

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 14 April 2011

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr D Baldaro, Mr R J Forsyth, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

**In attendance:** Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council).

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr J Astle and Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council).

## 110 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

## 111 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

## 112 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 113 CLERK'S REPORT

**113.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

**113.2 Untidy site, Lullington Road.** Action was being taken by South Derbyshire District Council and the Environment Agency to ensure that no breaches of law were allowed.

**113.3 Daisy Lane Meadow.** The Clerk reported comments which he had sent to the Planning Section at the District Council as it appeared that intended legal action to enforce the S.106 Agreement had stalled. The Council endorsed this approach.

**113.4 Football pitch.** The over-seeding had been completed, but only one goal mouth had been turfed. The Clerk would ensure that the work was completed.

**113.5 Former telephone exchange, Burton Road.** It was reported that the property was being advertised for sale as a house, whereas no planning permission for this use had been granted. The District Council would be informed and asked to take appropriate action.

**113.6 Rates.** The Clerk reported that the Budget announcements included an extension of the rate relief for this year and a revised bill was to be issued.

**113.7 The Good Councillor's Guide.** The third edition of this guide had just been published.

**113.8 Transport subsidies.** The County Council had reviewed its transport subsidies for the future and the report, which was due to be presented to the Cabinet on 29 March 2011, was summarised in a letter to Derbyshire Dales Partnership, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of the minutes. Noted.

**113.9 Woodland planting schemes.** Stourton Forestry had submitted an application for grant funding for two areas of planting under the National Forest's Changing Landscapes Scheme. The first scheme would allow full

public access linking up with the young woodlands to the South and North. The second scheme would offer public access over approximately 60% of the area and would link up with the first scheme and the existing young woodland to the South East. The schemes would involve the local community working with local schools and Rosliston Forestry Centre to help plant the trees and carry out ongoing woodland management for educational purposes. The woodland would be predominately native broadleaves with a few conifers such as Norway spruce added for evergreen cover.

The Council supported the proposals.

**113.10 CCTV.** The equipment offered by Ingenuity Installation Solutions had been inspected and the results shown to the Police, who considered the quality sufficient to support Court action if necessary. They had supplied a further quotation offering other options.

RESOLVED: That the revised quotation of Ingenuity Installation Solutions in the sum of £1690.06 plus VAT be accepted, subject to checking the amount of CAT5 cable required.

**113.11 SACRE annual report.** A copy of the report for 2009/2010 was available.

**113.12 Bus stops.** The County Council were asking whether any new bus stops were contemplated to be provided during the next year, so that they could make provision for a contribution towards the cost. None was planned.

**113.13 Spring Cottage Park official opening.** An invitation was received to attend this event on 12 May 2011.

**113.14 Lullington Road allotments.** The Clerk submitted revised Heads of Terms relating to the proposed lease of the land.

RESOLVED: That the revised Heads of Terms be approved.

**113.15 Computer room.** It was agreed to purchase licences for Windows 7 upgrades for three computers at a cost of £103.00.

**113.16 Old changing rooms.** It was agreed to accept the quotation for bricking up the rear windows in the sum of £437.00.

**113.17 Chairs for the Village Hall.** A number of plastic chairs would be purchased, as provided for in the current year's budget.

**113.17 Membership of the Council.** The Clerk reported that nine of the present Councillors had been re-elected unopposed and that notices inviting expressions of interest in being co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy would be supplied so that co-option could take place at the May meeting.

Mr J Astle had not sought re-election as he was moving from the area shortly. Members asked that their thanks be expressed to him for his help and assistance during his term of office together with their good wishes for the future.

## **114 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Permission had been refused for:**

0159 Erection of an extension and conservatory, Georgeland House, Green Lane (privacy and over-looking).

**Applications for decision:**

0160 Retrospective application for a new dwelling, double garage with workshop/study and bathroom and a shed/bin store (amended scheme), land rear of 181/183 Burton Road.

The Parish Council is concerned about the size of the double garage and provision of study, bathroom etc above it. It has the appearance of another dwelling and unless the use is strictly controlled, it could be turned into a dwelling very easily in the future. The Council therefore requests that a condition be imposed if consent is given, so as to restrict the use of the building to a garage etc ancillary to the use of the main dwelling and not used as separate living accommodation.

0208 Residential development of 2 dwellings, land adjoining 27 Moira Road.

The site fronts to Moira Road, which is narrow at this point and is always subject to a line of parked vehicles on the same side of the road as the site. It is also opposite the entrance to the new development at Manor School View, which will generate traffic movements. In order to keep the entrance to the site useable, it will be necessary to lose several on-road parking places.

