

## OVING PARISH COUNCIL

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving at 7pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009.**

**Present:** Roger Ball (Chairman)  
Jack Peeters (Chairman, Oving Tennis Club)  
Philip Shuffill (Oving Football Club)  
Richard Parrott (Oving Villages Cup)

1. Apologies for absence: Ambrose McGinn, Clive Swindlehurst.
2. Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda: None
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 were approved.
4. Pitch and general maintenance of Recreation Ground
  - There have been drainage problems with the pitch during the winter, with a number of games having to be called off. The final match of the current season will be played on 17<sup>th</sup> May, and it was agreed that the goalposts should then be removed and the pitch roped off for the following work to be carried out: posts to be sunk into poorly drained areas, re-seeding of worn areas and weed-killer applied to whole pitch. **Richard and Philip** agreed to co-ordinate this work. Once estimates have been obtained for the cost of equipment hire, sand, gravel, seed and weed-killer, **Roger** will seek the approval of the Parish Council for the expenditure.
  - The mini-goal purchased last year has been well-used, and it was suggested that a second goal should be provided so that youngsters could arrange five-a-side games beside the full pitch while it is out of action during the school holidays. The first goal cost £104.94, and **Roger** will confirm the current price before seeking approval from the Parish Council.
  - Richard mentioned that the benches on the Recreation Ground could do with a coat of varnish, and **Roger** will seek Parish Council approval to identify a volunteer to carry out this work for a one-off payment.
5. Up-date on proposed new pavilion.
  - Jack reported that there will be a presentation on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to his Location and Design Group by the Architect instructed to prepare detailed costings. Some

work has also been done on the cost of moving either the playground or the football training area.

- Roger reported that there have been a number of successful fund-raising events during the winter, and that the Springtime Ball on 16<sup>th</sup> May is at an advanced stage of planning. All tickets have now been sold, and most tables sponsored. The budget is under control, and a substantial surplus seems likely.

#### 6. Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

- Roger reported that all payments for last year have been received.
- It was generally agreed that the arrangements between the two football clubs were working well, apart from the issue of marking out the pitch. Subject to resolution of this matter, **Roger** agreed to recommend to the Parish Council continuation of the current arrangements for at least a further season.
- He also suggested that payments for 2009-10 should remain at the same level in view of the current economic climate. Oving Football Club would therefore make a one-off payment of £315, the Tennis Club would pay 10% of the running costs of the pavilion, and Walton Wanderers VFC would pay £50 per match.

#### 7. Oving Football Club and Oving Villages Cup.

- Philip reported that Oving Football Club has had a disappointing season in Division 2 of the ADL, winning 3 games, drawing 2, and losing 17. The Club will be relegated to Division 3 unless there is a restructuring of the League. The Manager has worked hard with a young and enthusiastic team, but lack of consistency has been a problem
- Richard reported that the Villages Cup culminated with a competitive and absorbing Final on Easter Monday, when Wingrave lifted the Trophy after a 2-1 victory over favourites Steeple Claydon. A crowd of over 200 spectators boosted the Competition's finances by over £600.

#### 8. Oving Tennis Club.

Jack reported that membership for 2009 is down, although the junior coaching sessions remain very popular, and the Club's teams have done very well. There was a Bucks Herald photo-shoot in the February snow of all the teams and trophies. An Open Day has been organised for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May to encourage new members to join.

9. Walton Wanderers Veterans Football Club.

- Clive was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report via Roger. He thanked the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Committee for permission to use the pitch, especially when requests from other teams were being turned down.
- League form has been erratic, although the team could finish fourth if remaining matches go their way. A good run in the Cup took them to the quarter-final stage.
- The team may be sponsored next year by one of the players who has his own company. This would enable them to purchase new kit.

10. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

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