

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Overseal held at the Sports Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 4 May 2017.

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe.

**In attendance:** 1 member of the public.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs T-A Rogers, Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council), Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

## **1 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2016 were approved as a true record.

## **2 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman thanked all Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their help during the year. She also extended thanks to the District and County Councillors, especially Cllr Mrs Hall for her sound advice; thanks were expressed to the Caretaker, the 3 Litter Pickers, the PCSO and the Footpaths Group who continue to do sterling work.

The Chairman had found this year particularly difficult. Mel Patrick had been a great sounding board and then Sue Jones had moved out of the area. Nevertheless, the village had had a successful year with many events taking place, the pitch being completed and new swings installed after some persistence and finally the installation of a new heating system in the Village Hall.

Members thanked the Chairman for her work and leadership during the year.

## **3 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

In the absence of both Councillors because of other business, no report was available.

## **4 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Mrs K Lauro was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a written report on a busy year.

Most of the problems in her casework had been related to highways and transport as budget restrictions had resulted in a backlog of highway maintenance. Unprofitable transport services were not popular with operators; street lighting changes to LED lights would provide economies of scale across the county. With central government grant due to end in 2020, the County Council had set up a company to make best use of its resources.

During the last 4 years, the County Council had built a library, invested in new homes for elderly people and were working with NHS to reduce discharge times in hospitals and improving social care. She had been able to donate funding to the Parish Council and local organisations for capital schemes, in addition to the Community Priorities funding, which sought to help disadvantaged people engage with their local community.

On retiring after 25 years as County Council for this area, Cllr Mrs Lauro thanked the Council for their support.

## **5 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer submitted the Receipts & Payments Account as at 31 March 2017 (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes), which showed a healthy balance.

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm

**Chairman**