

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 25 August 2011.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mr R J Forsyth, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight and Mr M S Patrick.

In attendance: Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council), Mr S Griffiths and Mr R Millward of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr S C Sharpe, Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

35 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A request was made that similar terms be allowed for use of the Village Hall in connection with the pantomime in February 2012. This included use for a full day for the final rehearsal on the Friday before the performances, and it was pointed out that a lighting rig could constitute a safety hazard when not in use; Clubs Complete would be advised of this and asked to restrict their use at those times to the rear room. The concessionary terms were granted.

36 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

37 NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Mr S Griffiths and Mr R Millward of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust attended the meeting to explain the Trust's proposals for a Foundation Trust.

The present Trust had separated from the PCT about two years ago and was developing the community side of their work. They intended to remain part of the NHS, providing community-based services, such as District Nurses, Physiotherapists, clinics and community hospitals, though not the main NHS hospitals such as Burton and Derby. Although the Trust worked very closely with GPs, they did not control their services.

The Foundation Trust would operate through a Board of Governors, comprising about 30 representatives of local people, together with about 20,000 members who would be kept apprised of the Trust's intentions for their services and consulted on them. The Trust would be accountable to local people in this way, rather than to the Secretary of State. It could therefore operate in a more commercial way and have greater financial freedom as it would no longer be required to break even within a single year.

There would be meetings of local people, and Swadlincote was the most likely local venue. In answer to questions, steps had already been taken to reduce the bureaucracy in the present arrangements, privatisation was not envisaged, but liaison through the local people in providing services within the NHS was planned.

Mr Griffiths and Mr Millward were thanked for their explanations and Members would respond to the questionnaire individually.

38 FOOTBALL GOALPOSTS

A request had been received from St Matthews FC that the Council assist with replacement of the goalposts, which had been damaged. The Clerk reported that the cost would be between £1200 and £2000 depending upon the type acquired. It was considered necessary to ensure that the goals were safe, but further information was needed from the Club before a decision was made.

39 RISK ASSESSMENT

The existing Risk Assessment had been reviewed by a practitioner who advised that it was comprehensive but it was necessary to check whether it was still up to date. Mr M Guest, who was suitably qualified, would be asked to undertake this work.

40 CLERK'S REPORT

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

40.2 Lullington Road allotments. There had been no response from the Association as to continued interest and it was agreed to include an item in the Free for All to invite expressions of interest.

40.3 Daisy Lane meadow. Cllr Frost reported on discussions with Officers and it was considered unlikely that the Developers would make the financial contributions required under the S.106 Agreement. However, it was possible that the land could be transferred to the District Council in its present state and that an arrangement for future maintenance by the Parish Council could be achieved. Detailed consideration would be given to this possibility at the next meeting.

40.4 Caravan site, Park Road. The Clerk would check whether enforcement action was being taken following the refusal of planning permission for the expansion of this site.

40.5 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons. On Monday the 4th June 2012, the aim was to light 2,012 Beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and the UK Overseas Territories in celebration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, marking this historic moment in The Queen's reign and in her life too. Parish Councils were especially invited to become involved in this, either themselves directly or by enabling others to participate. Mr Patrick reported that the Gala Committee was intending to progress this and to include a fireworks display; this would be a free event. The proposals were welcomed and it was also suggested that the National Forest could provide a beacon at their new site at Common Hills.

40.6 Pedestrian crossing, Burton Road. The County Council had completed their assessment and reported that, as there had been only a very small increase in pedestrian traffic since the last assessment, a pedestrian crossing could not be justified. It was agreed that some form of improvement to safety was needed and the owners of the

Supermarket would be asked for suggestions for signs to clarify use of the entrances/exits to the car park.

