

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 2 April 2015.

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 Mr R Hart and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

99 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr D M Holloway declared an interest as a neighbour in planning application no.0223, Conversion of outbuildings' into living accommodation and erection of an extension, 37 Lullington Road.

100 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Residents of Manor School View expressed concern about the construction of a footpath in the land adjoining Manor School View and its future uses. The land owners, Rippon Homes, were bound by a S.106 agreement to construct a footpath through the land, to put the site into good order and to pay a commuted sum to South Derbyshire District Council for future maintenance so that the land could be adopted by the District Council as open space/woodland. However, in selling the properties to the purchasers, the deeds did not include a public right of way from the road to the land, and the drive in the part of Manor School View nearest to the gates therefore remained in private ownership. Given the current circumstances, the Parish Council's view was that a footpath should be constructed within the land to give public access from Daisy Lane and they were awaiting a decision from Rippon as to the type of path to be constructed. The fences would be removed when the land was transferred to the District Council.

Residents thought that it might be appropriate to replace the present low gates with higher, locked gates so that residents could gain access to the land but that the public would not be able to use the path as a shortcut. It was agreed that the Parish Council would endeavour to arrange a meeting with Rippon, South Derbyshire District Council and the local residents with a view to agreeing a way forward on these lines.

101 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

102 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

102.1 District Council. Cllr Frost referred to the recent decision to refuse the planning application for 64 dwellings at Valley Road, though it was thought that the applicants would appeal. The application for 10 dwellings at Moira Road looked attractive at first sight and a decision was awaited.

102.2 Police. Crime statistics for March were presented, and showed a moderate level of activity.

102.3 County Council. The potholes in Moira Road had been repaired, though the repairs failed after about 2 weeks. After that, most of the areas affected were properly repaired, though the area outside no 60 had not been repaired, despite attention having been drawn to that section by the Parish Council.

There had been requests for the bus stops near to the school to be re-sited to allow parking, but given the proximity of the public car park, this was not supported.

The speed cameras on the A.444 were well-known not to have been working for some time and there was a tendency to ignore them. The County Council and the Police would be asked to ensure that they were restored to operation for a period in the near future and also the possibility of units which flashed whether the cameras were working or not, which would improve compliance.

103 FORWARD PLANNING

It was suggested that several Parish Councils which were affected by traffic on the A.444 might support each other's objection to planning applications which would exacerbate the traffic problems. Netherseal PC, Ashby Woulds TC and Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford PC would be contacted.

104 CLERK'S REPORT

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

104.2 Access to the public toilets. A quotation had been sought from the contractors who installed the footpaths at Daisy Lane, for the construction of a suitable path across the grass verge to provide access to the public toilets. Two alternatives had been suggested and the Council accepted the quotation from J Rowland Construction Ltd for a stone path in the sum of £605 plus VAT.

104.3 Campaign for fairer funding for Derbyshire. The Leader of the County Council had invited organisations to join this campaign, seeking a government rethink on the way it funded Derbyshire. The county had the biggest percentage cut in funding compared to all similar councils in addition to the cuts already made over the last three years. As an example, Derbyshire households would lose £97 in government funding for local services, compared to Buckinghamshire (£52) and Hampshire (£43). A petition was available for printing at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/fair or names could be added online. The Council confirmed its support for the campaign.

104.4 County Liaison Forum. The County Council had invited all Councils to be represented at this meeting to be held at County Hall, Matlock on Monday 22 June 2015 between 6 and 8 pm. Noted.

104.5 Council meetings, 2015/2016. It was agreed to adopt the following calendar of meetings for the forthcoming year.

14 May 2015 (Annual Meeting)	3 December 2015
4 June 2015	14 January 2016
2 July 2015	4 February 2016
6 August 2015	3 March 2016
3 September 2015	7 April 2016
1 October 2015	5 May 2016 (Annual Meeting)
5 November 2015	

- 104.6 Rates.** The rates for the Village Hall and other premises totalled £375.22 for 2015/6, including Small Business Relief of £2840.78
- 104.7 Derbyshire Law Centre.** An invitation had been received from this organisation to become an organisational member. It was a charity and a company limited by guarantee and its aims were to achieve equal access to justice for all sections of the community by providing free legal services in social welfare law in the Derbyshire area.' There was no cost to membership and the Centre provided the services by raising funds from donations (mainly County and District Councils) and fund raising activities. Organisational members were entitled to vote at meetings and may be elected to the Management Committee. The Law Centre would be advised that the Council would like to become an organisational member but would be unable to take part in meetings due to the base being at Chesterfield.
- 104.8 Proposed planting, Woodville Road.** The original request for a cultivation licence to allow trees to be planted in the verges in Woodville Road to deter parking had been abandoned when the amount of services in the verges became evident. A suggested alternative of rose beds was not attractive to the County Council because of the thorns, and it had been pointed out that beds of any kind would require maintenance. A further suggestion of planting individual shrubs - perhaps cornus - had been mooted and not proceeding at all had also been suggested as the parking problem seemed to have diminished. In the circumstances, it was decided not to proceed with the project.
- 104.9 Fence, Hallcroft Avenue.** As previously agreed, DSK Engineering's quotation for iron railings had been accepted; this was for approximately half of the total length and included creating a gap for the public right of way. The cost of this work was £6250 for the fence and £220 for the additional work and posts for the gap, both plus VAT. The work would be carried out later in April. DSK had offered to complete the whole of the work for the remaining £6250 now, but to withhold the invoice until April 2016 i.e. the beginning of the next financial year. Members noted that this would commit some resources from the 2016/17 budget but the current projections were that this could be accommodated. The offer was gratefully accepted.
- 104.10 DALC subscription.** Two options had been offered, the higher one including certain training. It was agreed to accept the lower subscription in the sum of £499.72.
- 104.11 Vehicular access to the old Co-op.** The Enforcement Officer of South Derbyshire District Council had stated that the required parking spaces at the front of the premises had been provided and that there was no requirement to provide a vehicular access to the rear. The conditions had therefore been complied with.

