

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 30th MAY 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

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

In Attendance: Cllr J M Stock

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs W Evans and 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 10 c).
Cllr J Nunn-Price declared an interest in item 14.

3 Election of Committee Chairman

It was **MOVED** Cllr F Parnell **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that Cllr R Ackers be re-elected as committee chairman for 2006/07.”

4 Election of Committee Vice-chairman

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that Cllr R Hicks-Greene be re-elected as committee vice-chairman for 2006/07.”

5 Sign report of committee meeting held on 28th March 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.”

6 Sign report of the special committee meeting held on 25th April 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.”

7 Matters arising from the report

a) From the meeting held 28th March 2006

Item 6 f) – The fencing for the Millbridge Allotment has been ordered and the work will be carried out during the first two weeks of July.

Item 6 g) – The “Welcome To Mary Green” sign has been purchased and the clerk asked the committee for an exact location.

Item 6 h) – One of the seats has been purchased another is on order. The clerk asked the committee for an exact location for both seats.

Item 7 b) – The signs for the Recreation Ground and Wasbrough Field have been received and will be put up shortly.

b) From the meeting held 25th April 2006

Item 3 – The Vertidrain Aerator had been delivered.

8 Election of representatives on to the following outside bodies

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – It was generally agreed that Cllr W Evans continues as the committee representative on the Joint Environmental Trust for Grove.
- b) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – The chairman agreed to continue to represent the committee.
- c) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – The chairman and vice-chairman both agreed to represent the committee.
- d) Youth Advisory Committee – The chairman agreed to continue to represent the committee.

9 Reports from the following outside bodies

- a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – The minutes from the last meeting held on 10th April were noted. The next meeting is scheduled for 12th June 2006.
- b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – No meeting had taken place.
- c) Youth Advisory Committee – The next meeting to be held is the AGM on 8th June 2006

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

- a) Play equipment inspection reports

Clerk Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted. Cllr J Nunn-Price suggested asking the Vale to install a litterbin inside the gate and fence line of Mary Green Play Area.

Venturplay reports for March and April 2006 – Both the reports were noted. The following observations were made:

Clerk Removable post at Barwell Lane to be looked at by the maintenance staff.

Clerk Maintenance staff to look at the bent rail on the Skate Park.

The council are aware of the log/trip hazard by the Beaufort Climber. This is constantly monitored. It was felt that if the log and trip hazard were removed it would expose gaps in the carpet which would present a greater risk.

- c) MaGIC update – The chairman informed the committee that an application had been completed for the ITV Peoples Million to the extent of £50,000.00.
- d) Quotations for emergency signage for Westbrook Play Area and Basketball Court – It was **MOVED** Cllr F Parnell **SECONDED** Cllr R Bashford and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to accept the quotation from Falcon Signs for emergency signage for the Westbrook Play Area and the Basketball Court at a cost of £35.00 each plus VAT.”**

- e) Correspondence from Miss E Cooper and friends – The clerk was asked to pass this letter to MaGIC. The clerk was also requested to reply to Miss Cooper, thanking her and informed her that her letter had been forwarded to MaGIC.

Clerk

- f) Correspondence from OCC regarding Mayfield Avenue, Grove – The letter was noted. The clerk was asked to reply accepting financial assistance of £150 from OCC to plant trees/shrubs on the Green.

Clerk

- g) Lighting hours at the Mary Green Play Area – Following discussion it was agreed to leave the timing switches for the lights as they are and not alter them.

11 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

- a) Request from White Horse Folk Festival to use the Recreation Ground – Following discussion it was agreed to allow the White Horse Folk Festival use of the Recreation Ground for their festival over the period 17th – 20th August 2006. The clerk is to inform them.

Clerk

12 Mably Way Recreational Area

No update had been received.

13 Trees

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was only one job outstanding from the list of works to be completed that had to be put out to contract, all other tree work could be completed in house.

14 To consider a grant to Grove Youth Club of up to £2,000.

Cllr J Nunn-Price took no part in this item.

The chairman explained that Garry Kingett had asked at a recent Youth Forum meeting that the youth clubs are trying to raise funds to establish a music room at the Grove Youth Club. It is expected that the work required would cost approximately £4,000 to £5,000. The chairman also explained that the funds are available in the future projects fund for this year.

Clerk

Following discussion it was agreed to take this back to the next youth forum meeting and ask Garry Kingett to submit a grant application to Full Council for consideration.

15 Quotation from SEC to light the Basketball Court

The chairman explained that the cost would be £7,087.48. This would not include electricity supply, planning permission and drawings etc. The overall cost would be approximately £10,000. Following discussion it was agreed that the clerk write to Gary Kingett and inform him of the costs involved and the clerk is also to inform those youths who submitted the original petition. The clerk is also to invite the youths to canvas the local residents of Farmstead Close to gauge their opinions. The clerk is to write to those residents of Farmstead Close adjoining the Basketball court to seek their views.

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Clerk**16 Income & Expenditure Statement for year ending 31st March 2006**

This was noted.

17 Committee itemised budget and reserves

The chairman explained that the clerk had prepared and distributed a revised income and expenditure sheet showing all of the committee's reserves. The clerk had grouped together certain headings in both the budget sheet and reserves table. Following discussion it was generally agreed to adopt the revised table as distributed.

Clerk

18 Chairman's urgent communications

Vale's consultation on the Draft Youth Development Plan – Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr M Mellersh and the clerk attend this consultation. The clerk is to reply by 2nd June 2006.

Clerk

19 General correspondence

OPFA Playing Field Magazine – Cllr J Nunn-Price said that she would like to be considered to attend the OPFA Road shows on the Management and Maintenance of Children's Playground taking place in July.

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr F Parnell and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“to send up to 5 councillors on the road show events, at a cost not to exceed £125 in total.”

Clerk

The clerk was requested to send a note out to all councillors asking if they wish to attend, but to a maximum of 5 councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Confirmed: 11th July

Chairman