

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 4 April 2013.

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr R Cox, Mr D M Holloway, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick, Mr S C Sharpe and Mr I Sheppard.

**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

## 141 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

## 142 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

## 143 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record subject to correction of minute no.130.1 (District Council) to refer to Coronation Street rather than Woodville Road.

## 144 CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that Mr R Forsyth had resigned from the Council and that the necessary procedure for filling the vacancy had been commenced.

## 145 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**145.1 District Council.** Cllr Mrs Hall referred to the planning situation regarding the siting of a caravan near to the Cricketts public house. The District Council had asked for a detailed report on the proposed system of drainage. She was aware that there were problems concerning the caravan site at Park Road. Reference was made to the repeated flooding of Spring Cottage from the brook, which had been referred to Leicestershire County Council for attention.

**145.2 Police.** The Chairman reported recent crime statistics, supplied to her by Mr McMillan; figures continued to be low. The recent restorative justice to be provided by two youths had, in the view of Members, been insufficient, and the PCSO would be asked to require more.

**145.3 County Council.** A drain on Woodville Road, outside the school, was flooding the highway and it was attributed to a broken pipe. This would be reported to the County Council for investigation and remedy.

## 146 CLERK'S REPORT

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

**146.2 Precept 2013/2014.** The Precept levied for the new financial year was £25550, compared with £28000 last year. This was because the Council were to receive a new grant under the Council Tax Support Scheme which was estimated to be the difference between the two sums, so that the net effect on the tax payer would be zero. The final calculation produced a grant of £2801,

resulting in additional income to the Council amounting to £351, which would increase local Band D bills by 45p per year.

- 146.3 Request for donation.** Community Transport (Swadlincote) had requested a donation towards the cost of replacing their drivers' uniforms. The service offered accessible transport to members of the community who were unable to use public transport because of age, infirmity or disability. It was agreed to donate £50.
- 146.4 Allotments, Burton Road/Edward Street.** All tenants of the allotments at Lullington Road had signed an agreement to use the allotments in a proper manner. Those at the original allotments at Burton Road had never been asked to do so, but it was suggested that they should be asked to sign a similar agreement in respect of their plots. This was agreed.
- 146.5 Victim Support.** A note of thanks had been received from Victim Support for the Council's donation towards their work.
- 146.6 Land at Daisy Lane.** The Clerk reported on a brief meeting which had taken place earlier in the evening between the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council with Ms Z Sewter of South Derbyshire District Council. It appeared that the original objective of the Parish Council having ownership of the land transferred to them may not be achievable because of a District Council policy not to dispose of open space land coming into their possession, but agreement on future management of the land could be expressed by an exchange of letters.

Subject to the Council's agreement, it had been suggested that two groups of heritage fruit trees should be planted on the land, together with one specimen tree. These would represent memorials to those who had given their lives in the two World Wars, and interpretation boards would explain this. The public footpaths along two of the boundaries of the site should be surfaced, probably using volunteer labour, and the District Council would schedule mowing and cutting of the hedges. Any supplementary work which the Parish Council wanted to carry out would be notified to the District Council beforehand.

While there were reservations about the problems of ownership of the land, the Council agreed to proceed along these lines.

## **147 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **The following applications had been approved:**

0061 Demolition of existing garage and outhouse and erection of extension and double garage, 26 Woodlands Road.

0071 Dropped kerb, 40 Lullington Road.

### **The following application had been refused:**

0120 Extensions, 6 Manor School View

### **After consultation with members between meetings, the following applications had been supported:**

0062 and 0063 Erection of two dwellings, land adj. The Oaks, Green Lane

0153 Extensions, 64 Lullington Road

0155 Extension, 21 Moira Road

**148 ACCOUNTS****148.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
*1911	Victim Support	Donation	25.00		25.00
*1912	ESPO	Steel Cupboard	114.00	22.80	136.80
1913	L Baxter	Caretaker	375.10		375.10
1914	J M Summerfield	Litter	59.48		59.48
1915	T Stewart	Litter	148.56		148.56
1916	CANCELLED				
1917	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	347.60		347.60
1918	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Repair MUGA gates & grit bin hinges	360.00	72.00	432.00
1919	DALC	Subscription	489.87		489.87
1920	J Kirby	Caretaker	179.51		179.51
1921	J E White	Salary & expenses	1331.27	5.39	1336.66
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	368.14	73.63	441.77
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	37.15		37.15

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

**148.2 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	520.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	200.00
S Chinnock	Allotment rent	12.50
Overseal Allotment Association	Rent of allotments at Lullington Road	180.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept & Local Council Tax Support Grant	15576.00

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

**149 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**149.1 Building works, Woodville Road.** It was reported that there was mud on the footpath and road resulting from the building works and the developers would be asked to clean it up and to make proper arrangements for avoiding this problem for the remainder of the works.

**149.2 Canal Towpath, Spring Cottage.** It was reported that rubbish had been dumped there; to be referred to North West Leicestershire District Council for clearing.

**149.3 Dog bin, Lullington Road.** The regularity of emptying this bin would be checked with the District Council as it appeared that it was not being emptied often enough.

**149.4 Darby & Joan Club – accounts.** The accounts for the past year were submitted for information.

**149.5 HGVs, Woodville Road.** It was reported that lorries from the Clay quarry had been seen using Woodville Road, and it was unlikely that they were making local deliveries, and therefore they appeared to be in breach of the weight restrictions. The quarry owners would be contacted and asked to ensure that the vehicles used the correct route in future.

**149.6 Village Games.** Arrangements had now been made for these to take place on Saturday 1 June 2013 and the Council would pay the two coaches. Subsequent games were planned for the first Saturday in each month.

**150 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

**151 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD**

The Clerk reported recent developments regarding the tenancy of this land.

RESOLVED: That Fisher German be asked to instruct Solicitors to take action aimed at establishing a Farm Business Tenancy.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

**Chairman**