

**REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 9th JANUARY 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 for absence were received from Cllrs 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).

3 Sign report of committee meeting held on 14th November 2006

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 6 a) – Play equipment inspection reports – The clerk informed the meeting that the sputnik seats had been replaced and the frame of the sputnik would be painted in the spring.
- b) Item 8 – Mably Way recreational area – The letter was noted.
- c) Item 12 – Strategy for replacing equipment – hire charges – The clerk informed the meeting that he had obtained hire charges for a chipper/shredder from TVE at a cost £200 per week. Cllr F Parnell suggested and it was agreed to hire the machine as and when for a period of 9 months to see what usage there was, and to evaluate the possibility of replacing the chipper in the future

5 Reports from the following outside bodies

- a) Grove RFC Pavilion Management Committee – The minutes of the meeting held 13th November 2006 were noted.
- b) Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – No meeting had been held.
- c) Youth Advisory Committee – The minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 9th October 2006 and the Sweatbox Union minutes of 13th November 2006 were both noted.

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

- a) Play equipment inspection reports:
 - Summary of councillor reports – The summary was noted.
 - The clerk and chairman then spoke regarding the missing inspection reports. It was agreed the clerk re-issue the inspection rota. The clerk is to remind councillors who's reports are not received in the office following an inspection date, and in the event of a councillor not being able to undertake an inspection, the clerk is to carryout the inspection himself.
 - Venturplay reports 30/11/06 and 30/12/06 – The reports were both noted.

All/Clerk

- b) MaGIC update – The chairman said that there was very little to report. Cllr M Mellersh had received a letter from Mr John Twaites, which is very encouraging and had also written to Tesco regarding Mary Green Play Area.
- c) To consider quotations for the repair/replacement of playground surfacing in Mary Green Play Area – It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk **“to accept the quotation from S and C Slatter to carryout repair works to the surfacing of the Mary Green Play Area at a cost not to exceed £750 plus VAT.**

- d) To consider a request to purchase a piece of land designated as public amenity space – the clerk informed the committee that this applicant had applied to purchase this piece of land (which is adjoining his property), last year. It was unanimously agreed not to sell this land in accordance with council policy. The clerk is to write and inform the applicant that he may be allowed to rent the land for an annual premium but would not be allowed to erect a fence and enclose it.

Clerk

7 Recreation ground/Wasbrough Field issues

- a) To receive correspondence from GRFC re pitch use - The clerk was asked to reply to GRFC and inform them that in the future the parish council will carryout a pitch inspection on Friday afternoons at 2 pm. The clerk is to also inform them that the decision made on the Friday pitch inspection would be the final decision made for pitch usage for that weekend. The clerk is to copy the letter to all the Recreation Ground users and also invite a representative from all of the clubs to attend the pitch inspections.
- b) Request from Grove Challengers to hold their annual six-a-side tournament over the weekend 30th June/1st July 2007 – It was unanimously agreed to give permission subject to the normal terms and conditions.
- c) To receive correspondence from the Bell FC in reply to GPC letter dated 28/11/06 – The correspondence was noted.

Clerk

Clerk

8 Mably Way Recreational Area – update on progress

There was nothing to report.

9 Trees

There was nothing to report.

10 To consider renewal membership of the OPFA at a cost of £80

It was **MOVED** the chairman **SECONDED** Cllr K Jones and **RESOLVED** unanimously

Clerk

“to renew membership of the OPFA at a cost of £80.”

11 To consider the following questions from Mr Brown regarding Challengers FC (From Full Council meeting 5/12/06)

- a) Why were Challengers refused permission to run own bar at their six-a-side competition? – As far as the clerk is aware the Challengers did not apply to run its own bar at their 6-a-side competition held in 2006.
- b) Why the clerk had written to Challengers imposing limits on the number of teams they could field? – The clerk had not written to Challengers to inform them that they can only have a certain number of representative teams. However, the numbers of teams all clubs field will be up for discussion in the near future. Clubs will also be required to ask for permission to increase number of teams they wish to field.
- c) Can the Challengers move the location of changing facilities to the location of the old rugby club building? – The parish council, as always, is keen to improve facilities in Grove, and

would welcome an official approach from the Challengers to discuss the provision of changing facilities. No approach had been received yet.

- d) Why are GRFC allowed to charge for the use of facilities? – The parish council sought legal advice on this issue, the rugby club lease ensures that users of the Recreation Ground may use the changing and showering facilities at all times, but does not state that users would or would not be charged.

Clerk

The clerk is to write to Mr brown in time for the next Full Council meeting.

12 Chairman's urgent communications

There were no urgent communications.

13 General correspondence

There were no general correspondence.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm

Confirmed: 20th February 2007

Chairman