

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 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 P L Hadcroft  
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene (part meeting)  
Cllr A Harker

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Nunn-Price and J Stock.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Sign report of committee meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

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

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

**4 Sign report of special committee meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

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

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

**Cllr R Hicks-Greene arrived**

**5 Matters arising from the report of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

- a) Item 8 – Vale & Downland Museum Trust grant – It was generally agreed to bring this application forward to the next Full Council meeting.
- b) Item 9 – Purchase of new office computer – The clerk reported this had been received from Dell and was awaiting installation.
- c) Item 10 – Purchase of arc welding equipment – The clerk reported this had been ordered and was awaiting delivery.

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

- a) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Because of another meeting the chairman and vice-chairman were both unavailable to attend the last meeting. The minutes from the meeting have not yet been received.
- b) Grove Village Hall Management Committee – No report had been received.
- c) Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association – No report had been received.

**7 Old Mill Hall matters**

- a) Minutes of the Old Mill Hall Management Committee meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 – The minutes were noted.



- Clerk
- The clerk is to publish a 3–6 month rotation of councillor’s inspection responsibilities.
- Clerk
- The clerk is to investigate the costs of installing an access buzzer on the outside of the hall to assist disabled persons to enter the building.

#### 14 Chairman’s urgent communications

- Chairman
- a) The chairman informed the committee that Cllr S Cotton would be standing down from committee membership and outside body representation for the next few months because of recuperation. Cllr S Cotton confirmed that she will attend council meetings as and when she can.
  - b) The chairman informed the committee that whilst attending the schools committee meeting hosted by Wantage Town Council it was agreed that the policy remains that 1 secondary school should be located in Wantage and another in Grove. The chairman said that he would draft a council response to this effect.
- Clerk
- c) Cllr A Harker requested and it was agreed that the council send two letters, one to Mr Lead of the Environment Agency and one to the Vale asking what surveys are taking place on the airfield site. Cllr A Harker provided two draft letters for the clerk to send.
  - d) The clerk informed the meeting that, because of Health and Safety reasons he had incurred emergency expenditure to replace a broken window in the Mervyn J Shaw room. The cost was £570.30 plus VAT for polycarbonate glass.
  - e) The clerk informed the committee that the OCC Scrutiny Annual report for 2005/2006 had been received and was available in the office.

#### 15 General Correspondence

There were no items of general correspondence.

#### 16 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 8.35 pm

Confirmed 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006

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Chairman