

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 2 August 2012.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, 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.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R J Forsyth.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr I Sheppard declared a Disclosable Prejudicial Interest in item 47.9 as Chairman of the Overseal Allotment Association.

44 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident of Valley Road stated that the mobile telephone reception in that part of the village was very poor and asked whether the Council could do anything to secure an improvement. Some members reported that there were problems with certain service providers and not with others, and it appeared that O2 had the weakest signal. The Clerk would write to O2 to make them aware of the problem and to seek improvements and the correspondence would also be copied to the Member of Parliament.

Reports of problems with parking at the junction of Valley Road and Lullington Road, causing a potential danger, would be referred to the PCSO for investigation.

45 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

46 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

46.1 District Council.

The Chairman referred to the Manor School View development, which was now complete and only one property remained unsold. The developers had promised to complete the road surface by the end of June and it was still not done. The pavement was also blocked with building materials. The woodland area was to have a path provided through it as an obligation of the sale of the land to their predecessors, and the land opened up. . Cllr Mrs Hall agreed to report these matters to the District Council to get pressure put on the developers to honour their obligations.

46.2 Police. No matters, other than that raised under Public Questions and Answers, were raised.

46.3 County Council. Information was circulating that Arriva were to cancel their services affecting the village. The County Council would be asked whether there was any truth in this and, if so, an objection would be lodged.

A resident had raised the question of road safety ~~near to the Crickets Inn~~ at Acresford Road and he had suggested that the short length of 60 mph road between the two lengths subject to a 40 mph restriction should also be subject to the lower restriction. The Council agreed with this suggestion and would refer it to the County Council for implementation.

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The question of road safety also gave rise to a further suggestion that speed monitoring equipment which gave the speed of a vehicle in lights, should be placed at both entrances to the village on the A.444. This was supported and would be referred to the County Council.

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The Council welcomed the positive response of the County Council to the problems of HGVs using Woodville Road and the County Council would be asked to remove the *exemption from the height restriction on the sign* near to the church as this would then make it clear that HGVs were not permitted to use Woodville Road unless they were attending premises in that road. Leicestershire County Council had done so at the end of Spring Cottage, and traffic from that end was diverted away from the residential area. Also, the assistance of Ashby Woulds Town Council would be sought in contacting the various Companies whose vehicles were often seen using Woodville Road to ask them to require their hauliers to use the authorised routes.

A dead tree in the verge adjacent to the service road off Burton Road needed to be removed and the County Council would be asked to do this.

47 CLERK'S REPORT

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

47.2 DALC Chief Officer. Sarita Presland had replaced Brian Wood as Chief Officer and had taken up her post on 10 July.

47.3 Football pitch use. The Council wished to see a schedule of users for the forthcoming season.

Top pitch. St Matthews FC – the two teams would alternate on Saturday afternoons.

Bottom pitch – Overseal Junior FC, alternating with Gresley Rovers on Sundays.

47.4 Old telephone exchange. The District Council had made it clear to the owners of the premises that the former telephone exchange use had been abandoned and that such use would require planning permission. Additionally, they had been informed that if they were to bring the building into use without planning permission the District Council would not hesitate to commence enforcement action. However, as there was currently no such use, the file had been closed; if a new use should commence the file would be reopened.

47.5 Litter from vehicles using the New Albion site. The Regional Director of Veolia had responded promptly to complaints that litter was being deposited on A.444 and Park Road. Video records of arrivals were kept and any customer who arrived on site without the vehicle being sheeted would be refused admission to the site and banned from using the site. The registration number of any instances of vehicles not being sheeted should be noted and referred to the site manager who would take appropriate action. Additionally, offenders could be prosecuted by the Police and/or the Environment Agency.

47.6 Gas supply. British Gas had said that the supply pipe was limited and needed to be replaced, as well as installing a bigger meter. They were obtaining a price for the work.

- 47.7 Consultation on the River Mease developer contribution scheme.** Currently, development in Overseal and certain other villages was curtailed because of the risk of pollution of the river Mease as the sewage disposal capability was severely restricted. The River Mease Programme Board had published a Draft Developer Contribution Scheme (DCS). The consultation followed the publication of the Water Quality Management Plan and if it were adopted, it would allow the District Council to permit developments which connected to the sewer network within the river catchment area, provided that a financial contribution was made in line with the DCS. Noted.
- 47.8 Sports changing rooms.** A verbal report on a meeting with the Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council concerning the changing rooms was given. It was agreed to write to him outlining the steps which the Council were considering. However, the question of a loan was deferred as other avenues appeared to be potentially available.
- 47.9 Allotments sub-lease.** The Council's Solicitor dealing with registration of the sub-lease had reported that the document needed certain alterations to the attestation clauses as required by the Land Registry. Also, the trustees of the Overseal Allotments Association had requested that their personal liability be restricted to the assets of the Association. The Council agreed to this and to authorise the changes to the sub-lease.

