

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2005 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 P L Hadcroft  
Cllr J Stock

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Nunn-Price and belated apologies were received from R E Hicks-Greene.

**2 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.**

Cllr R Ackers declared an interest in item 13.

**3 Sign report of committee meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

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

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

**4 Matters arising from the report of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

- a) Item 4 b) – Letter sent to Wantage Town Council regarding a twinning visit – The clerk informed the meeting that he had not received a reply from Wantage Town Council, but had received the following information from Wantage Town Council... “The matter has been discussed by the town council and has to be agreed by the Mayor. This has not yet been approved. In addition the town clerk has been asked to research how visits have been instigated in the past and to date has not done this.”

Chairman The chairman said that he would chase the matter up with the Wantage Town Mayor.

- b) Item 10 – Report from Regional SLCC Seminar – The clerk briefed the meeting about the recently attended SLCC Seminar regarding an update on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. The clerk will forward the full report and associated handouts to full council members.

Clerk

- c) Item 11 – OCC Scrutiny Works Programme – This was completed by Cllr K Clarke and sent off to OCC.

**5 Reports from representatives of the following outside bodies**

- a) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Minutes had been received from the OALC AGM which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005. No other meeting had taken place.

- b) Grove Village Hall Management Committee – The chairman read out a report from Cllr Cotton. The chairman also stated that he was still receiving minutes despite not actually being on the committee. The clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Committee again informing them that Cllr B Williamson was the new member from the parish council.

Clerk

- c) Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association – The chairman stated that he had been invited to attend a French Twinning event on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October to meet parents

Chairman of Mably children currently over on an exchange visit.

**6 Old Mill Hall matters**

The clerk informed the committee that the wooden planters outside the main door to the hall were completely rotten and beyond repair. Cllr R Ackers agreed to refer this matter to the Hall Management Committee.

**7 Millbrook School Car Park**

Minutes had been received from the School Car Park Users meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

Clerk Cllr K Clarke requested that the clerk write to the school requesting that the lights remain on during the next half term and subsequent holiday periods during the times of darkness to light the area and to deter unruly behaviour.

**8 Remembrance Sunday**

a) Purchase of a poppy wreath – Following discussion ...

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to purchase one poppy wreath and donate £50 towards costs of the wreath to the Royal British Legion.”**

b) Cemetery Service – It was agreed to hold a Service at Grove Cemetery on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The clerk was asked to write to the Reverend John Robertson to invite him to conduct the service. The start time of the service would be dependant on Reverend Robertson’s availability, but should be 2 or 3 o’clock.

Clerk

**9 Correspondence from OCC regarding the Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016**

This was noted.

**10 Correspondence from Sainsbury’s Supermarket Ltd.**

This was noted.

**11 Correspondence from the Vale regarding Local Government and Rating Act 1977 – Parish reviews**

Following discussion it was agreed the clerk write to the Vale to confirm that this correspondence was relating to the Boundary Review and also to confirm if the review would affect the following:

Administration of the areas concerned  
Voting by parishioners  
Grove Parish Council precept and any compensation as a result of the change  
Number of councillors for Grove Parish Council

Clerk

Clerk The clerk was also asked to write to the Vale with regard to including Grove Technology Park into the Parish of Grove from Challow Parish Council boundary.

**12 Invitation to the Wantage and Grove Lions “Brains Quiz” night on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

Clerk Following discussion it was agreed to attend the quiz night and councillors R Hicks- Green and J Stock were asked to organise the team. The clerk was asked to clarify the start time.

**13 Lease for MAGIC**

Cllr R Ackers informed the meeting that Cllr R Hicks-Greene had looked at the revised lease and thought that the lease was suitable for the purpose of enabling MAGIC to apply for further funding should they wish to apply for lottery funding..

**14 Quotations for Perspex for the foyer notice board**

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

Clerk

**“to purchase four sheets of Perspex at a cost of £35.60 each plus VAT from DIY Plastics of Faringdon.”**

**15 Accounts for payment**

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

**“that the accounts for the sum of £4,702.14 be adopted.”**

**16 Chairman’s urgent communications**

a) Thames Water meeting – The chairman informed the meeting that Thames Water are available on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 to provide an update to Full Council on the Upper Thames Major Resource Development. It was generally agreed to invite Thames Water to a Full Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The meeting will commence at 7 pm.

Clerk

b) Temporary road traffic order – Oxford Lane, Grove – The clerk informed the meeting that he had received notification of a Temporary Road Traffic Order closing Oxford Lane from the junction of St Johns Road to the Junction of the A338. The closure is to carry out road repairs and will take place week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October. The bus companies have been informed by OCC. The clerk was asked to contact OCC highways and find out why repairs were not taking place during the half term holidays.

Clerk

**17 General Correspondence**

a) OALC County Circular – September highlights – This was noted.

**18 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 meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Confirmed 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005

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Chairman