Traffic to and from Conkers uses this road and there have been many instances when cars towing caravans, and coaches, have been held up because the road is reduced to a single lane by the parked cars. Once again, the question of access is a reserved matter rather than determining how this important aspect is to be dealt with. It is so fundamental that it ought to be finalised at this stage.

For these reasons, the Parish Council objects to the current application.

0069 Boundary wall, Eaton House, 6 Moira Road. Following consultations, the following representations had been made.

The wall would be next to the show home of the adjoining development, which will in due course become occupied. It appears to project across the front of two garages, with the third (which belongs to the adjoining property) very close by. Egress from that garage would have restricted visibility because of the height of the proposed wall. It is difficult to see how access can be gained to either garage and, if this is the case, where would the vehicles associated with the property be parked, bearing in mind that this is at a road junction and that there are already on-street parking problems in Moira Road. For these reasons, the Parish Council objects to the application.

11/00018/FUL (North West Leicestershire District Council).

Change of use of to residential caravan site for two traveller families, each with two caravans, including one static mobile home and an amenity block, land adjacent to 81 Shortheath Road Moira

Overseal Parish Council represents residents of Overseal and Shortheath, with boundaries a couple of hundred yards from the site. The Parish Council objects to the proposal for the following reasons.

1. The site adjoins a popular tourist pathway to the Moira Furnace and the presence of such a development would be likely to deter local people and tourists alike from using this amenity. The site is close to the centre of the National Forest where tourism is being encouraged.

2. The site is also close to the busy junction with Donisthorpe Lane and would be likely to generate additional traffic movements, sometimes involving larger vehicles, which would be detrimental to road safety.
3. The site backs onto a local park and woodland, both of which are enjoyed by local residents and tourists alike. It would be detrimental to the appearance of the area and to the pleasant enjoyment of these facilities.
4. There are other suitable sites for travellers within a reasonable distance of the site, and additional provision should therefore be resisted.
5. There is no local school which the children could attend.
6. Access to shops would have to involve car journeys, whereas guidelines require that developments should have access to shops without using a vehicle.

## 115 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**115.1 District Council.** None.

**115.2 Police.** HGVs using Woodville Road contrary to the weight restriction order. Enquiries would also be made to see whether number-plate recognition cameras could be provided.

**115.3 County Council.** The County Council would be asked whether they were able to assist with the above matter. The speed cameras had not yet been brought back into use and the County Council would be asked to deal with this.

## 116 ACCOUNTS

### 116.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1683	L Baxter	Caretaker	426.78		426.78
*1684	J M Summerfield	Litter	71.15		71.15
1685	T Stewart	Litter	226.82		226.82
*1686	J E White	Salary & Expenses	1313.86		1313.86
*1687	HMRC	PAYE	355.23		355.23
1688	DALC	Subscription	489.87		489.87
1689	South Derbyshire District Council	Fill grit bins	664.20	132.84	797.04
1690	T R Steele	Over-seed football pitch	555.00	111.00	666.00
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	26.50		26.50
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20
D/D	BT	Telephone line rental	47.40	9.48	56.88
D/D	e-on	Electricity to Village Hall	535.78	107.16	642.94
D/D	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	800.72	160.14	960.86

\* These accounts had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

### 116.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	432.00
U3A	Use of Village Hall	80.00
ESPO	Refund of account balance	279.88
HMRC	VAT refund	760.47
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	240.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Refund of toilets costs	925.82
R Leedham	Rent of land at Lullington Road	650.00
Derbyshire County Council	Rights of Way refund	230.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept – first instalment	14000.00

**116.3 Audit.** The Council's financial documents were inspected.

**116.4 Quarterly budget report.** The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Noted.

**116.5 Year-end report.** The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Noted.

#### **117 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL**

None.

#### **118 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**118.1 105 Lullington Road.** It was reported that the debris had now been cleared.

**118.2 Playground fence and access.** It was reported that the pedestrian access was not wide enough to accommodate a double pushchair and only just wide enough for a wheelchair. A quotation would be obtained for suitable widening, but with restrictions to prevent access by motorcycles.

**118.3 Footpaths 18 & 19.** These paths required strimming and spraying.

**118.4 Bailey Avenue.** Details were given of difficulties apparently being caused by a resident, which would be referred to the District Council for investigation.

**118.5 Use of Village Hall.** A complaint was made that the two dog clubs had left parts of the premises in a poor state. The Caretaker would be asked for his views.

**118.6 Dog bin, Hallcroft Avenue.** This bin was regularly over-full and a second collection per week would be arranged.

**118.7 Grit bin, Woodville Road.** This bin, provided by the County Council, was in a poor state of repair and the County Council would be asked to replace it with a larger one.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

**Chairman**