

**REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr K R Clarke (chairman) Cllr D M Hadcroft (vice-chairman) Cllr R Bashford Cllr W Evans Cllr P L Hadcroft Cllr R E Hicks-Greene Cllr K Jones Cllr F D Parnell Cllr B Williamson
<b>In attendance:</b>	PCs D James and S Palmer (for item 11 only)
<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs C J Parry

**1     Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Cotton, A Harker, A P Lunn, J Nunn-Price and from parish clerk G M Mundy.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

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

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

It was agreed to bring forward the item regarding police matters.

**11    Police Matters (item taken out of order)**

PC James informed councillors that neighbourhood policing was coming to the area earlier than expected. He gave a brief explanation of Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) which would be set up in Grove, Wantage, the Challows, the Letcombes and Childrey and would be made up of members from all walks of life. He already had some volunteers but requested names of others who might be interested in joining a local NAG. Names were suggested and Cllrs Williamson and D Hadcroft asked to be considered. PC James informed members of provisional dates for proposed meetings and promised to confirm these at a later date.

The police officers answered several questions put by members and were thanked by the chairman for their attendance.

**Cllr Bashford left the meeting**

**4     Matters arising from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

- a) Item 4 (i) – Cost of resurfacing work around Membury Way – The new survey was in hand.
- b) Item 5 (d) - Grovelands Shoppers Service – The shortfall of £163.04 had been met from council funds.
- c) Item 9 (a) - Correspondence from B E Collins – The matter had been passed to the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration.
- d) Item 15 - Purchase of additional dog bins – The bins had been delivered and permission from landowners was awaited.
- e) Item 17 (a) - 30 mph speed restriction – A letter of support had been sent the county council.

**Cllr Bashford returned to the meeting**

- f) Item 13 (b) Suggested dates for meetings with Towns and Parishes – The chairman apologised for not attending the meeting and asked for any feedback.

**5 Reports from representatives of outside bodies**

- a) Independent Advice Centre - Cllr Stock had been unable to attend the last meeting. No report had been received.
- b) Wantage, Grove & District Traffic Advisory Committee -There had been no meeting.
- c) Robert Stiles Almshouses -There had been no meeting.
- d) Grovelands Shoppers Service - It was noted that the Vale Housing Association had again granted the sum of £150.
- e) Vale & Downland Museum Trust - Cllr Jones had been unable to attend the last meeting. However he informed members that the chairman of the trust had resigned due to ill health and that Mr Terry Fraser had agreed to replace him. It was agreed that the clerk send a get well card to the ex-chairman.
- f) School Governors' Reports:  
Grove CE School - Cllrs Jones and Hicks-Greene reported on the SATS results and health and safety issues. They also reported that the head was to take time out to become a temporary OFSTED inspector and that a new temporary acting head had been appointed.

Clerk

**6 Transport Matters**

There were no transport issues to discuss.

**7 Health matters**

- a) Hospital Committee – There had been no meeting recently. A meeting of the Friends of Wantage Hospital was to be held next week.
- b) Briefing note from Cllr Williamson - The report of the public meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July which had been provided by Cllr B Williamson and passed to committee members, was noted.

**8 Cemetery issues**

- a) Sub-Committee – general report – No meeting had taken place
- b) Update regarding damage to the Cemetery Memorial Wall – The clerk reported that the Vale of White Horse District Council had agreed to investigate the possibility of their insurers paying for the repairs to the wall.

**9 Highway matters:**

- a) Correspondence from Mr Cottell re road markings – A letter had been received from Mr Cottell suggesting another location for “Keep Clear” road markings. It was generally agreed to pass this to the Wantage and Grove Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration. The clerk was to inform Mr Cottell.

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The clerk was asked to ascertain which utility company had excavated the newly laid tarmac adjacent to the village green.

**10 JET Matters**

A new representative was required following the resignation of Cllr Cotton.

It was **PROPOSED** the chairman, **SECONDED** Cllr Parnell and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“that Cllr R Bashford be elected as a representative on the Joint Environmental Trust for Grove”.**

Clerk

**12 Millbrook Square**

The clerk had spoken with Mr Twaite of Mole Valley Commercial and reported that the company was in the process of appointing Calber Facilities Management to carry out regular litter clearance in the shopping centre. A contractor had also been appointed to carry out repairs to the paths around the square and advisory signs had been erected regarding traffic and parking. Planning permission had been obtained for the new building and work was expected to commence in November/December.

Clerk                    The clerk was asked to contact McColls to ask them to empty their litter bin and to wash the slabs in front of the shop which were badly stained.

**13            Correspondence from OCC regarding Public Rights of Way in Oxfordshire**

New definitive maps showing the public rights of way in Oxfordshire were noted.

**14            Acts of Vandalism**

The list of vandalism was noted. Concerns were raised regarding the damage to windows at Old Mill Hall.

**15            Chairman's urgent communications**

There were no urgent communications.

**16            General correspondence**

The following general correspondence was noted:

- a)    Countryside Voice - passed to the vice-chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Confirmed 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006

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Chairman

