

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 20th FEBRUARY 2007 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman)
Cllr W Evans
Cllr K Jones
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr J M Stock

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from councillors S Cotton, R Hicks-Greene and J Nunn-Price.

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). Cllr W Evans declared an interest in item 7 e).

3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 9th January 2007

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

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

4 Matters arising from the report

a) Item 11 – Questions from Mr G Brown – The clerk informed the committee that he had responded to Mr Brown’s questions. The clerk then informed the committee that Mr Brown may well attend the next Full Council meeting. The clerk was asked to send his response to Mr Brown’s questions to all councillors in time for the next Full Council meeting.

Clerk

5 Reports from the following outside bodies

a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee (13/02/07) – The minutes were noted. The chairman was asked by Rangers FC to pass on their thanks to the parish council for their grant and was told that Rangers FC had about half the money required for the new moveable goal posts.

b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – No meeting had been held.

c) Youth Advisory Committee – The chairman had attended the last meeting which covered budgets and staffing issues. The chairman informed the committee that Theo Tigger had not yet been replaced following her resignation. The chairman also informed the committee that since KA’s had changed to a foundation status school there are concerns over the ownership of the Sweatbox building and that KA’s are considering charging the Sweatbox rent.

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

a) Play equipment inspection reports:

- Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted. The chairman informed the committee that the cost of repairing the play carpet was £80 more than was quoted.
- Venturplay reports 29/1/07 – The report was noted.

b) MaGIC update – The chairman informed the committee that he had received a donation of £10,000 from Mole Valley Commercial, and would be applying to the National Lottery funding committee for additional grants. Cllr M Mellersh informed the committee that she had written to Tesco and the building contractors to enquire about donations for MAGIC.

7 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

a) Correspondence from Cluttons regarding the rent review for Wasbrough Field – The chairman informed the committee that because the rent review was not completed by Cluttons in September 2005, all rent for Wasbrough Field since then had been paid at an incorrect rate, thus creating a deficit sum of £166.50 which is now due. The next quarterly rent and subsequent payments is £345.75

Clerk

- b) Request to use the Recreation Ground from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August 2007 from White Horse Folk Festival – It was unanimously agreed subject to the usual condition. The clerk is to inform the organisers.
Clerk
- c) Correspondence from Grove Rangers FC regarding additional teams – Cllr W Evans said that Rangers FC were playing well and are currently in 3 cup semi-finals, however are currently in the lower half of the league tables. Following further discussion it was agreed that due to over usage of current facilities this request is denied at present, but would be reconsidered in the future.
Clerk
- d) Request to use the Recreation Ground by Grove Rangers FC for their six-a-side tournament – It was unanimously agreed subject to the usual conditions and parking subject to land owners consent. The clerk is to inform the club.
Clerk
- e) Request to use the Recreation Ground by Premier Soccer for holiday courses – Cllr W Evans took no part in this discussion or decision.

It was agreed to allow (subject to usual conditions) Premiere Soccer to hold holiday soccer courses on the following dates;

10th - 13th April (4 days)

29th – 30th May (2 days)

6th – 9th August (3 days)

26th October (1 day)

- f) Review and consider the “Conditions of Use” for the Recreation Ground and Wasbrough Field – It was agreed that the chairman and the clerk re-draft the conditions of use and bring it back to the first Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting of the new council year. The chairman also briefed the committee on the new procedures for pitch inspections.
- g) Correspondence fro Grove Challengers FC

(1) – Letter questions from Ian Caldicott – Following discussion the clerk was asked to respond to the questions from Ian Caldicott. The clerk was also asked to find out from Jeff Bishop, who is cancelling meetings arranged with various sport clubs.
Clerk

(2) – Challengers Planning Application – The plan for new changing rooms was discussed and it was suggested by Cllr F Parnell and agreed that the clerk respond to Ian Caldicott as follows, “in normal circumstances the parish council would be happy to support an application, however because of the uncertainty of the southern access road across the Recreation Ground and any new buildings would most likely not be compensated for the parish council could not support this, or any other application for new buildings on the Recreation Ground”. The clerk is also to make clear to Challengers that the parish council will wish to run its own changing facilities possibly in conjunction with the Vale as a result of the airfield developments.
Clerk

8 Mably Way Recreational Area – update on progress

The clerk had nothing to report. Cllr F Parnell said that the Vale had informed him that Mably Way was still part of the overall recreational plan and money set aside for this was still available.

9 Trees

- a) Report on trees at Dove Green – The clerk reported that 3 of the Poplar trees at Dove Green had been felled by council staff.

10 Chairman’s urgent communications

There were no urgent communications.
Clerk

The clerk was asked by members to contact Jeff Bishop and ask if a production date could be printed on to the airfield newsletter.
Clerk

The clerk was also asked to contact John Twaites and ask about tree planting in Millbrook Square.
Clerk

11 General correspondence

- a) OPFA Playing Field newsletter (Winter 2006/07)

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Confirmed: 3rd April 2007

Chairman