

**Minutes of the Annual Oving Parish Meeting held at the Methodist Chapel
Bowling Alley, Oving on Thursday 11th May 2006 at 8.00pm**

Present: Cllr Ambrose McGinn – Chairman Oving Parish Council
Cllr Roger Ball – Oving Parish Council
Cllr Mark Ryan – Oving Parish Council
Cllr Chris George – Oving Parish Council
Cllr Stuart Nicholls – Oving Parish Council
Glyn Thomas – Oving Parish Clerk
Sue Polhill – Chairman AVDC

Attendees: 70 Oving Residents

Item 1 – To accept Apologies for absence

Pollie Newman, Rosemary Evans, Harriet Cullen, Jason Gore, Stuart Hilston, Ewart and Louise Watson,

Item 2 - Review of Oving Parish Council 2005/6 and plans for 2006/7– Cllr A McGinn - Chairman

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Ambrose McGinn, thanked visitors for attending and welcomed guests.

He thanked fellow Councillors for their time and efforts over the past year.

He advised that he had been re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council at the AGM on Tuesday and Cllr Roger Ball had been elected Vice Chairman. Cllr Roger Ball remains the chair of the recreation ground sub-committee.

He reported that it was the final year before elections take place in May 2007 and encouraged any interested persons to come forward with a view to standing as councillors.

Traffic Calming

A speed review had been undertaken. New signage, road markings and further work was still due to be undertaken but speed of vehicles appeared to have reduced and is being enforced.

Working with BCC has proved problematic and it has been difficult to get things done. However pathways have been cleared and haunched. There was still some work to do and requests made to clear additional paths. This is subject to BCC budget even though the safer routes to school option for funding has been followed.

The road structure changes at Watermead has had an impact on local roads.

Recreation Facilities

OPC has been putting together proposals for the Recreation Ground. Tennis and football has been very active over the past year together with use by residents. Plans for a cricket net are well advanced with £1000 plus raised by lads from the village.

General Maintenance

He reported on the day to day housekeeping including more dog bins, fixing or replacing lights and the general upkeep of facilities.

Thanks particularly to Reg Porter for doing the mowing around the village which is done with sensitivity to plants and gives the village a very smart appearance.

Reading Room

OPC has continued to improve the reading room. Chairs have been refurbished and it is now a good meeting room for up to 10/12 people.

Communications

OPC has worked hard to communicate what it has done and the outcome of meetings. Thanks to Val Adams and the PC magazine for publicising and thanks to Stuart Hilston for the web management. More and more people are using it and the free emails are still available for Oving residents. Oving also has a new noticeboard and thanks to Roger Ball for ensuring this is kept up to date.

OPC has continued to liaise with AVDC and BCC attending various NAG meetings with the police and Cluster Groups.

Budget

£800 has been carried over into the current year. The income last year was £13274 including a sum for benches from the tennis club and a £500 donation from a resident towards the new pavilion project, plus a VAT rebate of around £900. Expenditure was 26% on the Clerk which represents a full year's salary and costs, 23% on mowing and grounds maintenance, 17% on lights and energy, then small items such as insurances £500, dog bins £600, audit, maintenance, water etc.

This year the Precept (the amount charged to villagers) has increased significantly due to the much lower carry forward and rising costs in many areas which OPC needed to budget prudently for. This had been explained in the January newsletter. This year's income, precept, VAT reclaim and carry forward was planned to be £15,550.

Looking Forward

Aim to keep pressure on road safety and developing the recreation ground facilities as well as the normal housekeeping duties.

The Chairman thanked attendees for their time and assured them that the Parish Council would continue to look after the affairs of the Parish diligently and prudently.

Item 3 - Presentation of proposals for new Pavilion – Working Party Members

The Chairman gave a presentation on the proposals for a new Pavilion. A buildings survey had been undertaken on the existing Pavilion and the necessary work carried out. There was a general view that the village lacked a focal point and the working group felt a new Pavilion would be a good facility.

Roger Hawkins presented architectural drawings of the proposed new Pavilion.

Jack Peters presented plans of the proposed location for the new Pavilion which is where the existing playground is situated. Three possible locations for the playground were indicated.

Roger Hawkins advised that the cost of the new Pavilion would be £275k. Parishioners were encouraged to get involved in whether the new Pavilion is wanted and if so where it should be sited.

Roger Ball spoke about fundraising. Considerations were: National Lottery grant, funds from Waste Recycling Environmental fund (£50k), Football Foundation (maximum up to 50%), local authorities, local fund raising. The project must be community driven. A questionnaire would be circulated which residents were encouraged to complete and return to express their views.

The Chairman commented that the act of fundraising would itself bring the village together and encourage a community spirit. Timescales for the project to completion were 3 years. The existing Pavilion would remain until completion. Advice had been taken from the police on where to locate the new Pavilion with regards to security.

Item 4 – Open Forum for issues not previously covered

Villagers were given the opportunity to ask questions and express their views or concerns on the Pavilion proposals. These included: costs, size, parking facilities, level of demand for use, location, security, and maintenance.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their comments and assured them that their views and feedback would be considered by the Parish Council when putting together the formal proposal for consideration. The next step would be to provide a questionnaire for completion by everyone in the village which would be prepared by the Parish Council sub Committee working on the Pavilion project.

Cllr George proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his time and efforts over the past year and the presentation of the Pavilion project.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.