

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Monday 24th April 2006 at 19.15h.

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Ambrose McGinn
Peter Tombs
Jack Peeters

1. Apologies for absence: Philip Shuffill, Stuart Nicholls.
2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: Ambrose McGinn requested an additional item concerning cricket nets, in which he has an interest through his son.
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 19th September 2005.

Matters arising:

- 3.1 The pavilion project has continued to progress in separate meetings, and a presentation is to be made at the Annual Village Meeting on 11th May 2006.
 - 3.2 Approval has been given by Oving Parish Council for the oak gates to be re-varnished, and Steve Hunt has been asked to carry out the work. The re-surfacing of the car-park has been postponed pending the outcome of the pavilion project, but Oving Tennis Club has agreed to make a contribution to the costs.
- 4 Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

Roger has already sent draft agreements between the Parish Council and (1) Oving Football Club and (2) Oving Tennis Club to both Clubs, detailing the conditions of use of the Recreation Ground and the apportionment of costs. Briefly, it is proposed that the Football Club will pay 30% of all costs, while the Tennis Club will pay 10% of the Pavilion costs, annually in April. Peter claimed not to have seen the draft agreement, which was sent to Philip Shuffill. Roger produced final versions of the agreements for signature. **Peter and Jack agreed to submit these agreements to their relative committees and report back to Roger.**

5 Oving Football Club and the Oving Villages Cup.

Peter reported that the Football Club had made a good recovery in the league after a shaky start and now stood in a mid-table position. Player subscriptions had been increased in anticipation of providing funds for the new pavilion. Peter stated that the Club would have strong objections to the proposal to move the pitch if the children's playground was re-sited, and his comments were noted.

The Oving Villages Cup had run smoothly this year, now that replays have been abandoned, and every tie must be decided on the day. The Final on Easter Monday attracted a crowd of around 200, with takings in the region of £300. Peter is making enquiries to establish whether the competition is the oldest Villages Cup in the UK.

6 Oving Tennis Club.

Jack reported that the Tennis Club is supportive of the pavilion project, and has consequently abandoned the proposal for floodlights at the present time. Subscriptions have been increased in order to build up a fund towards the new pavilion. The increases will be refunded if the project does not proceed. The Club is concentrating on providing coaching facilities for ladies, youngsters and improvers. There will be a need to address re-surfacing, new netting around the courts and the trees behind the courts over the next couple of years. There is a concern that Club sessions are poorly attended, but measures are being taken to encourage members to come along.

7 Cricket nets (additional agenda item)

Ambrose reported that his son and three other boys from the village have raised over £1,000 to purchase some mobile nets to be sited behind the basket-ball hoop. The Parish Council has already agreed to this, and will process the purchase of the nets to save VAT.

8 Percy Young (additional agenda item)

Ambrose informed the meeting that Percy will be 90 years old on 25th May, and the Parish Council have agreed to arrange a tree-planting ceremony and some refreshments in the pavilion. **Ambrose will co-ordinate the arrangements with Sally Parrott.**

9 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th September 2006 at 8pm in the Reading Room.