

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 24th OCTOBER 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 D M Hadcroft
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr J Nunn-Price
Cllr J M Stock
Cllr B Williamson
- In attendance:** County councillor Z Patrick (part meeting)
County councillor J Moley
- Clerk:** Mr G M Mundy

73 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillors K Clarke, S Cotton, A Harker, R Hicks-Greene and K Jones. Apologies were received from district councillor G Stock.

74 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.

75 Sign minutes of the council meeting held 12th September 2006

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

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

76 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting

- a) Item 59 – Secondary Education in Grove and Wantage – The response from OCC regarding the provision of Secondary Education in Grove and Wantage was noted.
- b) Item 61 c) –Community Reception – The clerk informed the meeting that there had been a nil response from members of the public. It was agreed to extend the deadline to the next Full Council meeting.
- c) Item 68 - Provision for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan sites. – The chairman informed members that he had read through the document “Provision of Gypsy and travellers Caravan Sites” and felt that there was no need for a response from the council.

County councillor Z Patrick arrived

- d) Item 64 - Remembrance Sunday – The chairman informed members that Pastor John Paul had agreed to conduct the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November in Grove

Cemetery at 3 pm.

77 Questions from the public

No members of the public were present.

78 County and district councillors' reports

- a) County councillor Z Patrick gave a verbal report. A written account is attached as appendix.
- b) In the absence of district councillor G Stock, the chairman read out her report.

79 Local Plan update

- a) Correspondence from Grove Free Evangelical Church – The chairman spoke regarding the correspondence and suggested to members and it was agreed that council members on the Grove Development Forum meet with members of the Grove Free Evangelical Church to discuss the issues. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting.
Clerk
- b) The chairman informed the council that he had spoken to Geraldine le Cointe of the Vale regarding 106 agreements from the Airfield Development. The clerk was asked to send a memo to all councillors with a copy of policy H5 inviting councillors to make suggestions for the use of 106 money that were not contained in policy H5.
Clerk
- c) Report from Neil Boddington CPC – The report was noted.

80 Council Chairman's Communications

- a) Report from the recent civic visit from Mably – The chairman, on behalf of the council expressed his gratitude and thanks to councillors K Jones and J Nunn-Price for hosting and acting as interpreters during the civic visit. He also expressed thanks to Cllr J Nunn-Price for hosting and looking after the visitors at various times during the visit. He reported that the civic visit went very well. The chairman informed members that gifts were exchanged. The council gave Mably a print of the Old Post Office viewed from the Village Green, Wantage Town Council gave Mably a print of Wantage Town Market Place and both councils jointly gave Mably a sculptured tear drop with an inscription commemorating the civic visit. The chairman informed members that Mably gave Grove a book depicting scenes from the Roanne area and a sculpture of the Loire Valley.

County councillor J Moley said that the civic visit showed excellent co-operation between Grove and Wantage councils.

Cllr J Nunn-Price said that during the visit Madame Carruesco had indicated that she would like to set up a culture link with Grove and Wantage incorporating a schools link.

The chairman stated that the cost of the civic visit would be approximately £500 per council.

- b) Correspondence regarding Dickensian Evening – The letter regarding the Dickensian Evening on the 1st December was noted.

81 Correspondence from OCC Youth Services regarding programme funding

Cllr R Ackers informed members that he had received correspondence from Garry Kingett regarding a request for funding a programme of activities for young people in and around Grove. The programme included dance workshops, music sessions etc. The total cost of the programme is approximately £5,000. Cllr J Stock stated that this is a worthwhile cause and would help to keep the young people occupied.

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

Clerk **“to grant Grove Youth Centre £1,000 towards costs for the youth activities programme.”**

82 Grant Applications

The vice-chairman suggested and it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next Full Council meeting because councillors had not received enough information relating to each of the grant applications. The clerk was therefore asked to circulate all of the correspondence relating to each of the grant applications. All supporting documents are to be circulated to all councillors with these minutes.

Clerk

83 Council response re King Alfred’s Foundation Status

The chairman informed the council that because of the timelines involved in sending a response to King Alfred’s regarding their Foundation Status, it was agreed at the last Finance and General Purposes meeting to send a response. It was therefore unanimously agreed that the response sent by the chairman and clerk be approved as council policy. The clerk was asked to send a press release to the Herald newspaper series, the Wantage and Grove Review and the Parish Newsletter.

Clerk

84 Correspondence from OCC

- a) Integrated Transport Strategies (ITS’s) – Members Steering Groups – This was noted.
- b) Transport issues in Grove and Wantage – This was noted. County councillor Z Patrick was asked by council to find out from OCC which “local bodies” would become involved in the new study.

85 Potential Education change in Grove: Grove Church of England School and Millbrook County Primary School

The chairman informed councillors that this matter had been to Environmental Services Committee and Leisure and Recreation Committee and because of the importance of the subject should be discussed at Full council. The current proposal for the C of E School is to move into a new building on the airfield site and the existing site would be sold for re-development. The playing field at the existing site could be retained and the chairman asked councillors for their views. The following suggestions were made:

Retain as playing fields, sports pitches training pitches for use by scouts etc.

Cllr J Nunn-Price suggested that the land should be held as part of the Community Land Trust. This was agreed in principle. The clerk was asked to reply and agree in principle to the council taking over the playing field area and the remainder being sold off for re-development.

86 Approval of expenditure from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to repair faults in the Old Mill Hall toilet plumbing

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr P Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to accept the quotation from A J Holding to locate and repair the faults in the plumbing system at a cost not to exceed £300.”**

87 Invitation from Macmillan Cancer Support to a fundraising event on 8th December 2006

The invitation was noted.

88 Councils nominated recipient from the 2006 carol service collection

It was suggested by the chairman and unanimously agreed that Fitzwaryn School be the recipient

Clerk of the collection made at this years carol service. The chairman informed the council that Fitzwaryn School are trying to raise £20,000 to provide a sensory room at the school. The clerk was asked to inform the school and also let the local press know.

89 Report on matters relating to the following:

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – The chairman informed the council that along with Wantage JET, Grove JET is to continue its support for the Letcombe Brook project for another year.
- b) Wantage Joint Economic Forum – No report was received. It was noted that the next meeting is to be held on 9th November 2006.
- c) Vale Strategic Partnership – No report was received.
- d) Fair Trade Village update – The next meeting is to be held on 16th November 2006. Cllr M Mellersh informed the council that an event was being planned for the Fair Trade fortnight next spring.

90 Committee reports:

- a) Report of Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 19th September 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr D Hadcroft.
- b) Report of Planning Committee meetings held on 26th September and 17th October 2006 - The reports were presented by Cllr J Stock.
- c) Report of Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr R Ackers.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 10th October 2006 - The report was presented by the chairman.

91 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 £15,923.20 be adopted.”

92 Confidential items

There were no confidential matters.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Confirmed 5th December 2006

Chairman