

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 29th AUGUST 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W Evans (Chairman)
Cllr W R Ackers
Cllr K R Clarke
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene
Cllr J Stock

In attendance: Cllrs K Jones and J Nunn-Price

Clerk Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F D Parnell.

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 18th July 2006

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 6th June 2006

There were no matters arising that did not arise later in the meeting.

5 Reports from representatives of the following outside bodies

- a) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – The minutes of the AGM held on 27th June 2006 were noted.
- b) Grove Village Hall Management Committee – No report had been received.
- c) Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association –
 - i) Cllr Nunn-Price spoke regarding the French Group meeting held on 26th July 2006. The group was involved in many fund raising activities and she informed the meeting that a trip to Mably in 2007 was being planned. The next group meeting was to be held on 25th October and the Vale Twinning Forum was to hold a meeting on 19th September 2006.
 - ii) Cllr Nunn-Price informed the meeting that she and her husband had in August visited Puerto Lumbreras, Mably’s twin town in South East Spain, on a friendship visit. A report of the visit was held in the council office.
 - iii) The clerk informed the meeting that he had only just received the minutes of the German Group’s meeting and that these would be circulated to councillors in due course.

Clerk

6 Old Mill Hall matters

- Clerk a) Quotations for an access buzzer into Old Mill Hall - The clerk informed the meeting that he had only obtained one quotation for an access buzzer. It was generally agreed to try and obtain further quotes.
- Clerk b) Quotations for hand dryers for toilets - The clerk informed the meeting that he had obtained quotations for various sizes from one source. It was generally agreed to try and obtain more quotes.
- Clerk c) Quotations for repairs to the plumbing - The clerk reported on the two quotations received. He was asked to obtain further quotations from two other suggested companies.

7 Millbrook School Car Park

No meeting had taken place.

8 Planning consultants/advisors to the council

The chairman informed the meeting that the working group had met and had interviewed three candidates to act as planning advisors to the council. The three candidates were:

Stephen Bowley CPC
Neil Boddington CPC
Jo Langdon of Pro Vision

Following discussion on the outcome of the interviews the clerk reported that he had received a reference from one of Neil Boddington's referees who had highly recommended him to the council.

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

Clerk **“to recommend to full council that Neil Boddington be instructed to act as consultant and advisor to the council.”**

Clerk The clerk was asked to set up a series of initial meetings between Mr Boddington and the council

9 Quotations for repairs to the recreation ground car park

The clerk reported that only two quotations had been received as follows:

W G Clay £1225 plus VAT
Southern Construction and Surfacing Ltd £1495 plus VAT

It was **MOVED** Cllr Ackers, **SECONDED** Cllr Clarke and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to accept the quotation from W G Clay to repair pot holes at the recreation ground car park for the sum of £1225 plus VAT”**

Clerk The clerk was to request that the works were carried out as soon as possible.

10 Mably twinning visit

Clerk The clerk informed the meeting that the twinning visit would take place between 5th and 9th October 2006. A draft outline plan was discussed and would be published as soon as it had been confirmed.

11 Invitation to AGM of IAC on 14th September 2006

Stock Cllr Stock agreed to attend the AGM.

12 Membership of CPRE

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

Clerk **“to continue the annual subscription to the CPRE at a cost of £26 per annum”**

13 Attendance on OALC course - “Risk Management Training for Local Councils

It was generally agreed that the clerk and health and safety officer should attend the course subject to availability. The chairman suggested and it was agreed to defer this the next full council meeting.

Clerk

14 Health and Safety Officer’s report

There were no updates for discussion.

15 Chairman’s urgent communications

There were no urgent communications.

16 General Correspondence

There was no general correspondence.

17 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.”

a) Sign report of the confidential meeting held on 18th July 2006

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

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

b) Matters arising from the report

The chairman informed the meeting that the sub-committee had recently met.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Confirmed 10th October 2006

Chairman