

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 3rd JANUARY 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman)
Cllr R L Bashford
Cllr S Cotton
Cllr W Evans
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr M Mellersh
Cllr F D Parnell
Cllr J M Stock

Clerk: Mr G Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R E Hicks-Greene, K Jones and J Nunn-Price.

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 b).

3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 15th November 2005

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 dated 15th November 2005

There were no matter arising.

5 Reports from the following outside bodies

- a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2005 were noted.
- b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – There had been no meeting.
- c) Youth Advisory Committee – There had been no meeting.

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

a) Play equipment inspection reports

Summary of councillor reports – The clerk informed the committee that he had only received two inspection sheets from councillors during the last 6-week cycle. It was noted that only Mary Green play area was closed for refurbishment during this period.

The clerk asked if the small post mounted waste bin could be moved from the Mary Green play area to the Westbrook play area to replace one that had been removed. This was agreed.

Clerk

The clerk was asked by the chairman to amend the inspection sheet to incorporate the new play equipment at the Mary Green play area.

Clerk

Venturplay report for November 2005 – Following discussion regarding the report for November 2005 the clerk was asked to obtain prices for steel basketball nets. The clerk was also asked to ensure the linkage on the Burma Bridge is tightened up.

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Clerk Because of the new play equipment installed at Mary Green the clerk was asked to obtain quotes from Venturplay to incorporate this play equipment into their inspection programme.

- b) Magic update – The chairman informed the meeting that phase 1 was now complete and the equipment is being well used. MAGIC are continually raising funds for phase 2 (Junior play area).
- c) National Lottery Funding – The chairman informed the committee that, the national lottery have announced a spending programme of £132 million, which would be dispersed through local authorities. The Vale had received a letter from the lottery asking them to contact local authorities.

Clerk The clerk was asked to write to the Vale and ask what the details are and how do local authorities apply for funding.

7 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

Clerk a) Correspondence from Grove Challengers regarding dog mess on the Recreation ground – Following discussion it was agreed the clerk reply to Grove Challengers and inform them that whilst the parish council share their concerns feel it is not the responsibility of the parish council to clear the dog mess from the areas, but in fact the dog owners. Grove Challengers parents who attend matches and training at the Recreation Ground should be encouraged to pass on names and or addresses and car registration numbers of people who do not clean up their pets mess to the police and or parish council.

8 Mably Way Recreational Area

No new information had become available.

9 Trees

Clerk To discuss tree works on Dove Green – The clerk explained the background behind this matter and following discussion it was agreed that the clerk ask George Reade to visit the trees again or confirm his advice given previously.

10 Correspondence from Woodcote Parish Council regarding the Youth Service Budget

Clerk Following discussion it was agreed to reply to Woodcote Parish Council informing them that Grove Parish Council share their concerns and will be asking OCC to increase their budget for youth services . A copy of our letter is also to be sent to OCC.

11 Correspondence from Inspector Terry Hinchley regarding Mary Green play area

Clerk The correspondence was noted. The clerk was asked to reply to the Inspector and inform him that the parish council would like to set up a working group to discuss litter issues/youth shelter etc. It was suggested that the following should be included: the Leisure and Recreation chairman, councillors K Clarke, W Evans, A Harker and M Mellersh. The clerk is also asked to write and invite Garry Kingett to the meetings. The clerk is to ascertain when the Inspector is available for the initial meeting.

Clerk

12 Update on quotations received regarding lighting the basketball court/kickabout area

Clerk The clerk informed the meeting that Southern Electric Contracting had submitted a quote for £4,200 to supply 6 x 8m columns, without cabling , connections and associated electrical supply.

Clerk Following discussion the clerk was asked to obtain advice from the OPFA for further quotes.

13 Quotations for new grass care equipment

Clerk The clerk explained why the equipment is required, what it can do, its versatility and costs. Following discussion it was agreed the clerk ask Lister Wilder for a demonstration of the equipment and once seen, bring back to the next Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting.

14 OTP Seminar on 22nd February 2006 – A Parish Council role in planning, managing and maintaining play and sports facilities for all ages

It was **MOVED** Cllr F Parnell **SECONDED** Cllr J Stock and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that the chairman attend the OTP seminar at Didcot on 22nd February 2006 at a cost of £35 plus VAT.”

Clerks note: Due to work commitments the chairman is unable to attend this seminar.

15 Final consideration of the budget 2006/07

Following discussion it was agreed to increase the expenditure on playgrounds to £3,000 for the year 2006/07.

Therefore

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

Clerk **“to recommend to Full Council that the Leisure and Recreation Committee budget for 2006/07 be set at £33,302.”**

16 Chairman’s urgent communications

- Clerk
- a) Notification of tree works to be undertaken – The clerk informed the meeting that the reason why a Crab Apple and a Pine Tree are to be removed from Redlands, on the village green is because the landowners require more space to the front of their property.
 - b) Tree at 17 Edington Place – The clerk informed the meeting that he had received several phone calls from a Mrs Brooks of Rosebay Crescent complaining about the bird mess by a tree at 17 Edington Place. Mrs Brooks had been asking for council assistance to remove the tree. Following discussion it was generally agreed not to take any further action, the clerk was asked to inform Mrs Brooks

20 General correspondence

There were no items of general correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Confirmed: 14th February 2006

Chairman