

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES of the Online Meeting of the Council held on Monday 30 March 2020.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr D E Patrick.

The meeting had been called by the Chairman in order to determine whether such arrangements were a practical alternative to proper meetings, during the Government-imposed isolation rules due to the coronavirus. Prior notice of the meeting had been given by the Chairman to all Members.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It was not possible to involve the public in such meetings.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2020 were approved as a true record. Pending formal approval by the Council at a future date, a copy of the public minutes, marked as a draft, would be published on the Council's website.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

Notice of application no 1365 had just been received. Members would inspect this on the District Council's website and notify the Chairman of their views – suggested date for closure of comments, Monday next 6 April 2020.

5 VILLAGE HALL

(a) Water Supply. South Staffordshire Water had agreed to provide a quotation for installing a new supply pipe from the meter to the Village Hall, together with an estimate of the cost of internal pipework. They had determined that the supplies to the Pavilion, Changing Rooms and public toilets were linked to the same meter; however, as the council now owned or operated all three buildings, it was no longer of any consequence. The supply to the Village Hall was only sufficient for two houses.

(b) Fire doors. Installation of the new fire doors by Dove Doors was of a very poor standard. Even after their remedial works, while the building was weather-tight, the standard of installation/repair was very poor. It was agreed to write to Trading Standards complaining about this and seeking redress, and to seek a partial refund from Dove Doors to enable a local contractor to undertake repairs.

6 SLACKEY LANE

The Chairman reported that although some repairs had been carried out, cars could easily slip off the sides of the road and further work was needed. Leicestershire County Council would be advised.

7 FIREWORKS

Reports of explosions similar to industrial standard fireworks had been referred to the Police, but neither this nor requests from residents had deterred the person responsible; the fireworks now appeared to be directed at buzzards. The Police would be informed of the identity of the person concerned.

8 LAND AT HALLCROFT AVENUE

The Clerk reported that the Licence to Busby Farms had been sent to them for signature and the text had been approved by them. However, there was a problem with the Solicitors' fees, which had been notified beforehand at £250 but the invoice was for £350; this had been referred to the Solicitors along with a compromise suggested by Mr R Busby at £300, all plus VAT. A response was awaited.

The original deeds of the property showed that the land at Hallcroft Avenue was larger than as shown on the Land Registry plan; the Registry would be asked to correct this in due course. When this had been done, the pegs showing the boundary could be re-sited.

9 FUTURE MEETINGS

New legislation had been passed which empowered the Secretary of State to make regulations to deal with holding meetings etc., but these had not yet been published. the Annual Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting were due in May but would probably not take place; this normally included the approval of the accounts prior to external audit, but the Auditors had postponed requiring notices to be published until the position became clearer.

Calling the next meeting would depend on what business needed to be transacted and the Clerk and Chairman would confer on this and notify Members when required.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

Chairman