

**REPORT OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND
WASBROUGH FIELDS USERS GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 21 MAY 2024 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr S K Dexter (Chairman) Cllr J M Stock
Cllr K Rowland

In attendance: Paul Walsh representing Grove Rugby Football Club
Jenny Church and Chris Munday representing Grove Challengers FC
Brian Mullally representing AFC Grove
Tim Nicholls representing Grove Fields Parkrun
Paul Thompson representing Grove Scouts
Kate O’Kane representing the Westfield and Willows Residents Association

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Parish Cllr Chris McCarthy. Apologies had also been received from Adi Mulally (Chairman of AFC Grove).

2 Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting

Cllr Dexter declared an interest in items relating to Grove RFC as he is a member of that Club.

3 To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2023

It was **MOVED** the Chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting”

4 Clerks report summary from the previous meeting

- (a) Item 4(a) – Proposed new floodlights. The Clerk informed the User Group that it has been agreed that the Rugby Club will not now seek a new Floodlit training pitch in the recreation Ground and instead continue to use the existing floodlit facility.
- (b) Item 4(b) – Grove Fields Parkrun. The Clerk informed the user group that he continues to press the District Council to sort out the wires from the old fence surrounding the former Mably Way pitches.

5 Better communication between user clubs and between user clubs and the Parish Council

Cllr Rowland informed the user Group that because of difficulties in communication last season between user clubs, AFC Grove would come under the umbrella of Grove Challengers FC for the co-ordination of pitch allocation and training schedule.

Brian Mulally accepted the support from Grove Challengers FC and said that the support during their first year from both Grove Challengers FC and Grove Rugby Club has been great and was very much appreciated.

6 Floodlit pitch training schedule

The Clerk informed the User group that the new training schedule has been agreed with user clubs.

7 Update from the Clerk regarding the new floodlight tops on the training pitch

The Clerk informed the User Group that the new floodlight ‘tops’ will be ready for use by the start of the winter training period.

8 User club issues not already covered on the agenda

- (a) Grove Rugby Football Club. Paul Walsh said that final preparations are under way for the Grove Extravaganza to be held on 15 June 2024. Tim Nichol said that parkrun will use the alternative route during this event. The Clerk confirmed that the car park on Wasbrough Field will not be open until 10am due to the park run event.
- (b) Grove Challengers FC. Jenny Church spoke about the up and coming Grove Challengers 6 a side competition and questioned when the new facilities would be available. The Clerk responded and said that they would be available by the start of the coming season.
- (c) AFC Grove. Brian Mulally said the biggest issue AFC Grove have is managing the amount of footballs that go over to both the former horse paddocks and the Park Homes Estate. He said that in an ideal world there would be netting up to prevent this from happening.
- (d) Grove Scouts. Paul Thompson said that Grove is the fastest growing group in the County. He added that the group are looking at another planning application which will be submitted in due course.
- (e) Grove Fields parkrun. Tim Nichol said that whilst the communication regarding out of bounds areas was good, communication about the drainage issue was not so good.
- (f) Westfield and Willows Residents Association. Kate O'Kane thanked the user group for keeping her in the loop regarding events etc. She added that Ann (who works in the Park Homes office is retiring at the end of July and Charles Simpson Organisation (who own the Park), may not replace her.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Confirmed: 24 September 2024

Chairman