

**Minutes of the Annual Oving Parish Meeting held at the Methodist Hall
Bowling Alley, Oving on Wednesday May 12th 2004 at 08:00PM**

Present: Ambrose McGinn - Chair
Roger Ball
Mark Ryan
Stuart Hillston (Clerk)
Insp. Andy Gray – Thames Valley Police

In attendance: 25 Oving residents

Item

The meeting started at 08:00PM

1.1 The Chairman gave a summary of the preceding year:

Ambrose McGinn, Chairman of Oving Parish Council, thanked the Clerk and Councillors for their time and effort through the year and confirmed that the officers (Ambrose as Chairman, Mark Ryan as Vice Chairman) had been re-elected at the OPC meeting on Monday 10th. In addition, Stuart Nicholls has agreed to be co-opted back onto OPC from July.

Ambrose reviewed the objectives set at the beginning of the year:

1. Management of affairs
 - a. The council has adopted its own set of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations which will enable us to manage the council's affairs in an effective and timely fashion.
2. Quality of Road and Grounds
 - a. Thanks to the efforts of Reg Porter, Vince Alderman, Terry Cleaver and Colin Parrott the village has been well maintained.
 - b. BCC have been given input regarding the upgrading of footpaths and a decision is expected imminently.
 - c. The street lights have been maintained in a timely fashion however we have lost a complete pole & light due to an accident on Pitchcott Road.
 - d. Stone View was resurfaced in July 2003.
3. Traffic
 - a. SiD (Speed Indicator Device) was deployed on Bowling Alley
 - b. The C57 Whitchurch to Long Crendon road is due to be resigned
 - c. Speed limits around and within Oving are being reviewed in a county wide review
4. Planning
 - a. A number of applications in the year were reviewed and most were successful.
 - b. No further developments have occurred with respect to the land by Stone View
 - c. OPC was approached by the developer with an offer of payment if it dropped its objections.
 - d. The Church Farm developed has been modified and approved following input from OPC. This will lead to a community development payment of approx. £9,200.

5. Liaise with local councillors
 - a. Thanks to Sue Polhill who has been very supportive and helpful during the year.
6. Vandalism
 - a. This has been a poor year with vandalism to the street lights and children's playground.
 - b. OPC will maintain a zero tolerance and seek recompense from the culprits or their parents where a case is proven.
 - c. Our insurance has risen 50% partly as a result of the increased risk.
7. Recreation Ground & Committee
 - a. Thanks to Roger Ball for his work as Chairman
 - b. New rules agreed for the operation of the rec
 - c. The reading room has been improved inside and will be improved outside shortly.
 - d. The playground swings are expected to be re-instated in the next few weeks.
 - e. Sunday usage is being considered
 - f. A booking process has been introduced.
8. Dog Fouling
 - a. Continues to be a problem on the rec – a new campaign to warn dog owners will be started shortly.
9. Risk Assessment
 - a. Completed on the playground leading to another list of required improvements.
10. Communication
 - a. Oving now has a web site with free email for residents (www.oving.org)
 - b. Thanks go to Val Adams for her continued efforts with the Newsletter.
11. Other
 - a. Broadband now available in no small part due to the Oving campaign last year.
 - b. We have had an offer of free Oak Trees for public spaces.
 - c. The Library Van has had to be discontinued due to lack of use.

1.2 The Clerk gave a summary of the unaudited accounts for 2003/4

1.3 Richard Parrott gave a summary of the year for the Football Club

The club continues to be happy with its lot despite being relegated in the year.

The Oving Cup was well attended.

1.4 Eileen Biggs gave a summary of the year for the Tennis Club

Oving Tennis Club is in its 11th year having had a successful 10th birthday party last summer. There are over 300 members and subscriptions have been raised slightly (not for juniors) for the first time to pay for maintenance and improvements. The main change being considered is the installation of floodlights to enable members working during the day to play in the evenings. Any plans would be discussed with local residents prior to an application to the Parish Council and for planning permission.

1.5 Insp. Andy Gray gave an overview of policing in the area

Andy Gray is a local who has just taken over the local Inspectors role (based at Buckingham) from Russ Wootton. This was his first day on the job!

Regarding issues raised during the Chairman's presentation:

- speeding – Andy Gray is a former patrol man and a qualified accident investigator. He has a speeding unit which he can allocate wherever there is a significant problem and he welcomes initiatives such as SiD.
- Vandalism is mostly going unreported. By reporting incidents we can help the police understand the true magnitude of the problem – if we don't report it they don't know its happening. All reports will be logged and may be investigated depending on the nature and severity. AG approves of the zero tolerance and reparation approach of OPC.
- Regarding crime – there were 2 reported burglaries, 1 attempted, 3 car crimes and 4 other crimes in the year. Of these 2 were detected (solved).
- Peter Nayrood (sp?) is the new Chief Constable and is very much in favour of neighbourhood and community policing.
- There is a new single number for contacting Thames Valley Police for all non-emergency issues: 0845 850 5505

1.6 Ricky Gershon gave a brief summary of SAVE & PPP activity

1.7 Questions

1. What are the proposals for the footpath down Whitchurch Lane?
 - a. We have provided detail plans to BCC for installation of footpaths and there is a review of speed limits under way which proposes reducing the limit to 40mph.
2. Does the council plan to improve recreational facilities for children at the recreation ground?
 - a. The residents view was that there are sufficient facilities. If additional facilities are sought then it was suggested that a fun raising committee be formed.
3. Who can receive the oak trees on offer from AVDC?
 - a. They are being offered to the council for public spaces in Oving.
4. Can we remove the bushes near the car park entrance?
 - a. The council will review.
5. Stuart Nicholls highlighted the neighbourhood watch scheme and noted that it needs new co-ordinators.
6. There are some raised man holes on the footpath by the Stone View bus stop.

1.8 Ambrose McGinn thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting closed at 09:15PM