerk is also to seek advice from the DDA officer with regard to access onto the footpath from the Cane Lane end.

Clerk
Clerk

c) Item 26 – Mably Way Health Centre – bus shelter – The clerk informed the committee that he had not had a reply from the Vale regarding planning gain from the Health Centre or Dairy site developments but would pursue it again.

Clerk

8 Election of two representatives on to the Joint Environmental Trust for Grove

It was **MOVED** Cllr F Parnell **SECONDED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“to elect Cllrs W Evans and A Harker onto the committee of the Joint Environmental Trust for Grove.”

Clerk

The clerk is to inform Jason Lindsay accordingly

9 Election of a Passenger Transport Representative

It was **MOVED** Cllr P Hadcroft **SECONDED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that the vice-chairman be elected as the Passenger Transport Representative for the parish council.”

10 To receive reports from representatives of outside bodies

a) Independent Advice Centre - No report had been received.

b) Wantage, Grove & District Traffic Advisory Committee - The reports for the meetings held on 1/2/07 and 8/3/07 were noted. The next meeting is to be held on 14th June 2007.

c) Robert Stiles Almshouses - No meeting had been held.

Clerk

d) Grovelands Shoppers Service - The letter from the OCC was noted. The clerk was asked to write to OCC and ask when the council is to ask for the second part of the grant. Cllr P Hadcroft reported that the scheme is still running fine and despite a shortfall in funds last year is confident that because of the measures the council is taking in reducing the number of journeys made the account will remain in credit at the end of the year.

e) Vale & Downland Museum Trust - No meeting had taken place since the last report.

f) Schools governors' reports

a) – Grove C of E School – Cllr K Jones reported that there had not been a full governors meeting recently. He also reported that the Head Teacher had tendered her resignation, the governors are currently advertising for a temporary Head Teacher.

Clerk

b) – Millbrook Primary School – No report had been received. The clerk was asked to clarify Mr Bray's position at the school.

c) – Fitzwaryn School – The vice-chairman reported that she attended her first meeting as a community governor.

11 Transport Matters

a) Minutes from Passenger Transport Representatives meeting – 19/3/07 - The minutes were noted. The vice-chairman stated she would attend the next meeting, which is to be on 23rd July 2007.

b) Correspondence from OCC regarding subsidised bus services in the Wantage and Faringdon area – The chairman and Cllr P Hadcroft said that they would attend the meeting regarding the above on Monday 11th June between 7 and 9 pm in the Civic Hall, Wantage.

The clerk was asked to contact Wantage Town Clerk to find out what had happened to the

Clerk Healthcheck Transport Survey.

12 Health matters

- Clerk
Clerk
- a) Hospital Committee – Cllr A Harker informed the committee that a meeting had taken place recently but was not informed until after the event. The clerk was asked to contact the Wantage Town Clerk and request to be included in the distribution of the agenda for all future Hospital committee meetings. The clerk was also asked to obtain a copy of the PCT file from the Wantage Town Clerk.
- b) It was unanimously agreed that the vice-chairman and Cllr A Harker be the representatives of Grove Parish Council on the Hospital Committee.

13 Cemetery issues

- Clerk
- a) Photographs on Memorials – The clerk informed the committee that enquiries had been made to the office regarding the placing of photographs of the deceased on memorials. It was agreed that the clerk contact local undertakers and obtain examples and bring back to the next meeting.

14 Highway matters:

- Clerk
Clerk
- a) Proposed street lighting essential column replacement scheme at Brereton Drive – The replacement scheme was noted. The clerk was asked to enquire if Newlands Drive was being considered for a similar scheme. The clerk was also asked to obtain the costs of the Brereton Drive scheme.

PCSO Barry Gills arrived

It was generally agreed to go to item 6.

6 Police Matters

- Clerk
- a) Acts of Vandalism – The report was noted. PCSO Barry Gills confirmed he had received the latest report.
- b) Minutes from NAG meeting – 30/4/07 – The minutes were noted. The next meeting is to be held on 31st May 2007. PCSO Barry Gills spoke regarding operation Marlborough and operation Metal, Thames Valley Police initiatives that are in place dealing with anti-social behaviour. He also said that in order to reduce the anti-social behaviour further the youth shelter in the Mary Green Play Area should be moved to the Wasbrough Field, or another shelter provided at Wasbrough Field. The clerk was asked to raise this issue on the agenda for the next Leisure and Recreation committee meeting.

Barry Gills also informed the committee that Inspector Bullivant (Local Area police commander) is visiting local town/parish councils and requested future meeting date. Future meeting dates are 26th June and 7th August 2007. Barry Gills distributed the latest crime statistics for Grove, which on the whole had decreased. He also mentioned that a group of volunteers will be patrolling the village and collecting items that could be used as missiles etc connected with anti-social behaviour and/or criminal damage.

c) Correspondence from Thames Valley police regarding the following:

1) – Millbrook School Car Park – The letter was noted.

2) – Park Homes Estate – The letter was noted.

3) – Alcohol free areas in Grove – The letter was noted.

4) – PCSO Barry Gills informed the committee that the co-op had agreed to fund the purchase of “Neighbourhood Watch” signs in full.

15 JET Matters

No meeting had been held.

16 Millbrook Square

- a) CCTV in Millbrook Square – The clerk informed the meeting that he had spoken to the owner of Millbrook Square who had advised him that he had no intention at present to

install CCTV in Millbrook Square.

17 Strategy to provide funding for a PCSO

It was generally agreed to form a sub-committee made up of the following councillors:

The chairman, and Councillors A Harker and W Evans. Cllr R Ackers is to be invited to join this committee as a representative from the Leisure and Recreation Committee.

Clerk

The clerk was asked to obtain up to date costs of PCSO funding from the Thames Valley Police.

18 Statement of income/Expenditure Statement for year ending 31st March 2007

Clerk

The statement was noted. The clerk was requested to obtain from the district council the usage figures for the dog bins.

19 Refurbishment of notice-boards within the village

Detailed costs of refurbishing certain village notice boards had been received and distributed to councillors.

It was **MOVED** the vice-chairman **SECONDED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“to accept the cost of repairs and proceed with the maintenance of the notice boards at a cost of £429.52 plus VAT.”

Clerk

It was generally agreed that because there is no budget for notice boards, that column heading “street signs” be changed to “street furniture”.

20 Consideration of continuing membership of the ORCC

It was **MOVED** Cllr P Hadcroft **SECONDED** Cllr F Parnell and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk

“ to continue membership of the ORCC at a cost of £20.00.”

21 Consideration of continuing membership of the CPRE

It was **MOVED** the vice-chairman **SECONDED** Cllr P Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“not to renew the membership of the CPRE.”

22 Chairman’s urgent communications

Chairman/
Evans

- a) Invitation to Thames Valley Police Authority – Stakeholder Forum 5th June 2007 – The chairman and Cllr W Evans agreed to attend the stakeholder forum on 5th June at Drayton Park Golf Club from 9.15 to 12.15pm.

Clerk

The clerk is to copy details to the above named councillors.

Clerk

- b) Minerals and Waste Publication – Cllr A Harker informed the committee that OCC’s recently published Minerals and Waste Consultation document referred to Aasvogel and refer to it being located in Grove Parish when it is actually in East Challow. The clerk was asked to inform them accordingly.

23 General correspondence

Dragonfly magazine – Noted
CAG Oxfordshire – Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm

Confirmed 26th June 2007

Chairman