

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Pavilion, Bowling Alley, Oving on Monday 19th September 2005 at 21.00h.

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Ambrose McGinn
Mark Ryan
Jack Peeters
Philip Shuffill
Percy Young

1. Apologies for absence: Peter Tombs, Stuart Nicholls, Chris George.
2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None.
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 25th April 2005. Matters arising:

A meeting had been held one hour prior to this meeting to discuss the future of the pavilion. It was attended by a number of interested villagers, and a full discussion took place. **Ambrose will produce a separate note of the pavilion meeting.**

Jack has not yet approached an architect, although he does have someone in mind. He does not wish to incur fees at this stage, but **will explore the possibility of some free advice** once we have a clearer picture of what we want.

Roger was authorised to instruct the Parish Clerk to obtain quotes for re-varnishing the oak gates into the car park, and the spraying of weed-killer and additional surfacing on the car park itself.

4. Future of the pavilion. Dealt with in 3 above.
5. Apportionment of Recreation Ground costs.

When there were three clubs using the Recreation Ground (Football, Tennis and Cricket) costs such as grass-cutting, water, telephone and electricity used to be shared by these clubs with the Parish Council on a percentage basis. This arrangement seems to have fallen into disuse, and the two remaining clubs have not been invoiced for a couple of years. Philip thought that cutting the grass on the pitch was carried out free of charge by Richard and Colin Parrott. **Roger will attempt to clarify the situation.**

Ambrose suggested that there needs to be a clearer allocation of costs, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should propose a new allocation at the end of the financial year next April, when the current year's costs are known. **Roger to monitor.**

6. Oving Football Club and the Oving Villages Cup

Philip reported that the training sessions went well, with 18 players attending. However, the Club has lost its first three games under a new manager, despite encouraging performances in two of the matches, and better results are anticipated. The size of the squad has enabled the Club to enter the Oving Villages Cup for the first time in some years.

7. Oving Tennis Club

Jack reported that the Club has around 300 members. Team performances are improving, and the take-up of training facilities is increasing rapidly. The courts are in good condition, but will need to be resurfaced within the next few years. There has been no success in obtaining funding towards floodlights, and the Club needs to consult its members on the next move. The small hut needs replacement, but a decision has been deferred pending the outcome of the pavilion situation.

8. Date of next meeting: Monday 24th April 2006.

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