

Draft Rec Ground Strategy

Why have a strategy?

To enable a planned approach to maintaining and improving the recreation ground in Oving for the benefit of all the residents.

Who owns the Rec' ground?

The Rec is owned by the Parish council. The land was gifted to the village by a wealthy benefactor, Mrs. Thompson - who lived in Oving house at that time. The deed states "...so to be unto the Council its successors and assigns for ever for the purposes of a recreation ground to be used exclusively and in perpetuity for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Oving..."

How is it managed?

The parish council oversees a recreation ground sub committee which manages the liaison with users and recommends improvements. The parish council manages the day-to-day maintenance of the Rec.

The Parish Council Objective for the Rec ground.

The aim is maintain and where necessary improve the facilities on the Rec ground for the benefit of its users whilst preserving the sense of a large and accessible open space for all to enjoy.

The objective to be achieved by the following strategies:

- The provision of sports and recreation facilities which reflect the needs of all the various users.
- The setting out an adherence to a clear set of rules for the use of the Rec (see appendix II)
- The existence of a Rec ground sub committee to the parish Council with a suitable constitution to recommend improvements and maintenance of the Rec ground. (see appendix I)
- The continued upkeep of the reading room as a village committee room facility.
- The availability of a sports pavilion which serves the contemporary needs of the clubs and users of the Rec. The improvement and possible re-siting of the Pavilion is currently the focus of a working group which will bring forward recommendations in the Spring of 2006.
- By maintaining a positive working relationship with the football and tennis clubs who use facilities on the Rec. These relationships will be formalised with joint agreements. Appendix to be added when documents finalized.

- By providing and maintaining a children's play area with suitable facilities and checked annually by RoSPA for a risk assessment.
- By providing and maintaining a basketball hoop and area.
- By adequately and regularly maintaining the hedges, trees, fences, verges, wild grassed areas, mowed sports areas and car park.
- By providing a dog waste bin and strictly enforcing the 'dogs only on a lead' policy
- By providing appropriate insurance cover for facilities and liabilities on the rec.
- By providing an emergency telephone facility within the Pavilion
- Provision of an up to date notice board.
- Careful management of keys relating to locks and access with a well maintained key register.
- A zero tolerance policy to vandalism with repairs effected quickly and culprits pursued for recompense.

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