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**OWSLEBURY & MORESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PAVILION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
13th July 2026
COMMENCING AT 6:00 IN THE OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

Present: Parish Councillor Chris North (in the Chair).
Parish Councillors Mark Egerton, John Foster, Astrea Hurlock, and Paul Simmons

In Attendance: Juanita Madgwick (Clerk), ACSO Gary McCulloch, District Councillors Jerry Pett & David Ablitt

Also in Attendance: 41 members of the public were present.

25/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

27/26 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MEETING ON 15 JUNE 2026

The Committee resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Pavilion Committee meeting held on 15 June 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

28/26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Three residents spoke concerning the proposed pavilion and sports-field development. They expressed support for replacing the existing pavilion but raised concerns about the scale and commercial elements of the proposals, the registered Village Green, the South Downs National Park setting, tree removal, consultation, funding, traffic and the possible effect on the village hall. They also asked whether smaller or modular alternatives had been considered and requested publication of relevant plans, surveys and legal information.

The Chair advised that the questions raised would be considered and answered in writing. The Chair thanked the speakers.

29/26 GENERAL UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PAVILION

Cllr North reported that a pre-application submission had been made to the South Downs National Park Authority in respect of proposals for a new pavilion, improved sports facilities, two padel courts, access, parking and landscaping. The Committee was awaiting the Authority's pre-application advice, including any recommendations concerning ecology and biodiversity, and would consider that advice before determining the next steps.

He also reported on recent use of the sports ground by two men's cricket teams, junior football and community events, and noted recent improvements including clearance works, measures to improve

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entrance safety and the installation of picnic benches. Further community engagement was intended following receipt of the pre-application advice.

The Committee received and noted the update.

30/26 AGREEMENT FOR A PLANNING STATEMENT TO BE WRITTEN

The Committee resolved unanimously that a draft planning statement be prepared in support of the pavilion and sports-field proposals. Cllr Hurlock agreed to assist with its preparation.

31/26 RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RECENT MEETING WITH THE TREE OFFICERS AT WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

The Clerk had circulated a note of the recent site meeting with Winchester City Council's Arboricultural and Ecological Officers (Appendix 1).

The report set out the information the officers indicated they would expect to accompany any future planning application, including appropriate arboricultural and ecological surveys and reports. The Committee received and noted the report.

32/26 AGREEMENT TO A PRELIMINARY ROOST ASSESSMENT (PRA) OF ALL TREES PROPOSED FOR REMOVAL AND ANY FURTHER BAT SURVEYS THAT MAYBE REQUIRED, INCLUDING EMERGENCE/ RE-ENTRY SURVEYS

The Committee resolved unanimously to commission a Preliminary Roost Assessment of all trees proposed for removal and, where identified as necessary by the ecologist, any further bat surveys required, including emergence or re-entry surveys, in accordance with the quotation approved under item 36/26.

33/26 AGREEMENT TO A BS5837 TREE REPORT AND MITIGATION ROOT REPORT

The Committee **Resolved** unanimously to agree to carrying out a BS5837 tree report and mitigation root report.

34/26 AGREEMENT TO SEND OUT A LEAFLET WITH PLANS FOR THE PAVILION AND SPORTS FIELD

The Committee discussed whether the leaflet could be completed in time for distribution with the August newsletter. It was agreed that the leaflet should not be rushed and should contain accurate and up-to-date information and plans.

The Committee resolved unanimously to produce and distribute a leaflet explaining the proposals for the pavilion and sports field and authorised Cllr North and the Clerk to prepare the leaflet and arrange its production and distribution when it was ready.

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35/26 TO PASS A RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONCERNING QUOTES

The Committee **resolved** unanimously, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public and press during consideration of items 36/26 and 37/26 because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential and commercially sensitive nature of the quotations to be considered.

36/26 TO REVIEW THE QUOTES FOR THE BAT SURVEY AT THE SPORTS GROUND

The Committee considered the quotations received and resolved unanimously to appoint a contractor as detailed in the confidential appendix for the Preliminary Roost Assessment, together with any further bat surveys identified as necessary by the ecologist at the rates set out in that quotation.

37/26 TO REVIEW THE QUOTES FOR THE BS5837 TREE AND MITIGATION ROOT REPORT

The Committee considered the quotations received and resolved unanimously to appoint a contractor as detailed in the confidential appendix for the BS5837 tree survey report and the associated root investigation and mitigation report.

The confidential business having concluded, the public and press were readmitted to the meeting.

38/26 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

A Committee member requested that the Sports Club be invited to provide an update at the next meeting on the proposed charitable structure and its progress.

The Chair also requested that the following item be included on the September agenda:

Registered Village Green — review of the historical records and legal framework.

39/26 TO NOTE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PAVILION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 6.00pm in Owslebury Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.42pm.

Chairman:

Date: