

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 5 April 2012.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr D Baldaro, Mr R Cox, 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.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council).

109 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

110 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

111 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

112 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

112.1 District Council. None.

112.2 Police. The Chairman reported crime statistics provided by Mr McMillan, which were broadly similar to those in other parishes.

112.3 County Council. None.

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 Land at Daisy Lane. The Clerk had received no further information about the possible transfer of this land and was asked to seek an update.

Mr Knight reported that he had discussed with Native Forestry what would be involved in developing the land as a wild flower meadow and they had advised that the steps required were quite complex and lengthy. Noted.

113.3 Land at Manor School View. The District Council had stated that the open land was not covered by any planning condition or obligation under the S.106 Agreement and that it was therefore not possible to insist that it be improved and opened for general use. However, agreement had been reached with the Developers that the road would be surfaced before the end of June.

The Clerk was asked to check the transfer documents to see whether they imposed any obligation on the Developers as to use of the open land.

113.4 Queen's Jubilee – Dedicating green spaces. Consideration of this Circular from DALC was deferred at the last meeting to enable alternative pieces of land to be considered. Various pieces of land were considered, but none was suitable for this purpose. The Recreation Ground had been established as a memorial to those soldiers who had died in the Second World War and it was therefore inappropriate to re-dedicate it to celebrate the Jubilee.

113.5 New Code of Conduct. The Localism Act imposed a duty on all local authorities to adopt a new Code with effect from 1 July 2012. However, the content depended on Regulations, which had not yet been issued. The County Council and the District Councils were jointly preparing a draft Code

with a view to having a common regime for all authorities in the county, but would be prevented from finalising it until the regulations were published.

Every Member would need to make a new declaration of interests in due course, and the content would be copied to the District Council and published on the Parish Council's website; again the extent of the information would be determined by the Regulations.

Personal and prejudicial interests would be replaced by Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and if there should be a breach of the new Code, it would be investigated by the District Council (the Standards Board nationally having been abolished). The District Council, probably through their 'Hearing Panel', would then recommend what, if any, action should be taken by the Parish Council. Further information was awaited.

- 113.6 Non-domestic Rates.** The total payable for 2012/2013 for the Village Hall and surrounding buildings had increased from £333.01 to £351.77, an increase of 5.6%. The budget included £370 provision.
- 113.7 Drain in Woodville Road.** The County Council said that the drain had been jettied and roots had been cut from the pipe. The problem should be resolved but a CCTV survey would be done to see what damage there had been to the system. The performance of the drain in wet weather would be monitored.
- 113.8 Temporary footpath closure.** Footpath 9 (Lullington Road to footpath 10 near to the sewage works) was to be closed between 1 April and 30 September to allow vehicles to access the sewage works safely during major alterations.
- 113.9 South Derbyshire Day.** The District Council were promoting South Derbyshire Day on Saturday 14 April, including pre-match activities at the Derby County FC football match against Middlesbrough at the Pride Park Stadium. Discounted tickets were available and must be bought by 10 April from the Tourist Information Centre at Sharpes Pottery or by telephoning 01283 222848. Children could take part in a Derby County training session before the match and form part of the Guard of Honour. Community groups would be showcasing their work etc.
- 113.10 Application for grant.** The Clerk read a request from the Bowls Club for a grant towards the purchase of an industrial dish-washer, as the Club was improving the kitchen. In view of the costs being incurred on two major projects, the request could not be granted.

114 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0966 Retrospective application to retain signs at 67 Burton Road (supermarket).

0088 Vehicular access to serve 15 Lullington Road

Applications for decision:

0147 Erection of a conservatory, Barncroft, Green Lane. Supported after consultation with Members.

0215 Erection of a conservatory, 31 Moira Road. Supported.

0286 Erection of an extension at 83 Lullington Road. Supported.

Appeal hearing.

Mr M A Knight was appointed to represent the Council at the hearing on 12 April relating to the application to establish a gypsy caravan site at land adjoining 81 Shortheath Road, Moira.

115 ACCOUNTS**115.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1802	Community Transport (Swadlincote)	Donation	50.00		50.00
1803	South Derbyshire District Council	Refill grit bins	960.00	192.00	1152.00
1804	L Baxter	Caretaker	416.67		416.67
1805	J M Summerfield	Litter	73.00		73.00
1806	T Stewart	Litter	194.56		194.56
1807	DALC	Subscription	489.87		489.87
1808	J E White	Salary & expenses	1293.58		1293.58
1809	HMRC	PAYE	350.40		350.40
1810	J A Davis Contractors Ltd	Refurbish toilets at Village Hall	18821.76	3764.35	22586.11
1811	Chapman's Nurseries	Trees for recreation ground	180.00		180.00
1812	South Derbyshire District Council	Supply and install dog bin on the recreation ground	251.53	50.91	301.84
1813	MACE	Maintenance agreements for intruder alarms	164.36	32.88	197.24
1814	Moira Replan	Printing	52.58		52.58
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	153.87	30.77	184.64
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Water to old changing rooms	10.16		10.16
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Water to Village Hall	129.86		129.86
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	23.95	4.79	28.74
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	36.77		36.77

* This account was paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

115.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	230.00
R Leedham	Land at Lullington Road	650.00
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	210.00
HMRC	VAT refund	1106.31
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept – first instalment	14000.00

115.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were inspected.

116 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

It was reported that publication was to cease after the next edition as no-one could be found to continue to produce it on a voluntary basis. As there was a need for the Council to publish some information from time to time, the Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost based of a single-page newsletter issued twice per year.

117 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

117.1 Lullington Road allotments. The parking arrangements were queried. The Clerk reported that agreement had been reached with the District Council that, pending provision of the internal car park, the adjoining land could be used for that purpose on a temporary basis. The neighbouring property owner would be advised of this prior to use commencing and the Allotment Association requested to ensure that disturbance was kept to a minimum.

117.2 Tree planting, Lullington Road. The land recently planted by the National Forest had been left open and they would be requested to ensure that unauthorised access was prevented.

117.3 Public footpath maintenance. The Council noted that footpaths 18 and 19 would require vegetation to be cut back later in the year.

117.4 Roundabout, Park Road. It was suggested that the roundabout be planted with flowers etc as it formed a prominent approach to the village. The County Council would be asked to consider seeking sponsorship for this purpose and the support of Linton and Castle Gresley Parish Councils would be sought.

117.5 Right of Way, Alexandra Road. It was reported that the owners of this property were apparently causing pollution of the path and roadway and this would be reported to the District Council for action.

118 Exclusion of Press and public

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

119 CIVIC AWARD

A number of nominations had been received for an award and these were considered in detail. It was agreed to make an award to one such person.

120 QUOTATIONS

The Council considered the reported of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

120.1 Refurbishment of the toilets at the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: (a) That the need for a small amount of additional plastering in the toilets at the Village Hall, involving a small increase in the cost, be noted.

(b) That £1500 of the Repairs and Renewals Fund be used for this purpose with the remainder being met from the budget.

120.2 Surfacing the car park extension. The revised tenders were considered.

RESOLVED: (a) That the tender of S & R Landscapes in the sum of £21711.00 plus VAT be accepted;

(b) That the funds on deposit with South Derbyshire District Council be withdrawn and transferred to the Parish Council's bank account and the cost of this work be met from capital.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm

Chairman