

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr W R Ackers (Chairman) Cllr J E Nunn-Price (part meeting)  
Cllr K Jones (Vice-Chairman) Cllr F D Parnell  
Cllr W Evans Cllr H A Webb  
Cllr M Mellersh Cllr I Woodbridge

In attendance: 5 members of the public (Dog Working Party)

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors S Dexter, I Caldicott, C Phillips and J Stock. Cllr Nunn-Price informed the meeting that she would have to leave by 9 pm.

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

Councillors Webb and Woodbridge declared an interest in items 7 (b), (c) and (e).

**3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

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 previous minutes**

The following matters arising from the previous meeting were reported on:

- (a) Item 9 (a) (ii) – Ventur Play observations from March and April – The Clerk informed the meeting that the quotes for repairing the fencing at the kickabout area had not yet been received. The protruding nails and bolts had been dealt with.
- (b) Item 10 – Memorial tree in the recreation ground – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had not received a reply from Grove RFC confirming the location. The Chairman said that he had been told of the location and the tree is to be planted in the bushes to the right of the clubhouse adjacent to the car park.

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**5 Reports from the following outside bodies**

- (a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – The next meeting was to be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- (b) Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association – No recent meeting had been held.
- (c) Grove Village Hall Management Committee – No report had been received.
- (d) Youth Advisory Committee – Cllr Mellersh reported that the last meeting was the AGM, which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008. She also reported that an open day would be held for local residents on 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Sweatbox.

*Clerks note: Upon receipt of the minutes of the last meeting Cllr Mellersh reported that the Open Day would actually be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and not the 8<sup>th</sup> November as reported above.*

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

- (a) Play equipment inspection reports:

Clerk (i) Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted. The Clerk was asked to confirm with KOMPAN the guarantee's held for the play equipment.

(ii) Venturplay reports for May – The Chairman checked through the report.

Clerk (b) Quotations for new fencing for Mary Green Play Area – The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether Keith Pepler had installed this type of fencing before and if so, where, in order to allow councillors to make an inspection. The Clerk was also asked to obtain a like for like quote for fencing from Jackson Fencing and Zaun Fencing. The information was to be brought back to the next committee meeting.

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(c) Review of the allotment fees – Following a short discussion...

It was **MOVED** Cllr Nunn-Price, **SECONDED** Cllr Evans and **RESOLVED** 5 in favour and 3 abstentions

**“to increase allotment fees from £6 to £7 for half a plot and from £12 to £14 for a full plot.”**

Clerk Price increases were to take effect from September 2008. The Clerk was asked to place an item on the next agenda with regard to additional allotment provision.

## 7 Grove Recreation Ground/Wasbrough Fields issues

(a) Proposed diversion of footpath No 4 through the recreation ground – Cllr Parnell explained that he had attended a special NAG meeting to discuss footpath No 4 with residents of the Park Homes Estate and gave a short brief.

It was **MOVED** Cllr Nunn-Price, **SECONDED** Cllr Parnell and **RESOLVED** 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention

**“to agree in principle to the re-routing of footpath No 4 subject to further negotiations regarding compensation, fencing, litter and maintenance of the path.”**

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(b) Pitch layout for the 2008/09 season - It was **MOVED** the Chairman, **SECONDED** Cllr Nunn-Price and **RESOLVED** 3 in favour 0 against and 3 abstentions

**“to agree the proposed pitch layout for the 2008/09 season.”**

Clerk (c) To review pitch and floodlight fees – It was agreed to defer the review until July 2009 in time for the 2009/10 season.

### **Cllr Nunn-Price left the meeting**

(d) Correspondence requesting additional litter bins for the recreation ground and Wasbrough Fields – It was **MOVED** the Chairman, **SECONDED** Cllr Jones and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“purchase 2 metal guppy bins at a cost of £227.06 each for installation on the recreation ground.”**

Clerk (e) Terms of the lease for the Grove Challengers changing facilities – It was agreed that this matter be raised at Full Council when the draft lease had been drawn up by the council's solicitor.

Clerk (f) Quotations for the re-surfacing of the recreation ground car park – It was agreed to pass this matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further consideration of the most cost effective way to resurface the car park.

## 8 Mably Way Recreational Area

The Clerk informed the meeting that seeding and part fencing had taken place.

**9 Dog walking on the recreation ground and Wasbrough Field**

(a) Update from the initial meeting of the dog working party – The Chairman stated that the initial meeting had been very positive and that several suggestions had been made in order for this issue to be resolved. It was generally agreed that the Clerk write and invite Mr Patrick Legge of the district council to come and talk to the dog working party. Cllr Parnell said that the meeting was well received by those clubs who had sent representatives along.

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Cllr Evans suggested that at the next Full Council meeting that the Clerk prepare the paperwork to rescind the resolution that proposed to ban dogs, because in his opinion "the council had jumped in too quickly" and had not thought about the issues. The Chairman replied and said that once more information had been received, then the Leisure and Recreation Committee would make its report to Full Council and hopefully come up with a plan.

(b) Correspondence from Mr Wasbrough – The correspondence was noted.

(c) Correspondence from the Kennel Club – The correspondence was noted.

(d) Covenants regarding the recreation ground and Wasbrough Field – The notes regarding the covenants were noted.

**10 Invitees to the annual council reception**

The suggested amendments from this committee were noted and would be brought forward to the next Full Council meeting.

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**11 Income and Expenditure to date**

The Income and Expenditure sheet was received and noted.

**12 Chairman's urgent communications**

(a) Correspondence from Mr Wixey – The correspondence was copied to all councillors who attended the meeting. The Clerk was asked to reply in full to the letter. The Clerk was also asked to remove the closure signs from the recreation ground and Wasbrough Field and to add an item discussing this matter for the next meeting

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(b) Correspondence from Mr Bateson – The Clerk was asked to add Mr Bateson's suggestions for more dog waste bins for the next dog working party meeting. The Clerk was also requested to ask all of the user clubs to ensure that they cleaned the sports fields and removed all metal stakes following matches.

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(c) Correspondence from Mr Ward regarding allotments – The correspondence was copied to all councillors who attended the meeting. In his letter Mr Ward who had been assisting a plot holder with his allotment has asked the committee if he could take on the plot when the current tenant vacated the plot in September. Following a short discussion it was agreed that Mr Ward would not allowed to assume tenancy of the plot due to the current long waiting list for plots. If the current tenant vacated the plot, the Clerk was to offer it to the next person on the list. The Clerk was to inform Mr Ward accordingly.

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**13 General correspondence**

There were no items of general correspondence.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Confirmed: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008

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