

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr J E Nunn-Price (chairman)
Cllr W Evans
Cllr A Harker
Cllr K Jones
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr C Phillips

In attendance: Cllr W R Ackers

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors I Caldicott and D and P Hadcroft.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Sign report of committee meeting held 7th August 2007

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

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

4 Police Matters

- a) Reported acts of vandalism – The report was noted.
- b) The chairman invited PC Sarah Palmer and PCSO Sue Harris to introduce themselves and inform the meeting of their role in the community. The committee was informed that PCSO Barry Gills had moved to Milton Park on a permanent basis.
- c) During discussion regarding police attendance at council meetings it was agreed that the clerk write again to Inspector Bullivant (local area Commander for Wantage) and invite him to the next committee meeting.
- d) PCSO Sue Harris then informed the committee that, working in partnership with Millbrook Primary School, the police are issuing letters to non-official users of the car park (evenings mostly). The reason for the letter (copy tabled) is to inform car owners that the car park is private property and is for the official use of users of the School, Library, Adult Learning Centre, Day Care Centre and Old Mill Hall. It is hoped that the letter will deter anti social behaviour resulting from youths in cars using the car park. Non-official users will be targeted by the police and informed that they council have their vehicle seized by the police if their actions continue. The chairman thanked the two police officers for their attendance.

Clerk

5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

- a) Item 5 b) – PCT file – The clerk informed the committee that he had spoken to the deputy clerk at Wantage Town Council and had also emailed the Deputy Clerk.
(Clerks Note: A CD with information regarding the PCT has now been received from Wantage Town Council offices).
- b) Item 5 g) – Re-siting dog bin on Brereton Drive – The clerk informed the committee that the dog bin had been re-sited as requested.

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- c) Item 14 – Grove footpath No 4 – The clerk informed the committee that the figures quoted in the OCC correspondence are confirmed as “one off fees”. The clerk also informed those present that he had written to the Park Manager at the Charles Simpson Organisation but was still awaiting his response.
- d) Item 19 – National Probation Service – The clerk informed the committee that he had written to Ms Lyn Parker, but had not yet received a reply. The clerk was asked to chase for the next meeting.

Clerk

6 To receive reports from representatives of outside bodies

- a) Independent Advice Centre - The IAC AGM is to be held on 27th September 2007. The chairman and Cllr Stock are attending.
- b) Wantage, Grove & District Traffic Advisory Committee - The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 20th September 2007.
- c) Robert Stiles Almshouses - No meeting had taken place.
- d) Grovelands Shoppers Service - No issues had been reported.
- e) Vale & Downland Museum Trust – Cllr Jones reported that the AGM was held recently. The next business meeting will be held on Thursday 20th September 2007.
- f) Schools governors’ reports
- i) – Millbrook School – No report was received.
- ii) – Grove C of E School – Cllr Jones reported that the next Governors’ meeting will be held on 11th October 2007. He also reported that the school will be recruiting a new head teacher for January.
- iii) – Fitzwaryn School – No meeting had been held.

7 Transport Matters

There was nothing to report.

8 Health matters

- a) Hospital Committee – The chairman said that the last meeting was held on 3rd September and was awaiting the minutes. She reported that it had been a very useful meeting because two local GPs (Philip Subly and Andrew Allen) had attended and had answered questions about the new Practice based Commissioning consortium and their views on the future development of intermediate commissioning locally. The minutes will be forwarded to the clerk for wider distribution when received.

Clerk

9 Cemetery issues

The Clerk informed the committee that the Cemetery Wall was still being dealt with otherwise there was nothing to report.

10 Highway matters:

There was nothing to report.

11 JET Matters

The proposed meeting to be held on 20th September has had to be postponed. Members would be notified when the new date had been set.

12 PCSO funding

Clerk The clerk was asked to arrange a sub-committee meeting once he had spoken to PC Lovegrove in Abingdon.

13 Committee Objectives

The list compiled by the chairman was distributed to all those present. Although comprehensive, members felt that the list was the remit of the committee and objectives should be listed separately. A discussion ensued. Cllr Harker said that the mission statement for the committee should be “to maintain and improve the environment in and around Grove”, this was generally agreed.

Cllr Parnell said the idea of setting realistic objectives was so that they could be used to inform the budget making process.

The following specific objectives were discussed and agreed:

- To ensure the Cemetery Memorial Wall is sorted out before the end of the financial year.
- Purchase of bus shelters (1 x shelter per year)
- Install more dog bins each year especially on the North side of Grove.
- Clearance of parish council maintained footpaths.
- Have a clear understanding of footpaths and know where they are. (The clerk was asked to bring the definitive map to the next meeting).
- Survey residents once a year to ask what they would like and priorities.
- To arrange relevant Councillor training in environmental matters.
- To contribute to planning of the airfield developments environmental aspects.
- To always function within its budget.

14 Quotations for bus shelters

Clerk The list of quotations received was distributed to those present. The clerk informed the committee that he had written to Prime Site Media notifying them of the councils intention of wanting to install more bus shelters in Grove, the clerk was still awaiting a reply. It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

15 Chairman’s urgent communications

The e-mail from OCC regarding roadside surveys was noted.

16 General correspondence

a) OCC Home to School Newsletter – This was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Confirmed 30th October 2007

Chairman