

## Minutes of the Oving Parish Council meeting held at the Reading Room

**Bowling Alley, Oving on Tuesday 11 September 2007 at 8:00pm**

Councillors Present: Ambrose McGinn (Chairman), Roger Ball, Jack Peeters, Stuart Nicholls

Visitors Present: 1

### Open Forum

Julian Banford reported on an incident which had taken place involving a dog on the recreation ground. His wife had written to Cllr Ball and the matter had now been dealt with by the police. Cllrs discussed whether to ban dogs from the recreation ground and bylaws and procedures for enforcing them. More prominent signage was also discussed. Cllrs would make a decision on what course of action to take under item 14.

Item	Action
The meeting started at 8:00pm	
<b>1 To accept apologies for absence</b> Chris George	
<b>2 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda</b> None	
<b>3 Acceptance of minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2007</b> These were agreed.	
<b>4 Matters arising not covered by the agenda</b>	
- A quote of £60 to bolt the spilt in the oak gates had been received. It was agreed to proceed.	Cllr Ball
- The Clerk reported that footpath 9 would be repaired within the next 8 weeks and that the delay had been due to the weather.	
- The Clerk to report that a fallen tree was still blocking footpath 29.	The Clerk
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<b>5 To agree Accounts to end August 2007</b> The Clerk reported on the accounts which were agreed. It was noted that no precept money had been budgeted for the Pavilion for this year.	
<b>6 Planning applications considered since 10 July 2007</b>	
<b>A 07/02401/APP Land Adj. Windmill House – Dwelling</b> – OPC had objected to the first application and a new application had now been submitted. A majority vote agreed to object to the new application on the grounds that it did not preserve or enhance the character of a conservation area. Cllr Peeters would draft a response.	Cllr Peeters
<b>B 07/02035/ATC Freelands – Trees</b> – no objections	

- C 07/01999/ATC Oving House – Trees - no objections**
- 7 Update on ROSPA**  
The Clerk reported that Steve Hunt would be undertaking the work within the next 2-3 weeks.
- 8 To decide on new posts around the Green**  
It was agreed to defer a decision pending the outcome of the Pump Wall.
- 9 To update on Church Lane Pump Wall**  
A quote of £1k had been received to rebuild in stone or complete the third side of the area with brick. Cllr Ball had looked into the possibility of funding and advised that an application could be made to B&Q You Can Do It Awards for materials but that applications had to be made between January and March. The Clerk to speak to Laurie Johnson. Cllrs Peeters and Nicholls would review the matter.
- The Clerk  
Cllr Peeters/  
Cllr Nicholls
- 10 To update on action re Agrivert composting application**  
It was reported that a letter from the Secretary of State had been sent to BCC advising them not to make a decision due to the various issues being raised by residents.
- 11 To update on Pavilion project**  
Cllr Peeters reported that the Design and Location sub-committee would be meeting next week. Cllr Ball had nothing to report from the Fundraising sub-committee.
- 12 To discuss Disability parking at the Black Boy**  
There were no objections to 2 disabled parking bays being installed outside the pub entrance but it was preferred that there be signs on the fence rather than markings on the road. The Clerk to draft a response for review.
- The Clerk
- 13 To appoint R Gershon as Parish Paths Co-ordinator**  
Cllr Peeters proposed that R Gershon continue as Parish Paths Co-ordinator. Cllr Nicholls seconded and a unanimous vote was recorded.
- 14 To discuss dogs on Recreation Ground**  
Following the discussions during the open forum, Cllrs agreed not to ban dogs on the recreation ground but that a zero tolerance policy would be adopted. Notices stating dogs should be kept on a lead would be displayed on noticeboards and temporary signs would be placed around the recreation ground. The Clerk to investigate procedures for enforcing the bylaw. The recreation committee would consider displaying all bylaws on one main noticeboard. The Clerk to list all existing bylaws.
- The Clerk  
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- 15 To update on Churchyard**  
It was noted that OPC were aware of the work being carried out at the Churchyard and of the concerns being raised by villagers. OPC were also aware that a retrospective planning application had been submitted and would consider it when

received. The Clerk to arrange a site meeting upon receipt.

The Clerk

**16 To confirm NAG Constitution**

Cllr McGinn proposed to accept the constitution. This was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that Cllr Nicholls would be the representative for OPC.

**17 To update on Recreational Ground usage**

Cllr Ball reported that the veteran football team was playing once a month on Sundays. Concerns had been raised by the villagers to which Cllr Ball had responded advising of OPC's policy. An informal approach had been made from a junior team to play on a Sunday afternoon. Cllr Nicholls reported that he had received a verbal objection to football being played on a Sunday.

OPC wished to express its condolences to the Tombs family.

**18 Next Meeting**

13 November 1007

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.