105 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0044 (LCC) Extension of time for restoration of New Albion Site. The importation of waste to be completed by 31 July 2016 and final restoration of the land by 31 December 2016.

1207 Erection of a dwelling on land between 10 and 16 Woodville Road

The following applications had been refused:

0431 Erection of 64 dwellings, land off Valley Road (intrusion into open countryside)

0007 Installation of wood burning stove and construction of an external chimney, The Coach House, 19 Squirrel Walk

The following application had been withdrawn:

0006 Erection of 6 dwellings, land at 69 Woodville Road. It was reported that removal of asbestos from the site had been started and then stopped as it was not being carried out in the approved manner. It was understood that a financial penalty had been incurred.

Applications for decision:

0158 Erection of single storey side extension, 28 Woodville Road (whether the proposed extension is permitted development). No objection.

0216 Detached 2-storey dwelling with ancillary double garage, land adj. 300 Burton Road. No objection.

0208 Extension, 163 Woodville Road. No objection.

0223 Conversion of outbuildings into living accommodation and erection of extension, 37 Lullington Road. No objection.

(Mr D M Holloway declared an interest as a neighbour in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

106 ACCOUNTS**106.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2146	Fire Control UK Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	47.30	9.46	56.76
*2147	SK Plumbing Ltd	Boiler repair	48.50		48.50
2148	L Baxter	Caretaker	429.58		429.58
2149	J M Summerfield	Litter	62.40		62.40
2150	T Stewart	Litter	195.00		195.00
2151	J Kirby	Cleaner	201.50		201.50
2152	J E White	Salary & expenses	1086.42		1086.42
2153	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	671.36		671.36
2154	SK Plumbing Ltd	Drain central heating system and replace radiator valve	75.00		75.00
2155	ESPO	Printing paper	13.00	2.60	15.60
2156	DALC	Subscription	499.72		499.72
2157	Schoolgrounds	Stakes etc for Daisy Lane	177.18		177.18
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	471.37		471.37

D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	25.83		25.83
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.50	3.70	22.20
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	33.22		33.22
D/D	Southern Electric	Electricity to Village Hall	332.27	66.45	398.72
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	1113.71	222.74	1336.45

106.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	390.00
R Leedham	Rent of land at Lullington Road	750.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	200.00

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

107 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

107.1 Former telephone exchange. It was reported that a car had been parked on the forecourt and that work appeared to be taking place.

107.2 Allotments. A tenant had complained that another had dumped spoil on his plot.

107.3 Consultation meeting. Enquiries had been made of both the Village Hall and the Church Centre about a meeting relating to solar panels.

107.4 Rubbish. Large quantities of rubbish had been seen near the entrance to the canal. This would be reported to Ashby Woulds Town Council.

107.5 Heart of the Forest Forum. The Forum was likely to be seeking match funding for a local history project as they had received a grant towards this work.

107.6 Lime trees. It had been noted that one tree was missing and about 30 posts were needed. Mr Knight agreed to deal with this.

107.7 Signs on the Village Hall fence. Several banners and other signs were still on the fence even though the events to which they related had past. It was agreed that anyone wishing to use this facility should seek prior permission and be restricted to one month or the date of the event, whichever was the earlier.

107.8 Landfill tax grants. It was agreed to seek a grant from Veolia towards the provision of the fence at Hallcroft Avenue.

107.9 Fire Service. The Chairman had received correspondence from the Fire Brigades Union and it was agreed to support their further efforts relating to the reorganisation of the service.

107.10 Bowls Club. The Club had reported that there were gaps in the boundary fence and that dogs were allowed to go onto the green. Also, footballers went through the hedge and fence to retrieve footballs. The Club sought a concession in the hire of the Village Hall for a fund-raising event to enable them to undertake repairs. It was agreed to make no charge for the event.

107.11 Village Cleanup. The Chairman reported that 24 people of all age groups had taken part in this event, which had been very successful.

107.12 Footpath, Park Road. The current owners of adjoining premises had been seen cutting trees and hedgerows along the path. It was understood that they did not own the trees and hedgerows and this would be referred to the Rights of Way Officer for attention.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chairman