

**MINUTES OF THE OIVING PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OIVING ON 22ND
SEPTEMBER 2003 AT 20.00H.**

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Ambrose McGinn
Percy Young
Peter Tombs
Philip Shuffill
Jack Peeters

1. Apologies for absence:

Mark Ryan
Chris George
Stuart Hillston (Clerk)

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting held on 8th October 2002.

No-one present was able to produce a copy of these minutes so it was not possible to confirm them. It was noted that there was no meeting in the spring of 2003.

4. Constitution of the Committee.

A Constitution prepared in April 1993 had been circulated, and this was discussed on a paragraph by paragraph basis. A number of amendments and deletions were approved, and a revised version is attached to these minutes.

5. Oving Football Club and the Oving Villages Cup.

PT and PS reported that the electrician who carried out the work on the pavilion and the floodlights has now been paid, but there remains a difference of opinion between the Football Club and the Parish Council as to who authorised the work and how the cost is to be split. There appears to have been a breakdown of communication between the two bodies, but all present wished to see the matter resolved as soon as possible.

The Football Club has been awarded a grant of £350 towards the work by a Sports sub-committee of AVDC, but the time limit for claiming the grant may have passed.

It was agreed that PS should investigate whether the grant is still available, and that he should then submit to the Council full details of the final cost of the work (less the Grant if available) with a request for the amount considered payable by the Council.

This request can then be considered by the Council at its next meeting.

ACTION: PS

PI and PS pointed out that at the meeting held on 9th April 2002, it was agreed that the tea urn in the pavilion should be replaced and the cost shared between the football and cricket clubs. Mark Ryan offered to investigate the cost of a new urn. As Mark is now a Parish Councillor, AM offered to chase this up.

ACTION: AM

PT also pointed out that there is no register of key-holders for the pavilion-, and it was agreed that the locks should be changed and a proper record kept of who holds the keys. AM agreed that this is the responsibility of the Parish Council, and he would raise the matter at the next meeting.

ACTION: AM

The Football Club is also concerned about the threat of vandalism to the pavilion. AM pointed out that it is a major objective of the Parish Council to reduce vandalism in the village as a whole, and that the matter is under active consideration.

6. Oving Tennis Club

JP reported that the Tennis Club had recently had a visit from the Chairman of the Aylesbury Southern Sports Council. The Council can help its member clubs in a number of ways including giving grants for suitable projects up to a value of £2,000, provided the sum is matched by the club raising money itself.

There are a number of possibilities, including the installation of floodlights, an issue which is likely to arise at the Club's AGM on 23rd October. There has also been a suggestion that canvas wind shields could be attached to the wire netting court surrounds in exposed areas. The Club would naturally seek the approval of the Parish Council before carrying out any changes of this nature.

The Tennis Club is in a strong financial situation, with over 300 members, but there is no pressure on the courts, with members usually able to play when they wish.

7. Date of next meeting.

This will be on Monday 26th April 2004 at 20.00h at the same venue,

THE OIVING RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION

1. The Recreation Ground Committee shall consist of the Chairman and nominated Members of Oving Parish Council together with representatives of the recognised clubs, groups and associations which from time to time make regular use of the Recreation Ground and/or its facilities.
2. No physical alteration to the Recreation Ground, other than day-to-day maintenance, shall be carried out without the express written consent of Oving Parish Council.
3. The Recreation Ground Committee shall act as a sub-committee of the Parish Council and all decisions must be ratified by the Parish Council before any action is taken.
4. Each club, group or association shall, be entitled to one seat on the Recreation Ground Committee. Additional members may be co-opted as required by the full committee.
5. The Recreation Ground Committee shall normally meet twice a year, in the spring and the autumn or as deemed necessary.
6. The Recreation Ground Committee shall recommend improvements to, and maintenance of the Recreation Ground but shall have no direct control over any funds allocated for the maintenance and upkeep of the Recreation Ground.
7. The members of the Recreation Ground Committee shall consider themselves to be assisting the Parish Council as the guardians of a very valuable asset given for the benefit of all of the residents of Oving.