

**GROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

**Present:** Cllr F D Parnell (Chairman)  
Cllr W Evans (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr W R Ackers  
Cllr K R Clarke  
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene  
Cllr K Jones  
Cllr A P Lunn  
Cllr M Mellersh  
Cllr J M Stock  
Cllr B Williamson

**In attendance:** County councillor Z Patrick  
County councillor J Moley  
District councillor G Stock  
4 members of the public

**Clerk:** Mr G M Mundy

**38     Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillors R Bashford, S Cotton, D and P Hadcroft, A Harker and J Nunn-Price. Belated apologies were received from district councillor D Phillips.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**40     Sign minutes of Annual Parish meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

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

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

**41     Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Item 33 – Invitation to attend 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UKAEA (Harwell) – The clerk gave an update.

**42     Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

**43     County and district councillors’ reports**

- a) District councillor Z Patrick gave a verbal report. A written report is attached to the minutes as an appendix.
- b) District councillor J Moley spoke on the schools consultation, and that it was supposed to be open to the whole community, but the meeting was overwhelmed by KA’s senior staff.
- c) County councillor G Stock spoke regarding the Grovelands shops and what will happen to them when the new local centre is built. She informed them when she would be writing to Jeff Bishop of BDOR and taking the matter to Wantage JEF.

- d) District councillor Phillips submitted a short report which is attached as an appendix.

**44 Local Plan update**

The chairman briefed the council on:

- The last Development Forum meeting
- Discussion regarding surveys
- Exhibition at Old Mill Hall where approximately 500 residents attended
- Meeting with sports clubs held on 20<sup>th</sup> July

The chairman also informed the Council that he is to attend the internal Scoping meeting at the Vale on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**45 Council Chairman's Communications**

- a) A letter of thanks had been received from Oxfordshire association for the Blind. This was noted.
- b) A letter of thanks from Grove Challengers FC was noted.
- c) A letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Vale was noted.
- d) The schools consultation was discussed under county and district councillors reports.
- e) An invitation to attend the Upper Thames Major Resource Development on 13<sup>th</sup> September at Guildhall, Abingdon at 2 pm had been received. Cllr R Hicks-Greene and the clerk said they would attend.
- f) The chairman read out a letter from Mr and Mrs Frith regarding the new development and Newlands Drive. The chairman said that there is a need to look more closely at integrating Newlands Drive into the new development and will raise this issue at the next opportunity.

**46 Correspondence from the Vale of White Horse District Council**

- a) Adoption of the Local Plan – This was noted.
- b) Invitation to a Housing Strategy Forum on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am in the Guildhall, Abingdon – Cllr R Hicks-Green and the clerk would definitely attend. Cllr J Stock said that she would check her diary.

**47 Council Risk Assessment 2005/06**

Because councillors had not received this document this matter was deferred until 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**48 Grant application for the Vale and Downland Museum Trust**

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones and **RESOLVED** 9 in favour 1 abstention and 0 against

**“to grant the sum of £650 to the Vale and Downland Museum Trust.”**

**49 Report on matters relating to the following:**

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – The chairman reported that Cllr A Harker was elected the new chairman and district councillor G Stock was the new vice-chairman.

The council were also asked to consider the quotation for revetment works to the bank at Sharland Close.

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

**“to accept the quotation from Amenity Water Management for £4,114.00 (Excl VAT).”**

Payment less VAT will be reimbursed through JET.

- b) Wantage Joint Economic Forum – Minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were noted. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Wantage Civic Hall.
- c) Vale Strategic Partnership – County councillor Z Patrick informed the council that John Robertson was the new chairman.
- d) Fair Trade Village update – Cllr M Mellersh informed the Council that they have been asked to join in an Oxfordshire wide partnership and that a big event was planned for March next year.

**50 Committee reports:**

- a) Report of Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr K Clarke.
- b) Report of Planning Committee meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 - The reports were presented by Cllr J Stock.
- c) Report of Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr R Ackers.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006 - The reports were presented by the chairman.

**51 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 £27,356.98 be adopted.”**

**52 Confidential items**

It was **PROPOSED** the chairman and **AGREED** in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 ...

**“that the press and public be excluded from the meeting to permit the committee to consider the confidential items.”**

The chairman reminded those present that staff appraisals are due soon and any comments for them are to be with Cllr R Ackers by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Confirmed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006

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Chairman