

OVING PARISH COUNCIL

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September 2008.

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Jack Peeters (Chairman, Oving Tennis Club)
Philip Shuffill (Oving Football Club)
Clive Swindlehurst (Walton Wanderers VFC)

1. Apologies for absence: Ambrose McGinn, Richard Parrott
2. Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda: None
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2008

Matters arising: 4. The floodlights are due to be re-connected this weekend after repairs have been made at a modest cost for parts of around £30. Oving Parish Council has purchased a set of mini-goals, which have been well used during the summer. 7. No maintenance has been carried out on the pitch during the summer because of continued use and poor weather.

Other matters are covered by this Agenda.

4. Recreation Ground usage and safety.

Roger reported that he continues to receive requests to use the pitch either on a regular or one-off basis. It was agreed that usage of the pitch should remain restricted to Oving FC and Walton Wanderers VFC in order to prevent damage in the long term.

5. Up-date on proposed new pavilion.

Jack reported that his Location and Design Group has arranged a meeting with Oving Parish Council on 2nd October to consider points raised by residents about the proposed location and to identify the way ahead. Quotations have been obtained for professional services such as design, costing, preparing contracts and tenders and overall project management.

Roger's Funding Group has arranged a number of events, which have raised over £4,500 thus far, with ambitious plans in the pipeline for the next 12 months. Approaches have also been made to potential grant providers.

6. Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

It was agreed that invoices should now be raised by Oving Parish Council for the contributions to running costs by Oving FC and Oving Tennis Club, on the basis agreed at the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

Roger will instruct the Parish Clerk.

7. Football pitch mowing and maintenance.

Because of the lack of pitch maintenance over the summer, it was agreed that there should be a strict close season from June to August next year so that pitch repairs and application of weed-killer can be carried out.

Philip, Richard and Clive will continue to liaise with Roger to arrange mowing throughout the current season.

8. Oving Football Club and Oving Villages Cup.

Philip reported that the Club has made a poor start to the new season, despite having around 30 players registered. A young member of the squad is coaching pupils at Whitchurch Combined School, and it is hoped that a formal link can be established with the aim of producing a junior boys team within three years.

The Villages Cup has attracted only 9 entries this year, compared with 12 last year.

9. Oving Tennis Club.

Jack reported that membership is down, although the junior coaching sessions remain very popular. Sponsored windbreaks are planned along the exposed side of the courts. Finals Day earlier this month was disrupted by heavy rain and only 4 of the 6 scheduled matches were played.

10. Walton Wanderers Veterans Football Club.

Clive reported that the Milton Keynes Veterans League, of which the Club is a member, now has 27 teams, thought to be the largest number in the country. He and two other players in the squad are planning to take their coaching badges, so that they can continue to be involved in the sport as their own children grow up.

11. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

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