

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving on Tuesday 21st September 2004 at 20.00h.

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)

Jack Peeters

Mark Ryan

Philip Shuffill

Peter Tombs

Percy Young

1. Apologies for absence:

Stuart Hillston (Clerk)

Ambrose McGinn

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: None.
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 26th April 2004. Matters arising:
 - 3.1 Keys: Roger has arranged for Peter and Ambrose to have the keys they require.
 - 3.2 Notice Board: The Parish Council have agreed to provide a new notice board and sign for the car park.
 - 3.3 Traditional meadow: The Parish Council have decided that the area is too small to justify the costs of management.
 - 3.4 Ladies toilet: This required a new roof, and not seat as stated in the minutes. The roof has now been repaired.
 - 3.5 Sundays: The Parish Clerk has examined the Recreation Ground deeds, and has found no prohibition of organised games on a Sunday. The Football Club still believe that such a prohibition exists, but will not be playing on Sundays anyway.
4. Vandalism.

Roger reported a number of acts of vandalism and unsocial behaviour in the village. Where appropriate, the Police have been informed, and the Parish Council intend to pursue the matter. Philip has written to the Parish Council about the untidy state of the pavilion when football training resumed in August. This may have been caused by the summer tennis courses. **Jack agreed to investigate.**

5. Oving Football Club and the Oving Villages Cup.

The Football Club has resumed playing in Division 1 of the Aylesbury and District League, but has lost its first 3 matches. There is a good squad, but difficulty in putting out teams because of other commitments.

The Villages Cup will resume later in the season.

Roger reported that the Parish Council is likely to receive around £9,000 as an amenity payment from the development at Church Farm, and is thinking of using the funds as a deposit on the complete rebuilding of the pavilion if, say, Lottery funds can be obtained. Ambrose, Chairman of OPC, is making enquiries. If additional funds cannot be raised, the intention is to use the £9,000 to carry out improvements to the pavilion. Peter asked that users of the building should be consulted before any money is spent, and Roger agreed that OPC will consult all interested parties.

6. Oving Tennis Club.

Jack reported that the Club goes from strength to strength, and has around 300 members this year.

Local residents have been advised of the plans to install floodlights and the only responses have been 2 messages of support. Jack is busy organising funding and seeking quotes for the work, which is likely to take place during 2005.

The Club is also thinking of hanging windbreaks along the southern fence to improve playing conditions. This would provide an opportunity to raise money by putting logos on the inside of the windbreaks.

7. Date of next meeting: Monday 25th April 2005.

Percy took the opportunity to thank those attending and the Parish Council as a whole for their work in the village and at the Recreation Ground.