

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Reading Room
Bowling Alley, Oving on Tuesday 14 January 2003

Present: Ambrose McGinn (Chairman)
Kit Couper
Stuart Nicholls
Sally Parrott
Jan Waldron
Robert Day (Clerk)

In Attendance: Sue Polhill (AVDC - District Councillor)
Shaun Andrews

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Planning - Church Farm, Church Lane

Mr Andrews, an architect, attended the meeting and briefed those present on the proposed re-development of some of the farm buildings located at Church Farm. The proposed site plan was reviewed and the meeting was informed that a planning application was likely to be made that week. The proposal provided for five dwellings.

Concerns were raised in respect of:

- The density of the proposal.
- An increase in traffic in the village.
- The possibility that cars may be forced to reverse out of the development into Church Lane due to the lack of passing places in the development lane.
- No account had been made of heating fuel storage/deliveries, the siting of rubbish bins or recycling crates.

It was felt however that the proposal was sympathetically and imaginatively designed.

3 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 November 2002 were approved.

4 Matters Arising

a) Basketball Court
The painting of the surface of the Basketball Court will be postponed due to the weather.

b) Benches
RD to arrange for Steve Green to install the benches in the required locations.

RD

c) The upgrade of Pavilion and Reading Room electrical system
Work had started on upgrading the electrical system in the Reading Room and Pavilion.

RD to write to Oving Football Club to request a £500 contribution towards the cost.

RD

JW to check the availability of a grant.

JW

- d) **Playground Inspection**
No response had been received from Playdale in respect of the letter sent regarding the playground inspection. RD to send a follow up letter. RD
- e) **Hedge and Verge Cutting**
Three quotes are to be obtained for all hedge and verge cutting contracts for 2003. RD & JW
- f) **A Speed Indicator Display has been borrowed for use in Oving.**
Volunteers have manned the SID. The use of the SID has had a dramatic effect on the speed of the traffic using the Pitchcott Road.

5 Chairman's report

The Chairman had nothing to report.

6 Stone View Update

AM advised the Council that the matter was now likely to be considered by the Cabinet early in February.

7 The Size of Parish Councils

It is possible to change the number of OPC Councillors in time for the elections in May. OPC could have up to seven Councillors. At present there are five. It was felt that the current number of Councillors was appropriate and adequate for the size of the village.

8 AVDC Accounts

It was agreed that OPC should sign up to pay the various invoices received from AVDC by direct debit. RD

9 Membership Renewals

It was agreed to join the Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils at a cost of £50. RD

It was agreed to renew the membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £25. RD

It was agreed to renew the membership of Buckinghamshire Community Action at a cost of £15 RD

10 2003/2004 Parish Precept

OPC studied its projections for the 2003/2004 financial year and concluded that in order to maintain the services provided to the village the precept would have to rise from £7,250 to £8,000 per year. RD

11 Freedom of Information Act 2000

OPC adopted the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Model Publication Scheme for Local Councils at the meeting. RD

12 NALC Financial Regulations

OPC adopted The National Association of Local Councils Financial Regulations at the meeting. RD

- 13 NALC Standing Orders and Chairmanship**
 OPC adopted The National Association of Local Councils Standing Orders and Chairmanship at the meeting. RD
- 14 Report for the village newsletter**
 SN would send in a report on this occasion. SN
- 15 Any other business**
 There has been a road traffic accident on the Marston Hill road. It has been noted that the hedge is overhanging the road forcing high sided vehicles to pull out into the middle of the road. RD to contact the owner of the hedge to ask for the hedge to be cut back. RD

The following payments that had been made since the last meeting held on the 11 November 2002 were approved:

DATE	AMOUNT	PAID TO	IN RESPECT OF
12 Nov	£50	Bucks Comm Action	Reading Room Chairs
25 Nov	£44.88	TXU Energi	Electricity - Street Lights
9 Dec	£17.29	BT plc	Phone - Pavilion
13 Dec	£2,338.50	Parrott & Coales	Legal Fees - Stone View
13 Dec	£6	BALC	Standing Orders
13 Dec	£800	T Cleaver	Mowing
16 Dec	£1,657.92	R Porter	Hedges/Verges
24 Dec	£17.44	TXU Energi	Electricity - Reading Rm/Pav
27 Dec	£44.88	TXU Energi	Electricity - Street Lights
14 Jan	£133.55	A Tomlinson	Street Light Repairs
14 Jan	£756.44	A Tomlinson	Upgrade R Rm/Pav Elecs
14 Jan	£381.87	L T Parrott & Sons	Mowing

- 16 Date of the next meeting**
 The next OPC meeting will be held on Monday 10 March 2003 at 19.30 in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving.