

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 3 April 2014.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council)

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr I Sheppard, Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

## 99 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr S Sharpe declared an interest in minute no. 107 relating to the draft application for housing at Valley Road, as a relative of a local resident. He took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

## 100 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Proposed development at Valley Road.** ~~Several residents~~ 23 residents attended the meeting and expressed detailed reasons for their objections to the proposal. The Council noted their views and would consider them in the context of the application.

*(Note: the changes at the beginning of this minute were agreed at the subsequent Council meeting as corrections).*

## 101 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 102 DREAMSCHEME

Members of a group known as the Dreamscheme, who worked with the District Council, had made suggestions for sprucing up the Village Hall, using voluntary effort. In particular, they wished to redecorate the IT suite and possibly replace some of the office furniture with worktops, repaint the Youth Shelter, install a planter outside the Village Hall entrance and organise litter picking at the Village Hall. The Council supported the initiative.

## 103 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**103.1 District Council.** Reference was made to an explosion which had taken place a few days earlier, which had resulted in the death of a horse and injury to another. Many complaints had been made to the Police, who were investigating. Cllr Frost was asked who decided that Overseal should be designated a 'key service village' in the context of the Local Development Framework as it was felt that there should have been prior consultation about this proposal.

**103.2 Police.** Crime statistics for the last month were presented.

**103.3 County Council.** Repairs to the road surface at the traffic lights had been carried out but had proved ineffective; the County Council would be pressed to complete proper repairs as soon as possible. Also, the road surface in Moira Road was in a deplorable state and this would be referred to the County Council for action.

**104 SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

The Council had been invited to comment on the Pre-Submission Local Plan by 22 April. Representations must be on the grounds of soundness or legal and procedural compliance (including whether the Plan was in conformity with the Duty to Co-operate).

It was noted that this was the first stage of the process and that discussion about individual development possibilities would take place later. However, the need for low cost housing had been met by the approval of the new Council houses in Lullington Road. The designation as a 'key service village' was opposed as it implied that further developments of up to 25 dwellings would be supported. Both the school and the surgery were full, libraries and other services were being removed and local bus services were being reduced. The expansion of leisure services was welcomed, but the failure of the District Council to assist with repairs to the sports changing rooms was disappointing. Problems with traffic and parking persisted and early morning traffic on A.444 was often brought to a standstill at the traffic lights, with the peak period lasting from 5.30 to 8.30 am. Reduction of car journeys was thought to be unrealistic though there would be support for reopening the Burton-Leicester railway line. The need for an enforceable design policy was evidenced by the poor designs of the proposed development at Overseal Manor. Finally, some of the wording, such as that relating to infrastructure, was regarded as too general and it was pointed out that the Community Infrastructure Levy could be spent anywhere in the District, even if the relevant development were to be local.

**105 FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATIONS**

The Council reconsidered the allocation of the bottom pitch for the season beginning autumn 2014 in the light of efforts to accommodate both organisations wishing to use the area. Despite every effort having been made, it had become clear that there was insufficient space to accommodate both, though it was noted that one of the two Gresley junior teams currently using the bottom pitch would be transferring to the top pitch next season.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with past practice of giving preference to local teams, the pitch be allocated to Overseal Junior FC and that the remaining Gresley team be advised that, regretfully, it will not be possible to accommodate them.

**106 CLERK'S REPORT**

**106.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). It was pointed out that the Council had paid directly for the tree ties for the land at Daisy Lane which had also been included in the quotation from Schoolgrounds

**106.2 Mr L Shaw.** The Council had received a request that a suitable memorial be provided; it was decided to await positive suggestions as to the nature of such a project.

**106.3 Internal painting of the Village Hall.** A quotation had been received from Mr S Fern for the internal painting of all of the rooms, stores etc in the Village Hall. As the computer suite was to be painted by Dreamscheme, this could be omitted but the sanding and staining of the stage floor should be added. The

revised quotation in the sum of £4654 was accepted. The work was scheduled for the school summer holiday period.

**106.4 Replacement lights at the Village Hall.** A quotation for replacement of the lights in the main hall and provision of better lights for the foyer had been obtained and it was considered that a further quotation should be obtained for comparison purposes. However, replacement of the fluorescent tubes should be with LED lighting as matter of policy and removal of the ceiling extractors should be included.

**106.5 Kitchen.** The Council had accepted a quotation for the replacement of the worktops and installation of a new gas hob. However, following an inspection of the kitchen recently, it had been noticed that several of the doors were split, padlocks had been installed on some doors and the general appearance was poor. The firm whose quotation for the worktops was accepted had therefore been asked to quote for replacement of the doors and drawer fronts, installation of trims to the front edges of the cabinets (to match the doors) and panels at the ends of the units. The revised quotation in the sum of £2375 plus VAT was accepted and the firm would also be asked to complete a number of minor repairs.

**106.6 Arriva service no. 8.** The County Council were informed by Arriva that they were going to curtail their service 8 to run between Burton and Church Gresley only, withdrawing all their buses through to Overseal, Measham and Ashby. This service was run commercially by Arriva, and had only received a very small subsidy from the County Council to divert some buses via Netherseal.

The County Council had negotiated with Arriva to delay their curtailment of the service to allow time for a replacement to be found and Midland Classic would be extending their commercial service 19 from Measham to Ashby to allow Overseal residents to continue to travel through to Ashby. Alternate journeys would be diverted from Overseal via Netherseal at the request of the County Council, and the other journeys running via Woodville Road and Slackey Lane in Overseal.

Overseal would continue to have the hourly bus service to Swadlincote, Burton and Queens Hospital. These changes were to commence from 27th April, and both Arriva and Midland Classic had agreed to advertise the new arrangements as soon as possible.

**106.7 Wreath for Gala Day.** A wreath had been obtained through the Royal British Legion and an appropriate donation to the Poppy Appeal would be made by the Gala Committee.

**106.8 Requirement to sign cheques.** The legal requirement to have two councillor signatories for all cheques and instruments had been repealed with effect from 12 March 2014. This would now permit BACS payments to be made, though there needed to be a clear audit trail showing that the Council had authorised the payments either before or after they were made. At present, the numbers of cheques etc. was small no change of procedure was considered necessary for the time being.

**106.9 Pedestrian refuge, Burton Road.** Installation had been put back to 22 April; the contractors had been instructed to deal with another project.

**106.10 Litter.** North West Leicestershire District Council had litter picked the roads in Leicestershire approaching Overseal, together with Slackey Lane, and would repeat this in a few weeks' time until a pattern emerged for regular cleaning. They pointed out that some of the verges on A.444 were narrow would require traffic management if they were to be dealt with so they had concentrated on the wider verges. Litter on the Derbyshire side of Acresford Road had been referred to South Derbyshire' Clean Team. A fence which had been repaired on the Derbyshire side of the boundary had collapsed on the Leicestershire side. Also 3 bags of materials had been dumped in the hedge in Slackey Lane and this would be drawn to NWLDC's attention.

**106.11 Bowls Club.** The Bowls Club had asked whether the Council would object to the sale of alcohol and soft drinks to their members and visitors, subject to their obtaining the necessary licence. The Council raised no objection.

**106.12 Use of Village Hall car park.** The District Council was proposing to bring the 'Wheelsmobile' attraction to the Village Hall car park during the Easter school holidays; this was welcomed.

## 107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Application for decision:

0273 Display of signage at 91 Woodville Road. No objection.

### The following application had been approved.

0024 Retention of dropped kerb and driveway, 31 Moira Road.

### Draft application for housing development, Valley Road.

The Council accepted the views expressed by residents at the start of the meeting and the developers would be informed that the Council would object to such an application.

## 108 ACCOUNTS

### 108.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2016	South Derbyshire District Council	Pitch improvements	1500.00	300.00	1800.00
*2017	Mrs E Shaw	Refund of allotment rent	45.00		45.00
2018	South Derbyshire District Council	Refill grit bins	360.00	72.00	432.00
*2019	Breedon Aggregates	Stone for lane at Woodville Road	226.98	45.40	272.38
2020	L Baxter	Caretaker	435.92		435.92
2021	J M Summerfield	Litter	70.67		70.67
2022	T Stewart	Litter	151.44		151.44
2023	J E White	Salary & expenses	1073.99		1073.99
2024	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	656.67		656.67
2025	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription	494.77		494.77
2026	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet rolls	35.72	7.14	42.86

2027	MACE	Maintenance of intruder alarms & replace batteries	212.56	42.52	255.10
2028	County Drains	Hot jetting drain at changing rooms	97.00	19.40	116.40
2029	Moira Replan	Printing	65.08		65.08
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	35.18		35.18
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	11.57		11.57
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	283.89		283.89
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	542.61	108.52	651.13

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

## 108.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	400.00
Various	Allotment rents	100.00

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

## 109 CARETAKER

Members noted that use of the Village Hall had increased significantly in recent years and there had been a corresponding increase in the Caretaker's workload. It was considered that he needed some assistance with cleaning between lettings and early in the mornings and this would be discussed with the Caretaker.

## 110 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**110.1 Defibrillator.** A suggestion had been received that the Parish Council might provide a defibrillator. However, it was pointed out that there was one available at the surgery.

**110.2 Hedge at bowling green.** The laurel hedge was becoming overgrown and this would be drawn to the attention of the Bowls Club.

**110.3 Telephone kiosk, Shorth Heath.** It was reported that the refurbishment of the kiosk was now being carried out.

**110.4 Footpaths Group.** This group was now being formalised and the necessary documentation completed. They had suggested that steps be provided at the far end of the lower football pitch, which was part of a public right of way and was very slippery, and asked the Council to consider a donation towards the cost. The group would be asked to determine the cost of the work and the contribution needed. It was also suggested that work carried out under the Rights of Way Maintenance Agreement with the County Council could be allocated to the group, subject to the necessary insurance cover being obtained.

**110.5 Dangerous tree.** A tree outside 62 Lullington Road was thought to be potentially dangerous and the County Council would be asked to inspect.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**Chairman**