

## OVING PARISH COUNCIL

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7pm.**

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)  
Ambrose McGinn  
Stuart Nicholls  
Peter Tombs  
Philip Shuffill  
Jack Peeters

1. Apologies for absence: Mark Ryan, Chris George.
2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None.
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

Matters arising:

- 3.1 The Parish Council arranged for a rowan tree to be planted by Percy Young behind the Reading Room on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006, and a plaque is being prepared to commemorate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Other matters arising are covered in subsequent minutes.

4. Oving Annual Village Meeting

This was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006, and around 100 residents and other interested parties attended. Members of the Committee formed to investigate the possibility of a new pavilion made a presentation and answered questions. The next step is to prepare a questionnaire to be distributed to every household in the village.

5. Repairs to pavilion

Philip has expressed dissatisfaction with the repairs carried out in the showers, and **Roger agreed to ask Steve Hunt to tidy up the work, and to fix the lock on the Reading Room door.**

6. Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

The Tennis Club have signed the Agreement with the Parish Council, and paid the sum of £145.86 representing 10% of the running costs of the pavilion, as agreed.

The Football Club has objected to the inclusion of certain costs such as mowing, repairs and insurance in the calculation of their contribution. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Football Club will pay a fixed sum each year, to be negotiated at the end of the previous season. Amounts agreed for current years are as follows:

Season 2005-2006	£150
Season 2006-2007	£200
Season 2007-2008	£300

**Roger will ask the Parish Clerk to raise an invoice for the first two amounts and will draft an amended Agreement.**

7. Vandalism

Roger reported that there had been some incidents during the hot weather of young people congregating in the Recreation Ground car park, drinking, and playing loud music until the early hours. Ambrose reported the matter to the Police, and we were able to provide some car registration numbers. The Police made enquiries, and there have been no further incidents. Damage to the playground fencing and some of the perimeter fencing has been repaired.

8. Oving Football Club and Oving Villages Cup

Philip reported that there is a squad of only 18 players, with a high proportion of youngsters. If players are injured, it is sometimes difficult to field a side. However, the Club remains in the ADL, and won their last game.

The same teams as last season have entered the Oving Villages Cup.

9. Oving Tennis Club

Jack reported that current membership is around 250 players. Although there is a healthy surplus in the Bank, the Club has to budget for major expenditure such as re-surfacing in the next couple of years. An increase in subscriptions has enabled the Club to set aside about £1,000 towards the new pavilion, but this will have to be reimbursed if the project does not go ahead. There is a very successful coaching scheme for young players.

10. Usage of the Recreation Ground.

Roger reported that he is keeping a record of the usage of the Recreation Ground, including any fees or donations paid. Copies were circulated.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 7pm in the Reading Room.