

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 6th DECEMBER 2005 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 D M Hadcroft
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene
Cllr K Jones
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr J Nunn-Price
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr J M Stock
Cllr B Williamson

In attendance:

District councillor P Westwood
3 members of the public

Clerk:

Mr G M Mundy

93 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillor K R Clarke, county councillor Z Patrick and district councillors D Phillips and G Stock.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

95 Sign minutes of council meeting held 25th October 2005

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

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

96 Consider matters arising from the meeting held on 25th October 2005

Clerk

a) Item 82 (b) – Use of council telephone line by the Cornerstone – The clerk informed the meeting that he was still waiting for the telephone bill from BT and as soon as it was received will invoice the Cornerstone accordingly.

b) Item 88 – Christmas Tree Carol Service – The clerk reminded all councillors of the Christmas Tree Carol Service to take place on Thursday 22nd December starting at 7 pm. The clerk also informed the council of the carols that will be sung.

Ch’man
Clerk

c) Item 89 (a) – JET for Grove –The clerk informed the council that the new maps had been installed, however there is a requirement for two more maps. After discussion it was agreed that the chairman and clerk discuss the procurement and report back to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

97 To receive questions from the public

Clerk

Mr Chown asked the council if they had seen the article in the Hanney newsletter regarding the proposed air traffic corridor. The chairman replied that the council had not. It was generally agreed the clerk obtain a copy.

98 To receive county and district councillors' reports

A written report had been received from county councillor Z Patrick and distributed to councillors at the meeting. A copy is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

District councillor P Westwood gave a verbal report to the council. A copy of attached as an appendix to these minutes.

In the absence of district councillor G Stock the chairman read out a written report to the council. A copy is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

99 Council Chairman's Communications.

- a) Letter of thanks from Cornerstone – The letter of thanks regarding the grant of £300 was noted.
- b) Letter of thanks from Root and Branch – The letter of thanks from Root and Branch regarding the grant of £50 was noted.
- c) Notification of tree works at Redland on the village green – After discussion it was agreed to ask the Vale why the trees were being removed.

Clerk

100 Audit for the year ending 31st March 2005

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr J Nunn-Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“to accept the audit report for year ending 31st March 2005.”

101 Issues arising from the audit

Issues arising from the audit were discussed. The clerk agreed to take the necessary steps to formulate an action plan to counter the issues arising.

Clerk

102 Wantage Town Council Minutes

The minutes were noted.

103 Purchase of Christmas tree lights

The chairman explained that the old Christmas tree lights were no longer deemed safe in accordance with new health and safety legislation. Therefore new lights were sourced at a cost of £162.00 (inc VAT).

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr R Ackers and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“the clerk purchase lighting sets at a cost of £162.00 (inc VAT).”

104 Local Plan update

The chairman explained that because all parties concerned could not meet to discuss the Development Forum, the Vale had produced notes on their thoughts regarding the development forum (these were distributed to councillors at the meeting). The chairman informed the councillors that this issue will be discussed at the Planning meeting on 20th December 2005. He also informed the meeting that the Local Plan Inspectors Report is expected to be published in January 2006.

105 Precept update

The chairman informed the meeting that the precept for 2006/07 will be set at the next Full Council meeting. He also asked committee chairman to revisit their budgets again for next year.

106 Correspondence from OCC regarding Structure Plan 2016 – Notice of Adoption Proposals

This was noted.

107 To report on matters relating to the following:

Clerk

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – Cllr A Harker spoke regarding two new members for JET for Grove representing Millbrook School and King Alfred’s school respectively. The chairman spoke regarding the land next to Threshers. Cllr S Cotton spoke regarding the duck leaflet. The text in the leaflet is required to be shorter, and therefore the clerk was asked to copy the leaflet to all councillors with a view to trimming down the text.
- b) Wantage Joint Economic Forum - The chairman spoke regarding the contents of the previous minutes and informed the council that the next meeting will be held on 9th February 2006.
- c) Vale Strategic Partnership - There was no meeting.
- d) Fair Trade Village update – Cllr M Mellersh stated that the fair trade event in Old Mill Hall was a great success and well attended.
- f) Wantage Hospital Committee - Cllr B Williamson spoke regarding a meeting of Wantage Hospital Committee. Cllr B Williamson informed the council that the PCT intended to close Wantage Maternity and merge it with facilities at Didcot. Councillors felt that this was wrong and should oppose any merger of facilities.

108 To consider committee reports:

- a) Report of Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 1st November 2005 - The report was presented by Cllr Hadcroft.
- b) Report of Planning Committee meetings held on 8th and 29th November 2005 - The reports were presented by Cllr Stock
- c) Report of Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held on 15th November 2005 - The report was presented by Cllr Ackers.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22nd November 2005 - The report was presented by the chairman.

109 To consider 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 £16,253.78 be adopted.”

110 Confidential items

It was **MOVED** 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

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

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Confirmed 24th January 2006

Chairman