

## OVING PARISH COUNCIL

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004 at 20.00h.**

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)  
Ambrose McGinn  
Mark Ryan  
Percy Young  
Peter Tombs  
Philip Shuffill

1. Apologies for absence:

Jack Peeters  
Chris George  
Stuart Hillston (Clerk)

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None.

3. Minutes of last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2003. Agreed.

4. Keys

It was confirmed that everyone now has all the new keys they require, apart from Peter Tombs, who would like a key to the new car park gates. Ambrose would also like a full set of keys. **Roger to arrange with Stuart.**

5. Notice Board

Roger pointed out that the current notice board is in poor condition. It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to the Parish Council to replace it. There is also a sign in the car park that needs replacement. **Roger and Ambrose to raise this at next OPC meeting.**

6. Traditional meadow

Jack Peeters has reminded the Chairman that there is an area of meadow in the top left hand corner of the Recreation Ground which should be harvested only once a year in July and the cuttings removed in order to encourage the growth of wild flowers. This requires specialised equipment. **Roger to recommend management of this area at next OPC meeting, and to enquire whether the Parrott brothers could carry out the work.**

## 7. Oving Football Club and the Oving Villages Cup

The Club has had a poor season and has been relegated. There is a problem with the number of players willing to turn up for fixtures.

The semi-finals and final of the Cup competition were played at Oving, and attracted some good support. The final itself was played in a good spirit and was won by Steeple Claydon for the first time in the history of the competition.

The Parish Council has purchased 2 new tea urns, one for the pavilion and one for the Reading Room. The ladies toilet needs a new seat (**OPC to authorise**).

Ambrose indicated that any Commuted Payment received by OPC in respect of the Church Farm development was largely earmarked for improvements to the pavilion.

## 8. Oving Tennis Club

In the absence of Jack Peeters, Roger reported that at the Tennis Club committee meeting held last week, it was decided to apply for outline planning permission for floodlights. This does not mean that they will go ahead, but the Club wants to know where it stands as regards planning. There will also have to be consultation with residents living near the courts.

There was a general discussion about use of the Recreation Ground on Sundays, and it was not clear what the current rulings are. **Roger to ask Stuart to investigate.**

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at 20.00h at the same venue.