- 40.7 National Forest Company Annual Report.** The report for 2010/2011 was received.
- 40.8 Review of Area Forum boundaries.** Following the review of Ward boundaries, the District Council was consulting on proposed changes to the Area Forum boundaries. Overseal would be included in the Linton Area Forum, which included the Linton and Seales Wards. It was also proposed to hold meetings of the Safer Neighbourhood Forums on the same evenings, as was reported at the last meeting. The proposals were welcomed.
- 40.9 DALC President & Vice-Presidents.** The holders of these offices were due for election at the AGM on 3 September and nominations were invited by 26 August. The current President (Cllr Miss Sue Fowler, Amber Valley) was not eligible for re-election but the 2 Vice-Presidents (Cllr M Tudbury - Erewash and Cllr J Nelson – Amber Valley) had both said that they were willing to continue. No action.
- 40.10 Hallcroft Avenue/Woodville Road junction.** The County Council had declined the request to provide waiting restrictions at this junction and advised contact with the Police to deal with any parking within 10 metres of the junction. They considered mirrors to be dangerous and would not install any. The assistance of the Police would be sought.
- 40.11 Stanleigh Road.** The County Council would provide a direction sign to the Village Hall near to the entrance to Stanleigh Road rather than 'No through road' signs as there was not a suitable place for these to be located.
- 40.12 Gritting routes.** The County Council were consulting on a proposal to split gritting routes into three categories as described below. The only routes in Overseal shown as gritting routes were A.444 throughout the Parish, Woodville Road, Lullington Road and Moira Road as primary routes and Park Road as a tertiary route. It was agreed to request Shortheath and Hallcroft Avenue as they were bus routes as well as local residents' needs.

The primary network would:

- Be treated during the day and night and would be 'pre-treated' before bad weather hits. Gritting would continue 24 hours a day if necessary, as at present.
- Be made up of around 60 per cent of roads currently on gritting routes – approximately 1,000 miles.
- Include major roads including all A roads and heavily used B roads, major bus routes, roads linking towns and larger villages and roads outside bus, train, police, fire and ambulance stations and hospitals.
- Include at least one route into villages and at least one route no more than 500m from schools, where possible.

Roads within residential areas would generally not be included.

The secondary network would:

- Include around 40 per cent of roads currently on gritting routes - approximately 550 miles.
- Only be treated in the day with the first run being completed by mid-morning. This would help overcome problems of parked cars getting in the way of gritter vehicles being able to do their job on residential roads at night.

- Include some bus routes not covered in the primary network, particularly in residential areas, and roads to smaller villages.
- Include well-used main roads through housing estates and villages.
- Be pre-treated before bad weather hits, where possible, but primary routes will take priority.

The tertiary network would:

- Mainly involve external contractors such as farmers clearing snow, but not necessarily gritting, on some roads we don't currently cover
- Include at least one route to isolated villages not already covered on the gritting network.
- Include roads to some industrial areas and roads to schools not covered on primary and secondary routes.

40.13 Play equipment. The Clerk reported that a resident had requested provision of more play equipment and soft play facilities as she considered that there were not sufficient things for children to do. Members pointed out the limited resources available to the Council and felt that there was more for small children than for teenagers. However, attention was drawn to the regular Tuesday morning group for parents & toddlers at the Church Hall, the daily Pre-school, Clubs Complete during school holidays, and the summer sports programme.

41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved.

0373 Extension, 177 Burton Road

0485 Felling of willow trees protected by a TPO at Barratt Mill, Shortheath

0314 Stable block consisting of 2 stables and hay store, Land at Sealewood Lane

0207 Second storey extension and replacement roof, The Grange, Moira Road.

The following application had been refused.

0257 Gypsy & non-gypsy caravan site, The Conifers, Park Road (Contrary to policy restricting development in the countryside; not demonstrated that the development is necessary to a viable rural based activity; protection of specimen trees; risk of pollution to surface water)

Applications for decision:

0616 Extension and alterations, 18 Valley Road. Supported.

0660 Extension, 31 Coronation Street. Supported.

0590 Two detached dwellings adjoining 22 Gorse Lees. Deferred to enable inspection of the site; comments would be collated by the Chairman by 7 September.

