

Minutes of Oving Parish Council meeting Tuesday 14th July 2015
The Village Hall, Oving, Buckinghamshire

Attendees

Cllr Ambrose McGinn (Chairman)
Cllr Kit Couper
Cllr Jack Peeters

AVDC: Cllr Kevin Hewson (part)
Sue Severn (Clerk)
Linda Nicholls (Minutes Secretary)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Janet Blake

2 Open session

No members of the public present.

3 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2015 were approved and signed as a true record.

6 Matters arising

Standing Orders would be added to the September agenda.

7 Planning

The following applications were considered:

15/01943/APP Hill House, Pulpit Lane, Oving, HP22 4EZ. The Parish Council had no objections.

15/01747/APP Highfield, Marston Hill, Oving, HP22 4HB. The Parish Council had no objections.

8 Recreation Ground

- a] The possibility of opening the old gates and extending the path from the hall to the gates was discussed. For pedestrians use only, it would be expensive; would it be possible to use LAF money? To restore the car park and remove one large bush, Steve Hunt had quoted £985.
- b] To install new posts, Steve Hunt had quoted £925. It was agreed to obtain other quotes.
- c] The football club had expressed an interest in the old tennis club hut, but would re-erect it elsewhere on the recreation ground.
- d] Lighting in the car park to be postponed until a later date.
- e] The nettle patch behind the hall would be added to the contract for mowing. **Action: SS**
- f] A new swing would cost c. £1,295 delivered and erected, or £518 delivered only. The concrete would have to be removed first and the area would be subject to a site survey. The old picnic table had been removed and it was agreed to order a new one. The total cost of up to £3,500 to cover the cost of preparing ground, moving swing and purchasing new table was agreed and SS authorized to go ahead. **Action: SS**
- h] Two metres would be removed from the hedging in the winter.
SS to ask our contractors for a quote. **Action: SS**
- i] The pavilion needed clearing out and would be undertaken on the first Saturday in August. Agreed to hire skip. **Action: SS**
- j] It was agreed to demolish the outside lavatories. Steve Hunt had quoted £475 to cap the pipes and remove the sanitary ware. The hall facilities would be available for the Oving Cup if required.

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- a] The kitchen hatch doors will cost £1,885 + VAT. It was agreed to go ahead.
- b] OVH Trust registration with Charity Commission. Should shortly be completed.
- c] Broadband. The quote from BT for wi-fi was £30 a month agreed to go ahead.
- d] Result of Best Kept Village competition published: Oving did not win but was commended for its Village Hall.
- e] LN reported that several bookings had already been received for 2016.
- f] A smoke detector would be installed in the attic room as required. **Action: JP**
- g] The Fire inspection was due to take place shortly.
- h] JP reported that the hall into the AVDC Design Award competition. The shortlist would be drawn up in July with the awards ceremony would take place in November.

Cllr Kevin Hewson departed.

10 Notice boards

The two existing notice boards needed to be removed. Steve Hunt had quoted £145 for removing old ones and replacing. SS would obtain a quote for a two door (one side lockable), in green aluminium. It would be placed slightly left of the current board to allow better access to the defibrillator.

Action: SS

SS would also obtain a quote for a second board (two door and on legs), for outside the village hall. This would be paid for by OVHT.

Action: SS

11 Defibrillator

An outside light on time switch to light the defibrillator would cost £50 including fitting. Agreed to go ahead.

Action: SS

A defibrillator training session was attended by KC and SS at Watermead which they reported as being useful. It was suggested that a training session be arranged with invitations to neighbouring villages. The cost would be a mileage charge for the instructor, and a donation to the Community Heartbeat Trust. (£150 was suggested). SS would organise another session.

Action: SS

12 Playground

Nets for cricket practice and five-a-side football needed. SS to obtain costs and report to next PC meeting.

Action: SS

13 Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Mr Peter Moore at The Old Barn regarding access required for works to his property, lavatories outside pavilion, overhead cables from the Green Room to the pavilion, and overhanging tree branches. SS would find out if the cables were the responsibility of the parish council or EON, and inform Mr Moore.

Action: SS

14 Meetings - LAF

KC reported that there is £15,000 of possible funding available and will investigate whether it could be used for footpaths, transport, speeding etc. AM thanked KC for representing Oving at the LAF.

Action: KC

15 Finance

- a] Cheques and invoices presented for signature were agreed and cheques issued outside of the meeting ratified.
An additional cheque for £187.73 was agreed for MVAS maintenance contract.
- b] A refund of approximately £2,500 for VAT is due.
- c] Internet banking facility is being completed with TSB. Each signatory receiving access code and card reader. Once in place a test transaction will be made.
- e] Balances at bank 30th June 2015:
Parish Council £16,598
Oving VHT £12,720

16 Co-options

Councillors discussed four applications for co-option received since May election. The Chairman stated that the PC was grateful for their interest and it was decided, after discussion to co-opt Richard Devas and Vanessa Wiggins. They were proposed by Cllr McGinn, seconded by Cllr Peeters and agreed unanimously. The Clerk will complete relevant documentation with both and they will formally join the Council at its September meeting. Councillor training would be arranged at Watermead for all new councilors at date to be confirmed in October. All welcome.

Action: SS

17. Website

AM will re-draft aims and objectives of the Council and circulate for discussion before September meeting. It was agreed it is out of date.

Action: AM

18 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 2000 hours in the Green Room.

KC requested that Community-Led Plan be added to September agenda.

The meeting closed at 2200.

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