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OWSLEBURY & MORESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PAVILION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
14th September 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 Councillor David Ablitt, and County Councillor Jonathan Williams

Also in Attendance: 49 members of the public were present.

40/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Smith and District Councillor Pett.

41/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

42/26 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MEETING ON 13 JULY 2026

The Committee resolved unanimously that the minutes of the Pavilion Committee meeting held on 13 July 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

43/26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Three residents spoke regarding the proposed pavilion and sports-field development. They expressed support for replacing the existing pavilion but sought clarification on several points, including the design brief, the breakdown of pavilion-related expenditure, whether the Council has an alternative proposal should the padel courts not proceed, and whether the Committee would include members who are not councillors.

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

44/26 RECREATION GROUND PROJECT: CURRENT POSITION AND NEXT STAGE

Cllr North gave a verbal update on the recreation ground project, explaining that the next stage awaits receipt of the pre-application feedback and specialist legal advice, while background research and administrative work can continue in the meantime.
Cllr North advised that the Parish Council Newsletter had been delivered to all households which contained all the information on the Owslebury recreation ground project.

Cllr North advised that the Sports Club has applied to become a charity so that it can apply for grants.

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45/26 REGISTERED VILLAGE GREEN: REVIEW OF HISTORICAL RECORDS AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND AGREEMENT OF THE SEVEN PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FROM POINT 9.2 AND AUTHORISE THE CLERK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR TO FINALISE THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNSEL

The Clerk had circulated the registered village green report to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 1)

Cllr Hurlock presented the historical findings concerning Owslebury Recreation Ground, drawing on research at Hampshire Records Office, historic Council documents and information obtained from Hampshire County Council's Countryside team. She explained the origins of the recreation ground under the 1861 Award and distinguished it from the Earl of Northesk's private cricket ground at Longwood.

The Committee **Resolved** unanimously to agree to the seven proposed resolutions from point 9.2 and authorise the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and the Chair of the Parish Council to finalise the instructions to Counsel. The Seven resolutions are as follows:

1	**To receive and note** the 1861 Award, VG80 register record and confirmed byelaws, and to approve this report, its appendices and the questions in section 8 as the factual and historical basis upon which specialist counsel will be instructed, recognising that the report does not itself constitute legal advice.	
2	**To approve the instruction of specialist village green public land counsel** on the subject matter of the questions raised in the report the current plans and the documents listed as the appendices to be included to counsel.	
3	**To determine**, under Financial Regulation 5.12(i), that competitive quotations are not required for this specialist legal service, and to authorise expenditure of up to **£7,500 excluding recoverable VAT**, including clerking fees and necessary disbursements, from the budget allocated to "Planning Application Costs."	
4.	**In consultation with the Chairs of the Pavilion Committee and the Full Council to liaise with BN and counsel,** to consolidate the questions and issue the instruction within the approved scope and limit	
5.	**To confirm** that no final decision to construct the proposal, enter into a binding construction contract, grant a lease or other interest in the land, or adopt a final operating arrangement will be made until counsel has advised on the lawful route and any required consents. This does not prevent surveys, pre-application work or other non-binding preparatory work.	
6.	**Following receipt of counsel's advice**, to consider the lawful options, publish the Council's conclusions so far as legal professional privilege and confidentiality permit, and undertake any further public engagement considered appropriate before a final decision is made.	
7.	**To approve publication** on the Council's website of this report and its non-confidential appendices, including a separate permanent webpage containing the confirmed byelaws, the 1861 Award and map, and the VG80 register record, subject to any necessary redaction and confirmation of permission to reproduce third-party material.	

46/26 TO RECEIVE THE FINAL PRELIMINARY ROOST ASSESSMENT AND CONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Clerk advised that the Preliminary Roost Assessment has only been received this afternoon so it had not been circulated to all prior to the meeting, the Clerk advised that it would be added to the meeting papers online.

Cllr Hurlock summarised the report, which assessed the trees proposed for removal as having low to negligible bat roosting potential, with no further surveys required to establish their bat roosting potential or status, subject to a final check before removal. The report recommended planting at least 15 native trees to maintain wildlife connectivity, incorporating integrated bat and swift boxes into the new building, and designing lighting to maintain dark wildlife corridors, with the lighting plan to be reviewed by an ecologist.

47/26 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE TREE SURVEY

Ther Clerk had circulated the Tree Survey to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 2)

The Committee received and noted the Tree Survey.

48/26 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE WEBSITE OWSLEBURYGREEN.COM AND THE OBJECTION LETTER FROM FRIENDS OF OWSLEBURY GREEN REGARDING THE PROPOSED SPORTS CLUB FACILITIES AT OWSLEBURY RECREATION GROUND AND REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC EXHIBITION, AND TO AGREE THE COUNCILS RESPONSE

The Committee's proposed response to the content of Owsleburygreen.com and the objection letter from Friends of Owslebury Green had been circulated to Committee members and published on the Council's website as part of the meeting papers (Appendix 3). It was proposed that the response be sent to the group with a request to correct the inaccuracies identified on its website.

The Clerk and Cllr Hurlock read out the proposed response to Owslebury Friends objection and Owsleburygreen.com website.

During the reading of the proposed response, a resident began to speak and was asked to stop, as the public participation period had concluded and members of the public were no longer permitted to contribute. Despite this instruction, the resident continued, became angry, and began shouting at the Council. The Committee again directed the resident to stop, but they refused. A councillor then requested a vote to suspend the meeting. The Committee unanimously **resolved** to suspend the meeting temporarily and asked the ACSO to remove the resident, as their behaviour had become aggressive and offensive towards councillors

The meeting was started again at 6:37pm.

The Committee **Resolved** unanimously to agree to the proposed response on the Owsleburygreen.com website and response to the Friends of Owslebury Green.

49/26 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT TO A PUBLIC EXHIBITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FACILITIES AT THE OWSLEBURY RECREATION GROUND FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF PRE-APPLICATION AND LEGAL ADVICE

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The Committee **Resolved** unanimously to agree to a public exhibition regarding the proposed facilities at the Owslebury Recreation Ground following receipt of Pre-Application and legal advice.

50/26 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT THE UNDERTAKING OF A RESIDENT SURVEY ON THE OWSLEBURY RECREATION GROUND FINAL PLANS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF PRE-APPLICATION FEEDBACK AND LEGAL ADVICE, AND TO AUTHORISE THE CLERK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIR, TO PUBLISH THE SURVEY

The Committee unanimously resolved to undertake a resident survey on the plans finalised for consultation following receipt of pre-application feedback and legal advice, and to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to publish the survey. The plans would remain subject to consideration of the survey responses and subsequent detailed design refinements.

51/26 AGREEMENT TO RENAME THE PAVILLION COMMITTEE TO THE OWSLEBURY RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO BETTER REFLECT THE COMMITTEES REMIT, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OVERSIGHT OF ALL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECREATION GROUND

The Committee **Resolved** unanimously to rename the Pavilion Committee to the Owslebury Recreation Ground Committee.

52/26 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

53/26 TO NOTE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PAVILION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Recreation Ground Committee meeting will be held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 6.00pm in Owslebury Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 6.46pm.

Chairman: Date:

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