

# Meeting to discuss the future of Pavilion facilities on Oving Rec

Monday 19th September 8-9pm

Chairman

Ambrose McGinn Chairman Oving Parish Council

Attendees

Philip Shuffill Oving Football Club

Percy Young Oving Football Club

Jack Peters Oving Tennis club

David Smith

Roger Hawkins

Susie Hawkins

Diana Hilton- Jones

Mark Ryan

Paul Bowen

Heather Bowen

Stuart Hillston

Roger Ball Chair Oving Rec sub Cmtte

Apologies:

Pete Tombs Oving Football club

Chris George OPC

Stuart Nicholls OPC

## BACKGROUND

- The meeting was briefed on the commuted payment (circa £9000) to become available from the development of Church farm for improving facilities on the recreation ground.
- The aim of the meeting was to consider what best use these funds may be put to for the benefit of the recreation ground and the residents of Oving.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

- Participants debated the role of the facilities on the Rec. Where they to provide recreational facilities or that plus a village meeting hall.
- The requirements of the tennis and football club were discussed together with the relative poor condition and lack of flexibility of the existing facilities.
- The facilities and experience of Quainton, Cublington and other villages was discussed.
- The challenge of securing grant-based funds was raised, noting that increasingly funding is going to more disadvantaged areas than rural villages in Bucks. This inevitably puts more focus on local fundraising should the need arise.
- An extensive discussion took place on the relative merits of different types of facility within the rec.
- Information was shared on the likely perspective and response from the planning authorities

- The consensus of the group was for a sports focused pavilion that would also serve as a village meeting facility.
- Many in the group agreed that the seed corn funding of the commuted payment presented a significant opportunity to improve the Rec facilities for generations to come.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

- It was agreed that at a further meeting on the 3rd October we would:
  1. Consider and agree a more detailed specification for a sports based pavilion on the rec., with adequate village meeting facilities.
  2. This facility could be either an improved current pavilion or a new building. Both options will be considered.
  3. Based on the specifications, outline costings will be obtained to understand the commercial size of the task.
- For the avoidance of doubt no decisions have been taken re specific development and the next stages represent the first elements of a feasibility study as to the viability of the project.

### **NEXT MEETING**

- Monday 3rd October 8pm Reading Room

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