

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 8th APRIL 2008 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W Evans (Chairman) Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr W R Ackers Cllr J E Nunn-Price
Cllr S K Dexter Cllr J M Stock

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr F Parnell.

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

Cllr Nunn-Price declared an interest in item 5 (b).

3 Sign report of committee meeting held 26th February 2008

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 previous meeting

(a) Item 4 (a) – Millennium Building Fund Account – The Clerk informed the committee that the Millennium Building Fund Account had now been closed. The closing balance of £112.46 has been received from the bank and deposited in the accounts. The Clerk also informed the committee that he would reimburse the original donor clubs their initial contribution.

Clerk

(b) Item 4 (d) – Unpaid work in the Community – The Clerk informed the committee that he had submitted a request to the Probation Service for works to be carried out in the area of Cane Lane, but also reported that because there are no toilet facilities in the immediate vicinity, this may cause a problem. The Clerk agreed to pursue this matter with the Probation Service.

Clerk

(c) Item 4 (e) – Health & Safety – The Clerk informed the committee that he had been unable to obtain a Health & Safety video/DVD regarding safe use of ladders, but had instead printed off the relevant leaflets from Health & Safety Executive website. These would be distributed to the staff.

Clerk

5 Reports from representatives of the following outside bodies

(a) Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – The chairman informed the committee that no meeting had been held recently. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2008.

(b) Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association – Cllr Nunn-Price informed the committee that two recent meetings had taken place, one on the 12th March which covered both French and German group matters and one on the 2nd April held by the French Group which covered amongst other things the forthcoming Mably Visit. Cllr Nunn-Price reminded the committee that the visit would take place over the period 20th – 26th April. She also informed all councillors that they are more than welcome to attend any of the events planned for the week but must let her know for planning purposes. It was generally agreed that the clerk, although unable to attend the arrival reception on Sunday 20th April, would liaise with the Adult Learning Centre over access and setting up the function.

Clerk

Cllr Nunn-Price also informed the committee that the AGM would be held on 14th May in the Vale & Downland Museum.

6 Old Mill Hall matters

The clerk informed the committee that he had received an email from Cllr Mellersh regarding Old Mill Hall:

- Mary Whiting has now handed over to Angie Glover after 12 plus years service to the committee. Mary will still provide cover when Angie is away on holiday etc.
- Cllr Mellersh elected chairman and Cllr Woodbridge elected vice-chairman.
- Old Mill Hall web site page – the clerk said that he would speak to Cllr Parnell.
- The district council has stopped giving the Old Mill Hall a 100% rebate on its rates. This year they will be charged 10% (£770); next year will be 20% and the year after 30%. Cllr Mellersh has contacted District Councillor Z Patrick for assistance.

It was **PROPOSED** Cllr Dexter **SECONDED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk “to contribute not more than £50 in total towards a suitable gift for Mary Whiting (parish council 50%, OMHMC 50%).

Clerk The Clerk was asked to contact Mary Whiting with regards to the rates rebate.

7 Millbrook School car park

A discussion took place regarding the correspondence that had been received from Millbrook School regarding the contributions to the maintenance of the car park. An annual contribution of £963 was being sought from the school from the parish council, which would rise to £1,083 over the next five years.

It was **PROPOSED** Cllr Dexter **SECONDED** Cllr Hadcroft

“...to accept the expenses for car park maintenance as suggested by Millbrook School”

It was further **PROPOSED** Cllr Nunn-Price **SECONDED** Cllr Ackers

“to only agree to pay the first years contribution without prejudice and possible variation of contract in relation to usage subject to an additional survey being undertaken”

Voting took place as follows:

On the amendment to the proposal by Cllr Nunn-Price: 2 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention

On the original proposal by Cllr Dexter: 4 in favour and 2 against.

Clerk It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal by Cllr Dexter.

8 Health & Safety Officer’s report

There was nothing to report.

9 Chairman’s Urgent Communications

There were no urgent communications.

10 General Correspondence

There was no general correspondence.

11 Confidential Matters

It was **PROPOSED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions 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 8.21 pm

Confirmed 3rd June 2008

Chairman