

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 12th SEPTEMBER 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 S Cotton
Cllr A Harker
Cllr K Jones
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr J Nunn-Price
Cllr J M Stock
Cllr B Williamson

In attendance: County councillor Z Patrick
District councillor P Westwood
3 members of the public

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

53 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillors K Clarke, D and P Hadcroft and R Hicks-Greene. Apologies were received from district councillors D Phillips and G Stock.

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

There were no declarations of interest. The chairman suggested that declarations may be given as the meeting proceeds.

55 Sign minutes of the council meeting held 1st August 2006

Item 43 b) – Amend text to read, “the meeting was overwhelmed by KA’s senior staff.”

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

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

56 Sign minutes of the special council meeting held on 5th September 2006

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

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

57 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting

The clerk reported that the Annual return had been sent to the external auditor.

58 Questions from the public

Mr Chown asked the chairman if he was in receipt of a letter from Mr Don Summers, concerning the Airfield Development. The chairman replied that he was and this would be considered under Chairman’s Communications.

59 County and district councillors' reports

Clerk County councillor Z Patrick gave a verbal report. A written copy is attached as an appendix. Following the report the clerk was asked to write to Mr Michael Mill at OCC regarding the recent consultation on secondary education and calling for the need of a Mori type poll for the whole area as previously conducted.

District councillor P Westwood gave a verbal report. A written copy is attached as an appendix.

60 Local Plan update

Cllr A Harker reported that the council should have received a copy of a briefing note from Kemp & Kemp regarding the range of drainage and water matters that they are currently investigating. The clerk said that he had not received the note and is trying to obtain a copy from the Vale.

The next Grove Development Forum is on 26th September at Old Mill Hall commencing at 7 pm.

61 Council Chairman's Communications

- a) Correspondence from Root and Branch – This was noted.
- Parnell/
Clerk b) Invitation from the Chair of the Vale – The chairman and clerk said they would both attend the function on 8th November 2006.
- Clerk c) Correspondence from the Vale re "Community Reception" to be held in 2007 – The chairman informed the meeting that the Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council is inviting nominations from local parish councils to a Community Reception to be held in 2007. Cllr J Nunn-Price suggested and it was agreed that the parish council advertise this in the Parish Newsletter requesting residents of Grove to nominate individuals. All nominations are to go through the parish council. The clerk is to bring this item back to the next Full council meeting for further consideration.
- Clerk
Clerk d) Invitation to the Chairman of Vale of White Horse District Council "Dinner and Gala Casino Night" – All councillors are invited to attend. Names to the clerk by the 4th October 2006.
- All e) Correspondence from Grove residents re Newlands Drive – The chairman read out the letter and suggested that because of the draft plans more concerns regarding Newlands Drive would be submitted. The clerk was asked to write to the residents and inform them of the development forum which are open to the public and of the exhibitions in Grove.
- Clerk
Clerk A copy of the resident's letter is to be sent to county councillors Z Patrick and Jeff Bishop.
- f) Correspondence from Mr Don Summers – The chairman read from the email received from Mr Summers. Due to the short notice of this item, the letter and email were copied to all Councillors. Receipt of the letter was noted.

62 Recommendation from Finance and General Purposes Committee

Following discussion where various comments were made in favour of 2 short listed candidates

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

“to accept the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee that Neil Boddington be instructed to act as consultant and planning advisor to the council.”

The chairman suggested and it was agreed that a small working group be set up as follows:

Council Chairman
Council vice-chairman
Chairman of Planning
Councillor Harker (for Environmental issues)

Chairman of Leisure and Recreation
Clerk

Clerk The clerk was asked to set up a meeting between the working group and Neil Boddington as soon as possible.

63 Mably Twinning Visit

- a) Expenditure – The chairman explained that Wantage Town Council had agreed to allocate £750 towards costs of the visit and suggested that Grove should do the same.

It was **MOVED** Cllr K Jones **SECONDED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“to allocate up to £750 towards costs of the Mably Civic visit.”

Clerks note: All monies to come from the Twinning Reserves

All b) Draft timetable – The chairman explained the draft timetable to council. He asked members to inform the clerk if they would be attending any of the visit programmes. It was agreed that councillors would pay for their own meals if they attended.

64 Remembrance Sunday arrangements

Parnell a) Cemetery Service – Following discussion it was agreed that the parish council will hold a short service of Remembrance at the Parish Cemetery on Sunday 12th November 2006. The service will commence at approximately 2 pm. County and district councillors are to be invited. The chairman said that he would invite one of the local church ministers to conduct the service. The chairman also reminded councillors of the service held at the Parish Church which commences at 10 am.

- b) Purchase of Wreath – It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to donate the sum of £50 to the Royal British Legion for the supply of a poppy wreath.”**

65 Attendance for the visit to the Harwell site on Monday 25th September 2006

Clerk The attendance list was confirmed. The clerk was asked to produce a map of the locality for parking. The clerk will inform councillors of specific details in the next councillor’s post.

66 Funding and attendance on the following courses

H & S Officer a) Fire Marshall course – It was **MOVED** the vice-chairman **SECONDED** Cllr R Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“for the councils Health and Safety Officer to attend the fire marshall course at a cost of £76 (ex VAT).”

- b) Risk Management Training for Local Councils – It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr S Cotton and **RESOLVED** unanimously

H & S Officer/
Clerk **“for the councils Health and Safety Officer to attend this course at a cost of £20 (Ex VAT), subject to conformation of the subject matter.”**

A written report is to be provided at the end of it.

- c) Planning System Course – It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr R Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Mellersh **“to provide funding for Cllr M Mellersh to attend this course.”**

67 Wantage Town Council Minutes

Theses were noted.

68 Correspondence from SEERA regarding Partial review of the South East Plan – Provision for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan sites.

Parnell

The chairman agreed to take the document away and it was also agreed by council that he should make any necessary comments on behalf of the council.

69 Report on matters relating to the following:

Clerk

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove –the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 21st September 2006..
- b) Wantage Joint Economic Forum – No report had been received.
- c) Vale Strategic Partnership – County councillor Z Patrick informed the council that John Robertson was the new chairman. The clerk was asked to write to the Vale and ask what is happening about the partnership.
- d) Fair Trade Village update – Cllr M Mellersh said the next meeting was on Thursday 21 September 2006.

70 Committee reports:

- a) Report of Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 8th August 2006 - The report was presented by the chairman.
- b) Report of Planning Committee meeting held on 5th September 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr J Stock.
- c) Report of Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr R Ackers.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 29th August 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr W Evans.

71 Accounts for payment as per Appendix

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

“that the accounts for the sum of £12,451.88 be adopted.”

72 Confidential items

There were no confidential matters.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Confirmed 24th October 2006

Chairman