

OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs G.M. Harper  
Clerk

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 March 2010 at 7.15 in the Reading Room

Present Councillors M Turnbull (Chair), D Jordon, J Jackson, P Holden,  
and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Councillors V Mennear and M Morton
2. Declarations of interest - None
3. The Minutes of the last meeting, were taken as read and approved with amendments to the report from the Reading Room. Following this correction they will be signed as a true record.
4. Matters Arising

Representative from Northumberland Fire and Emergencies.

A letter had been written but no reply had been received

Shrubs and Branches in the Churchyard.

Adrian Jackson is to commence the work shortly. The work should cost less than £100

Paving Stones Bewick Lane

These had been reported but no reply has been received

Rubbish Clearing

Rubbish had been removed Any further fly tipping will be notified to Councillor Jackson who will arrange for it to be cleared.

Verge Parking Horsley Road

A letter had been sent to all householders and some improvements have been noted

5 Play Equipment Refurbishment and Development Project (previously minuted as Playbuilder Fund Application)

Estimated maximum total cost: £70,000

|                 |                         |        |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Confirmed Funds | Ovingham Parish Council | 5,000  |
|                 | Playbuilder             | 42,500 |
|                 | NCC Community Chest     | 750    |
|                 | Developers' Fund        | 8,328  |
| Total           |                         | 56,578 |

In Preparation

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Community Foundation        | 5,000 |
| NCC Community Chest (10/11) | 5,000 |
| ANO(s)                      | 3,422 |

The shortfall has been covered by Councillor Kelly (NCC)

Councillor Holden was congratulated on all his hard work to raise the funding. Witnesses to the signatures on the lease documents were signed There is to be a Playbuilder Network meeting in April to note how things will now go forward. The developers fund will need quotes and Councillor Holden had already received interest from Playdale and Record. When the final specifications are ready Councillor Holden will ask for their quotations. These will be brought to the next meeting. It is hoped that there will be a morning session in the pavilion to show progress and a leaflet will be produced to distribute to the whole village.

## 6. Constitution

Councillor Holden had downloaded part 2 of the Constitution. Part I was only available in hardback and could be purchased through David Francis. At the present time it was not considered necessary to hold a copy.

## 7. Tenancy Agreements

The clerk will arrange for new agreements to be signed. These were, in essence no different from the original agreements Reference to poultry is omitted.

## 8. Donations

The clerk had received several requests. These will be held over to the new financial year. It was proposed and carried that in future all donations must offer potential benefits for village residents.

## 9. Accounts to pay/paid

Rent for Playing Field ?250

Clerks Salary (?503) and expenses (35.45) Total ?538.45 The clerk pointed out that ink cartridges were her greatest expense. Councillor Holden pointed out that laser printers could work out cheaper.

## 10. Audit

The briefing from BDO had been received. The clerk requested that the fidelity guarantee be raised. It was agreed to raise the level to ?40,000 Mr Heppell agreed to carry out the internal audit

## 11. Planning

2 North Meadow Single Storey Extension. No objections, providing the extension did not block the light from the next door property

18 Dene Close Comments had been received concerning the Council's comments to Planning

1 Dene Garth application granted permission

## 12. Correspondence

Boundary Committee notice – copies circulated to Councillors. The boundary continues to stay the North side of the river

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council had written expressing their concerns regarding the cut back of youth work. There is a possibility of mobile transport touring round villages

Northumberland Charter – At the moment this still does not affect Ovingham's responsibilities as many of the items mentioned are already in Ovingham's remit

A report had been received on the poor condition of buses. There had been several breakdowns. The clerk had reported this to NCC

Road Traffic Regulations Act. This did not affect Ovingham and Hexham charges had only changed slightly

NHS literature Details of summary care records

NCC – Hanging Baskets The provision of these, together with plant materials is to cease

Any Other Business

The dog warden has been working in the village

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Reading Room at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 15 April 2010

MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010

| <u>EXPENDITURE</u>               | £          |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Reading Room – Rent February     | 15.00      |
| SLCC Membership                  | 72.00      |
| Northumberland Estate – Rent     | 250.00     |
| G Harper – Expenses              | 35.45      |
| Salary                           | 503.00     |
| P Holden – Pavilion Heater       | 21.14      |
| P Holden – Brooms for Pavilion   | 11.98      |
| Reading Room – Rent for March    | 15.00      |
| Northumbrian Water Rates         | 21.67      |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | 945.24     |
| <br><u>INCOME</u>                |            |
| OYI – Reimbursing TV Licence     | 142.50     |
| Toddlers’ Group – Rent Jan/March | 18.00      |
| A Armstrong Rent 2010/11         | 55.00      |
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|                                  | 215.50     |
| <br>Opening Balance              | £23,500.10 |
| Expenditure                      | 945.24     |
| Income                           | 215.50     |
| <br>Closing Balance              | 22,770.36  |
| Deposit Account                  | 14,956.29  |
| <br>Grand Total                  | 37,726.65  |

VAT to be claimed this month   £4.93