

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at 7pm.

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Jack Peeters (Oving Tennis Club)
Philip Shuffill (Oving Football Club)
Richard Parrott (Oving Villages Cup)
Clive Swindlehurst (Walton Wanderers FC)

1. Apologies for absence: Ambrose McGinn and Stuart Nicholls (both Oving Parish Council)
2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None.
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 30th May 2007.

Matters arising:

3. Reading Room door and outside toilet. Repairs have been carried out.

Other matters arising are covered in subsequent minutes.

4. Recreation Ground usage.

Roger produced a summary of the known usage in 2006 and 2007 to date (attached). Jack asked what was the purpose of this summary, and Roger suggested that it may be useful when applying for funding for a new pavilion.

5. Up-date on proposed new pavilion.

Jack reported that the Location and Design working group met on 18th September, and he would be producing a note of the meeting. Members of the group have been allocated tasks such as investigating potential use of the building, while Jack will be working on the cost implications of various locations.

Roger reported that the Funding working group has yet to be formed. The application for £250,000 was not successful, but further applications to Wren were encouraged by them.

6. Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

It was agreed that invoices should now be submitted to the Football and Tennis Clubs in accordance with the arrangements agreed with the Parish Council.

Roger is to instruct the Parish Clerk to raise the invoices.

7. Dogs on the Recreation Ground

Roger reported an incident at the beginning of August when a 6-year-old boy was threatened on the Recreation Ground by a dog which was not on a lead, contrary to the local bye-law. The Police dealt with the matter in a sensitive manner. Oving Parish Council has put up additional signs, and will reinforce the bye-law in the Parish Newsletter and on the Oving website. Members of Clubs which use the Recreation Ground are requested to report any similar incidents to a member of the Parish Council.

8. Football pitch mowing

Roger wanted to clarify the current arrangements for the mowing of the pitch. Parish Council records indicate that the pitch was mowed 9 times by Reg Porter from April 2006 to March 2007, but it is not known how he decides when to mow it. Philip reported that Colin and Richard Parrott sometimes mow it when there is a game coming up. It was agreed that someone should take responsibility for arranging the mowing before matches, and **Roger agreed to keep track of fixtures and arrange mowing with Reg Porter when necessary.**

9. Oving Football Club and Oving Villages Cup

Roger paid tribute to Peter Tombs, who died suddenly in July. He was a regular member of the Recreation Ground Committee over many years, and played a major role in the success of Oving Football Club and the Villages Cup Competition as Chairman of both. It was agreed that some form of Memorial should be arranged, and **Richard agreed to have a word with Peter's widow, Molly, to see what she would suggest.**

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Football Club was arranged, and Tony Skeggs was elected Chairman, with Colin Parrott as Vice-Chairman. The roles of Manager and Assistant Manager have now been clarified.

The Club has had a difficult start to the new season, mainly due to the lack of availability of some players, but was awarded a Fair Play Trophy for last season.

Richard reported that the Villages Cup Competition has attracted an entry of 12 teams, and will shortly be under way. He also suggested that the Old Pavilion should be cleared of all the accumulated rubbish, and **agreed to co-ordinate.**

10. Oving Tennis Club

Jack reported that the men's first team won all their matches this summer and have been promoted.

There are plans to re-surface the courts next Spring, but problems with the roots of the trees on the adjoining land need to be resolved first.

11. Walton Wanderers Football Club

Roger was approached during the summer by Clive, who has formed a vets team to play about once a month on the Recreation Ground in a Sunday morning league. This proposal was agreed by the Parish Council, although Oving FC was not kept fully aware of the arrangements being made. Roger wished to apologise for this failure of communication.

Walton Wanderers FC have now played a number of matches, including a friendly fixture against Oving FC, and Clive reported that the arrangements have been satisfactory.

There have been some comments in the village about organised sport on a Sunday Morning, but the Parish Council has not been able to find any written covenant prohibiting such activity.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

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