

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 22nd AUGUST 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman)
Cllr R E Hicks-Greene (Vice-chairman)
Cllr R L Bashford
Cllr W Evans
Cllr K Jones
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr J Nunn-Price (part meeting)
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr J M Stock

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Cotton.

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

Cllrs R Ackers and M Mellersh declared an interest in item 6 d).

3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 4th July 2006

Cllr Evans informed the meeting that his name had been missed off those members attending. The chairman amended the report.

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 10 – Youths regarding lighting the basketball/kickabout area – The clerk informed the meeting that most of the youths involved in the petition were away on holiday and would try to contact them after the summer break.

Clerk

5 Reports from the following outside bodies

a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – There had been no meeting.

b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – There had been no meeting.

Cllr Nunn-Price arrived

c) Youth Advisory Committee – the minutes of the AGM were noted.

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

a) Play equipment inspection reports

Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted. Cllr Nunn-Price stated that the OPFA course she had recently attended on playground inspections was very good.

b) Venturplay reports for May and June 2006 – The clerk informed the meeting that Peter Debbage of Venturplay had missed the inspections for May and June. The clerk was asked to write to him stating that he must, in future, inform the council, in advance, if he was unable to carry out inspections as planned. The clerk was also asked to write to the council’s insurers to ascertain the consequences of missed inspections.

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Cllr Jones reported that youths were cycling through the Mary Green play area. The clerk was asked to ensure that the “No Cycling” signs were repainted on all the pathways leading into the play area.

Clerk

Cllrs Jones and Nunn-Price expressed concern regarding the canopy house and slide and the disabled seesaw. The maintenance staff was to be asked to carry out what repairs they could. The clerk was asked to obtain costs for a litter bin to be placed near the gate at the rear of Millbrook Square.

- c) RoSPA report – Only one item in the report had been declared “high risk” and this was the grouting at the skatepark. The clerk informed the meeting that this was part of the ongoing maintenance programme.
- d) MaGIC update – The chairman informed the meeting that the application for the People’s Million lottery grant had been placed on the reserve list.

All A new plan for the junior area had been received from Playdale. The advantage of this plan was that the equipment could be installed on a piece by piece basis, if required, and as and when funds became available. A number of councillors were to visit a site in High Wycombe where similar equipment was installed in order to assess its robustness.

7 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

- a) Request from Grove RFC to hold its annual mini rugby festival on Sunday 1st October 2006 – Following discussion it was generally agreed to allow Grove RFC to hold its mini rugby festival on 1st October subject to the usual conditions and to them providing a £1,000 deposit to ensure that they provide adequate car parking facilities.

Clerk

Following problems in previous years the clerk was to inform the Area Beat Officer of the event to ensure that parking was policed correctly.

Clerk

The clerk was asked to clarify with the RFU if 1st October was the earliest that this type of event could be held.

Clerk

- b) Meeting held on 20th July 2006 with the sports clubs and Persimmon Homes - The chairman informed the meeting that the meeting had gone well. The clerk was to pursue BDOR regarding the postponed sports workshop.

Clerk

- c) Relocation of Challengers FC pitch 1 – Following discussion it was generally agreed that the clerk inform Grove Challengers FC that pitch 1 was to be moved approximately 10 metres nearer the hedge in order to protect the old goal mouth area.

Clerk

8 Mably Way Recreational Area

No progress had been made.

9 Trees

There was nothing to report.

10 Grove Rangers FC grant towards cost of new goal posts

It was generally agreed to support a grant to Grove Rangers FC. The clerk informed the meeting that a grant application form had been sent to the chairman of the club.

11 New location of the village Christmas tree

Following discussion it was agreed that the location for the new Christmas tree should be on the corner of Vale Avenue/Main Street. The clerk informed the meeting that the land belonged to Oxfordshire County Council and he was asked to seek permission to plant a tree at this location.

Clerk

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The clerk was also asked to seek the views of local residents.

12 Audited accounts from the Bell FC for the 2005/06 season

The accounts were noted.

13 Chairman's urgent communications

- a) Correspondence from Mr and Mrs Polley re anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground car park
– Following discussion the clerk was asked to pass their letter to the police and inform Mr and Mrs Polley accordingly. A copy of their letter was also to be sent to Oxfordshire County Council's Highways department.

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14 General correspondence

The Playing Field magazine – This was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm

Confirmed: 3rd October 2006

Chairman