42 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

42.1 District Council. None.

42.2 Police. The Chairman reported recent crime statistics provided by the PCSO.

42.3 County Council. None.

43 ACCOUNTS**43.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1723	Ingenuity Installation Solutions	CCTV system	1647.16	329.45	1976.59
*1724	Ingenuity Installation Solutions	CCTV system – extra work	96.00	19.20	115.20
*1725	T Steele	VAT on clearing Nature Area	0.00	40.00	40.00
*1726	L Baxter	Caretaker	407.10		407.10
*1727	J M Summerfield	Litter	56.96		56.96
*1728	T Stewart	Litter	189.76		189.76
1729	Audit Commission	Audit fee for 2010/2011 accounts	400.00	80.00	480.00
1730	South Derbyshire District Council	Election charges	270.76		270.76
*1731	Sign Craft	Repairs to public notice board	140.00	28.00	168.00
*1732	M Guest	Spraying footpaths 18/19	130.00		130.00
1733	ESPO	Kitchen supplies & chair trolley	274.62	54.93	329.55
1734	DSK Engineering (Midlands) Ltd	Installation of barrier at play area	495.00	99.00	594.00
1735	ESPO	Refrigerator	145.00	28.60	171.60
1736	South Derbyshire District Council	Green refuse sacks for litter disposal	234.24		234.24
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	28.00		28.00

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

43.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	215.00
HMRC	VAT refund	1290.18
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	270.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Grant towards CCTV	823.58
U3A	Use of Computer room	80.00
Overseal Memorial Bowls Club	Use of Pavilion & bowling green	300.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept	14000.00

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

44 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Interest in the proposed allotments at Lullington Road.

45 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

45.1 Telephone box, Shortheath. The red telephone box at Shortheath had been inactive for some time and was now in need of repair. It was suggested that local residents might be asked whether anyone was prepared to help to keep it and Mr Knight agreed to contact them.

45.2 Signs at Robin Hood public house. Signs placed outside the premises completely blocked the view of drivers emerging from Lullington Road and requests to re-site them had not been heeded. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the Licensing authorities.

45.3 Overgrown hedges. A hedge belonging to a property in Lullington Road understood to be owned by the District Council was overhanging the public footpath and the District Council would be asked to deal with this matter.

The entrance to a footpath from Hallcroft Avenue to Gorsey Lees was blocking access; the County Council would be asked to secure its clearance.

45.4 Use of the MUGA. It was reported that dogs were left in the locked MUGA during football matches as a place where they could be left unattended. A notice prohibiting this would be displayed.

45.5 Parking, Hallcroft Avenue. A van was regularly parked on the verge and the operating Company would be asked to advise their driver not to do so.

45.6 Caravans near The Crickets public house. It was reported that the operators of this unauthorised site had appealed the refusal of permission and that a decision was expected in 2012.

45.7 Playground entrance. The new entrance was welcomed but it was necessary to tarmac the area immediately inside to join up with the pathway. The Clerk would arrange this.

45.8 Hooborough Brook – flooding. Despite the recent dry weather, the brook flooded as soon as there was rain, and more seriously than previously. The Highway Authority would be asked to ensure that all gullies and drains were clear.

45.9 HS2 railway route. Information had been obtained which seemed to indicate that the extension to the HS2 route between Birmingham and Nottingham/Derby could pass close to the village and the Clerk would make further enquiries.

45.10 A.444 Acresford Road – litter. Recent mowing of the grass verges had revealed considerable litter and Cllr Frost was asked to arrange for the Clean Team to clear the area.

45.11 Pond at the Nature Area. A digger was needed to undertake this work and in an effort to minimise the cost, local people known to undertake such work had been approached. However, it had transpired that they hired their machinery. Mr Knight agreed to contact a local person who may be able to help.

- 45.12 Dog fouling – templates.** Mr Hart was thanked for producing templates, which had proved successful.
- 45.13 Planters.** Two of the planters at village gateways – Lullington Road and Burton Road, needed attention and the contractor would be asked to deal with this.
- 45.14 Trees on the Recreation Ground.** Several of the trees needed the areas around their bases to be cleared to allow water to penetrate the soil. Mr M Guest would be asked to strim and clear these areas and to strim around the steps between the upper and lower areas. Replacement of damaged trees would be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chairman