

## OVING PARISH COUNCIL

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 20.00h.**

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

1. Apologies for absence: Stuart Nicholls
2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004. Matters arising:

Tidiness of pavilion: Jack confirmed that the problem had been caused by the tennis coaching last summer, and he has spoken to those responsible to ask them to keep the pavilion tidy at all times.

#### 4. Pavilion

Ambrose reported that a survey has been carried out on the pavilion, and copies were provided to the Football Club and the Tennis Club. The pavilion was built in the early 1960's, and is now in poor condition. Although it is structurally sound, significant maintenance work is recommended. The Parish Council will receive a commuted payment of around £9,000 in connection with the development of Church Farm, and has decided to put this money towards the improvement or re-development of the pavilion.

Peter would naturally like to have a pavilion suited to the needs of the Football Club, and this may involve replacing the existing building. Significant additional funds would need to be raised to achieve this objective.

Jack commented that the facilities currently available compare poorly with those at other tennis clubs in the area, and are an embarrassment when entertaining visiting teams.

Ambrose suggested that there may be a possibility to increase the footprint of the existing building to provide a larger meeting room for the village. He has been approached by a number of villagers who would be prepared to form a small sub-committee to explore the possibilities. The Football and Tennis clubs would be invited to sit on this sub-committee. **Ambrose will arrange the first meeting. Jack will suggest an architect.**

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

Philip reported that the Club has had a disappointing season in terms of results, but managed to fulfil all its fixtures, despite fluctuating squad numbers. Two other teams in the League dropped out during the season, so the Club may not be relegated. With the addition of some promising youngsters, the current squad shows good team spirit, and there is optimism for the future. The Club's AGM takes place in the pavilion tomorrow evening.

Ten teams entered the Villages Cup competition, which was won by Steeple Claydon, who beat Long Crendon 4-0 on Easter Monday. The organisers would like to see more teams in the competition, but the rules state that villages must be within a 10-mile radius of Oving. The Committee has this year arranged the repair of the gravestone cross in Oving Churchyard which marks the grave of the Reverend Isaac Hill, Rector of Oving in 1889 and the first President of the Oving Villages Cup Competition.

The Villages Cup AGM takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 19.30h in the pavilion.

Peter commented that the oak gates into the car park need to be varnished, and **Roger agreed to report this to the Parish Council.**

## 6. Oving Tennis Club

Jack reported that the Club is running several teams, which are doing well. The coaching programme has been extended, and is available across a wide range of ages. Some 300 members have renewed their subscriptions for the current year.

The Club is still hoping to obtain funding for floodlights, but has been unsuccessful so far. It may be necessary to find the cost from the Club's reserves. No sponsor has come forward for the proposed windbreaks.

Jack also commented on the current state of the car park and its surrounds, and **Roger agreed to report this to the Parish Council.**

7. Date of next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005.