

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present:

Cllr D M Hadcroft (chairman)
Cllr R Bashford
Cllr W Evans
Cllr P L Hadcroft (part meeting)
Cllr A Harker
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene
Cllr K Jones
Cllr A Lunn
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr J M Stock
Cllr B Williamson

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Clarke. Belated apologies were received from Cllr S Cotton.

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 16th May 2006

Cllr F Parnell pointed out that the numbering of the items in the minutes were not sequential (item 9 appeared twice, the seconded item 9 should read item 13). The minutes were amended by the chairman.

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

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

The chairman asked the committee for their approval to bring forward item 11 because PC James had another meeting to attend. Approval was given.

11 Police Matters

PC James informed the committee that Inspector Terry Hinchley had taken up another post and is replaced by Inspector Celia Agger, although this is only a temporary posting for Inspector Agger.

PC James also informed the committee that he was currently organising the Neighbourhood Watch in Grove. He further explained that Grove is to be broken down in to 3 smaller areas :East side of Grove (Mayfield Avenue), the centre line (Main Street), and the West side of Grove (Breton Drive – westwards). The first meeting will be for the East side of Grove on Wednesday 13th September in Old Mill Hall. PC James will organise a letter drop to all residents. Further meetings will follow.

PC James then took questions from councillors concerning bicycles on footpaths. The chairman thanked PC James for attending the meeting.

4 Matters arising from the meeting held on 16th May

- a) Item 6 a) – Meeting with Chief Inspector David Purnell.
- b) Item 10 – Letter passed to Wantage Town Council – A letter regarding funding for transport schemes n 2006-2011 was passed to Mr Falkenau for inclusion in the next Wantage, Grove and District Traffic Advisory meeting.
- c) Item 11 b) – Hospital petition – The completed hospital petition had been sent to Wantage Town Mayor. Subsequent completed signatures sheets are to be sent to Wallingford Town Clerk.
- d) Item 12 b) – Letter sent to Mary Lambe – Another letter had been sent to Mary Lambe, to date there had been no response. Councillors were asked to raise the issue at the next JET meeting

- e) Item 13 a) – Letter to OCC regarding footpath between Wick Green and Westbrook – A letter from OCC was received confirming that the footpath between Wick Green and Westbrook on the Denchworth Road would be re-surfaced during the current works taking place.
- f) Item 13 b) – Letter to OCC regarding access in front of the Bay Tree pub – A letter had been received from the OCC regarding to access in from of the Bay Tree Public House.
- g) Item 13 c) – Ownership of tree outside 5 Sims Gardens – Cllr S Cotton was discussing this matter with OCC.
- h) Item 13 d) – No Parking sign a the rear of Millbrook Shops – Mole Valley Commercial have agreed to place a “No Parking “ sign in the turning point at the rear of the shops.
- i) Item 13 e) – Cost of resurfacing work around Membury Way The cost of re-surfacing the footpaths around Membury Way was noted. The clerk was asked to send a list of damaged pathways to OCC.
- j) Item 20 a) – Risk assessment for Millbrook shops – The risk assessment for Millbrook shops was noted.
- k) Item 22 c) – Post Office Account Cards – The reply from the DTI regarding Post Office account cards was noted.

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5 To receive reports from representatives of outside bodies

- a) Independent Advice Centre -There had been no recent meeting.
- b) Wantage, Grove & District Traffic Advisory Committee - The next meeting is currently scheduled for 13th July 2006.
- c) Robert Stiles Almshouses -No report had been received.
- d) Grovelands Shoppers Service - Cllr P Hadcroft spoke regarding the sum of £163.04 which had been carried forward to this years accounts. He also suggested that this be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.
- e) Vale & Downland Museum Trust - no report had been received.
- f) School Governors’ Reports - Cllr R Hicks-Greene reported that North Drive School had had a successful May Fayre and thanked Cllr F Parnell for attending. Key Stage 2 SATS results are due and early indications are that they will be good.

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6 Transport Matters

- a) Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 (Bus Strategy) – This was noted.
- b) Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 (Information Strategy) – This was noted.

7 Health matters

Hospital Committee – Cllr B Williamson stated that there would be a meeting on 11th July in Wantage Civic Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Councillors J Nunn-Price and A Harker both spoke regarding a leaflet being produced concerning Wantage Community Hospital.

8 Cemetery issues

- a) Sub-Committee – general report – No meeting had taken place
- b) Update regarding damage to the Cemetery Memorial Wall – This had been discussed under Matters Arising.

9 Highway matters:

- a) Correspondence from B E Collins of Grove regarding traffic congestion at the junction of Cane Lane and Main Street – The clerk was asked to forward this to Mr Falkenau for inclusion on to the next Wantage, Grove and District Traffic Advisory meeting.

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10 **JET Matters**

The next meeting is on Thursday 29th June in Old Mill Hall from 6.30 pm

12 **Millbrook Square**

Cllr A Harker spoke regarding the litter clearance specification. It was hoped to have a draft specification by the end of next week.

13 **Correspondence from OCC**

Harker

a) **“No time to waste” – Waste Strategy public engagement** – This was passed to Cllr A Harker for completion.

b) **Suggested dates for meetings with Towns and Parishes** – The clerk was asked to inform OCC that the following councillors wished to attend the meeting on 27th July 2006 at the Guildhall, Abingdon. The meeting commences at 7.30 pm:

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Councillors K Clarke, D Hadcroft and F Parnell.

14 **AGM of CPRE to be held on Saturday 8th July 2006**

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Names of councillors wishing to attend to the clerk as soon as possible.

15 **Purchase of additional dog waste bins**

It was **MOVED** Cllr P Hadcroft **SECONDED** Cllr B Williamson and **RESOLVED** unanimously

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“to purchase 5 x new dog waste bins from Earth Anchors at a cost of £163.00 plus VAT plus carriage at £13.80 per bin.”

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The clerk will obtain permission from the respective landowners and make site visits as necessary to determine exact locations. The clerk is also to contact Cleanaway to ensure that they area agreed on the locations for collection purposes.

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16 **Acts of Vandalism**

There were no acts of vandalism reported during the period.

17 **Chairman’s urgent communications**

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a) The clerk informed the meeting that he had received notification of a proposed implementation of a 30 mph speed restriction on the A338 between Grove Bridge and the Mably Way Roundabout. The clerk was asked to reply by 31st July in support of the speed restriction.

b) The clerk informed the meeting that he had received notification of the schools consultation meetings which will take place at King Alfred’s Centre site on 18th July at 7.30 pm and at Millbrook School Grove on 19th July at 7.30 pm

18 **General correspondence**

The following general correspondence were noted:

- a) – CPRE – Fieldwork magazine
- b) – CPRE – Oxfordshire Bulletin
- c) – OCC – Home 2 school Newsletter
- d) – CAG Oxfordshire

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Confirmed 8th August 2006

Chairman