

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman)  
Cllr K Jones (vice-chairman)  
Cllr S K Dexter  
Cllr W Evans  
Cllr M Mellersh  
Cllr C Phillips  
Cllr J M Stock  
Cllr H A Webb  
Cllr I J Woodbridge

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from councillors J Nunn-Price and F Parnell.

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

Cllrs W Ackers and M Mellersh declared an interest in item 6 b).  
Cllrs S Dexter, H Webb and I Woodbridge declared an interest in item 7 c).

**3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

It was noted that item 14 should have read .....£3,875.21 not £3,875.12.

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

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

**4 Matters arising from the report**

- a) Item 6 a) – Quotes for a footpath to the youth shelter – The clerk informed the committee that he had not yet sought quotes for a footpath because of the on going consultation.
- b) Item 8 b) – OPFA Courses – The clerk informed the committee that the OPFA would be holding a playground inspection course in September at Hanbrough, Witney. Full detail will be published in the next issue to the Playing Field magazine.
- c) Item 9 a) – Venturplay – The clerk informed the committee that he had a meeting with Peter Debbage of Venturplay regarding certain issues from his play inspection reports.
- d) Item 9 (g) – Advice from RoSPA regarding the ditch in the Mary Green Play Area – The clerk read out the advice from RoSPA. The clerk was asked to respond to the complainant.
- e) Item 16 – Advice from RoSPA regarding the gate adjacent to the youth shelter – The clerk read out the advice from RoSPA. The clerk was asked to respond to Mr Tring and a copy sent to county councillor Patrick.

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**5 Reports from the following outside bodies**

- a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – No meeting had taken place.
- b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – No meeting had taken place.
- c) Grove Village Hall Management Meeting – The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007.
- d) Youth Advisory Committee – The minutes from the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were noted.
- e) Sweatbox Union – The minutes from the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were noted.

**6 Items relating to play areas/allotments/open spaces.**

- a) Play equipment inspection reports:
  - Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted.

- Venturplay report 31/5/07 – The report was noted.
  - Venturplay report 26/6/07 – The report was noted.
- b) MaGIC update –The chairman informed the committee that hopefully (weather permitting) the car boot sale will be held shortly and several other events are in the process of being developed. He also informed the committee that several play equipment companies have been asked to submit suggested play schemes for the junior area. A grant from TOE has been applied for.
- c) Correspondence from PC James (ABO) and Garry Kingett regarding the youth shelter – The correspondences were noted. A discussion then took place, in which it was felt that the new Tesco store did not help the matter. Cllr Mellersh asked if the youth shelter had to be moved, the chairman replied, “no”.

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The clerk was asked to investigate the use of CCTV cameras and obtain quotes. He was also asked to contact the police to ensure police patrols are stepped up in the area. The clerk was further asked to invite Sarah Merritt to the next or following committee meeting. The clerk was also asked to obtain quotes for matting for the ball wall area.

- d) Meeting with Millbridge Allotments Holders – The meeting notes previously distributed were noted.
- e) Allotments briefing notes – These were noted.

## 7 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

- a) Challengers and Rangers six-a-side competitions – It was reported that both competitions had gone well, despite the weather. No problems with parking were reported.
- b) Request from Grove Challengers

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(i) Additional Pitch on Wasbrough Field – It was generally agreed to allow Challengers to mark an additional pitch on Wasbrough Field and that they would share it’s’ use with Grove Rangers. It was also agreed to allow Challengers to leave their freestanding goal posts on Wasbrough Field, provided they were placed against the hedge line and secured together. The clerk was asked to notify the secretary to the club.

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(ii) Pre-season matches and training – It was generally agreed to allow Challengers to start pre-season training from 15<sup>th</sup> August. Training is to be restricted to the training pitch only. The clerk is to inform them accordingly.

(iii) Compound fence – It was generally agreed in principle to allow the Challengers to extend the compound fence, subject to the following conditions:

- Grove Challengers provide detailed plans of the extension
- Specify materials to be used
- Expected time frame

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The clerk is to notify Challenges accordingly. The clerk is also to include the use of the compound in the new “Conditions if Use” documents, which will be distributed to clubs shortly.

- c) Pitch and floodlight fees – review of charges – Councillors Dexter, Webb and Woodbridge declared a personal interest in this item and therefore took no part in it.

The clerk informed the committee of the current charges which were last reviewed in 2004/05:

Pitch Fees – Adult – Rangers ad Grove RFC - £23.00  
 Juniors – Challengers and Grove RFC - £8.00  
 Minis – Challengers U10’s and below - £5.00

Floodlight Fees – Grove Rangers FC (1hr) - £12.00  
 Grove RFC (2hrs) - £5.00  
 Challengers FC (1hr) - £6.00

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr Evans and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“to increase pitch fees to the following rates:**

**Adult – Rangers ad Grove RFC - £25.00**  
**Juniors – Challengers and Grove RFC - £9.00**  
**Minis – Challengers U10’s and below - £6.00.”**

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr Evans and **RESOLVED** unanimously

**“to increase floodlight fees to the following rates:**

**Grove Rangers FC (1hr) - £13.00**

**Grove RFC (2hrs) - £6.00**

**Challengers FC (1hr) - £7.00.”**

All increased are to be implemented with effect 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007. The next review will take place prior to the 2008/09 season.

Clerk The clerk is to notify all clubs accordingly.

- d) Request from Grove Scouts to use the Recreation Ground – The clerk informed the committee that the Grove Scout Group have requested the use of part or the recreation ground to celebrate 30 years of scouting in Grove. The event (detail to be confirmed) is to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 between 2 –5pm. It was generally agreed in principle to allow this event. The clerk is to write to Grove Scouts requesting further information.

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**8 Mably Way Recreational Area – update on progress**

No further updates have been forthcoming.

**9 Trees**

The clerk read out future tree works, quotes have been sought.

Cllr Dexter asked if, when trees are felled does the council; have a policy of replacing them elsewhere else in the village? The chairman replied that trees are replaced through the Amenity Tree planting Scheme, but this had now been discontinued. It was generally agreed to recommend to Full Council “That Grove Parish Council adopt a policy of replacing trees in the village when old or dangerous trees are felled”.

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**10 Income and Expenditure statement to date (5/7/07)**

The statement was noted.

**11 Chairman’s urgent communications**

- a) Conditions of use for the Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field – Cllr Stock suggested and it was agreed that the term “provocative behaviour” be included in paragraph 4. it was generally agreed to accept the Conditions of Use (as amended). The chairman is to consult and inform the sports clubs.

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- b) Request form Grove Rangers to adopt an U15/16’s youth team – The chairman explained that this request is in addition to an extra adult team previously requested and agreed in principle. It was generally agreed not to allow Rangers to run an U15/16 team next season.

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- c) Request from Grove RFC for a bottle and can bank – The clerk informed the committee that Grove RFC have requested a bottle and can bank to be placed in the vicinity of the rugby club. It was generally agreed not to proceed with this further. The clerk is to inform Grove RFC that RoSPA have advised previously that glass recycling facilities should not be placed within a close proximity of play area because of broken glass getting into those areas.

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- d) Grove RFC mini Festival – The clerk informed the committee that he had received a request from Grove RFC to hold their mini rugby festival on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007. It was generally agreed that permission be granted subject to the usual terms and conditions. The clerk was asked to inform them accordingly. The clerk is to also inform them that they must not use the training pitch during the festival.

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**17 General correspondence**

There were no general correspondences.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Confirmed: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2007

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Chairman