(Mr I Sheppard declared a Disclosable Prejudicial Interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. With the consent of the Council he remained in the room).

48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

0598 Erection of extensions and formation of a pitched roof, 'Woodlands', Green Lane. Supported.

0570 (Netherseal) Retrospective application for a change of use from equestrian to residential gypsy caravan site, land opposite the Cricketts Inn, Acresford. Strongly object. All of the gateways to Overseal are blighted with the presence of gypsy encampments and this application should be refused. If, nevertheless, permission were to be granted, it is essential that permission be limited to one caravan only.

Appeal decision

11/00071/FUL (NWLDC) The appeal against refusal of permission for a change of use to residential caravan site for two traveller families, each with two caravans, including one static mobile home, land adj. 81 Shortheath Road, Moira had been allowed. Among the conditions was one restricting the development to 'No more than three caravans.....(of which no more than 1 shall be a static mobile home), shall be stationed on the site.....'

49 ACCOUNTS

49.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1840	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet & Cleaning supplies	48.77	9.95	59.72
1841	L Baxter	Caretaker	459.90		459.90

1842	J M Summerfield	Litter	58.36		58.36
1843	T Stewart	Litter	243.20		243.20
1844	Audit Commission	Audit fee	400.00	80.00	480.00
1845	R Coates	Repairs to doors at Village Hall	95.00		95.00
1846	M Guest	Clear footpaths 18/19 & tidying around Village Hall	330.00		330.00
1847	S&R Landscapers	Install Aco drain at Village Hall car park	530.00	106.00	636.00
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	144.15	28.83	172.98
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	23.95	4.79	28.74
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	35.00		35.00

* This account had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

49.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	320.00
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	135.00
HMRC	VAT refund	4971.50
Gresley Junior FC	Use of pitch for 2012/2013	250.00
St Matthews FC	Use of pitch for 2012/2013	300.00

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

49.4 Accounts for the quarter ended 30 June 2012. The Council received the Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 June 2012 and the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

50 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

50.1 Potholes. Several potholes in Moira Road would be reported to the County Council for attention.

50.2 Public toilets. It was reported that the lights in the toilets were insufficient, especially as the windows were blocked. This would be reported to the District Council for action.

50.3 Gala Day. Mr Patrick expressed the Gala Committee's thanks for use of the facilities on Gala Day.

50.4 Bowls Club – parking. Several complaints about the continued parking of cars on Woodville Road during Bowls Club events had been received. It was agreed to advise the Club that the Council was considering a significant increase in their rent for next year, to be subject to a discount if cars were parked in the Village Hall car park at all relevant times.

50.5 Grass cutting. The standard of grass cutting around the village had been very poor. Although allowance had been made for recent heavy rains, the District Council's attention had been drawn to the drop in standards.

50.6 Metal detection club. A club had enquired whether it could be allowed to operate on Council land in the village. This was agreed in principle, subject to suitable financial arrangements. Mr Knight agreed to discuss the proposal with the club.

50.7 Kitchen cleansing. It was agreed to arrange for the kitchen at the Village Hall to be steam-cleaned.

51 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

52 DRAINAGE OF CAR PARK

The Clerk reported on discussions with the contractor who had quoted for certain additional works to be carried out to improve the drainage of the new car park. The works were considered necessary as good neighbours and to ensure that even the recent exceptional rainstorms could be dealt with satisfactorily.

RESOLVED: That the quoted works be modified so as to reduce the overall cost, without compromising their efficiency.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chairman

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53 DRAINAGE OF CAR PARK

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). An informal meeting had been held earlier that evening with the contractor, the Chairman, Mr I Sheppard and the Clerk to discuss possible reductions in cost, which would still provide adequate drainage arrangements. The works were considered necessary as good neighbours and to ensure that even the recent exceptional rainstorms could be dealt with satisfactorily.

The Contractor had proposed up to 120 tons of clay to be added to the embankment, together with around 30 tons of topsoil, followed by spreading grass seed. It was considered that this was excessive and it was agreed to reduce these amounts to 30 tons of clay and 15 tons of topsoil. The French drain at the foot of the embankment was the main feature as it would catch any run-off from the embankment.

The existing land drain on the football pitch had been located and a small excavation was expected to locate the drain which went down the field. It was agreed to connect the new overflow drain into that drain, thereby saving the cost of a new drain down the field. There was a possibility that the existing drain could be blocked and that a new drain might still be needed, but as the pitch was dry, it appeared that the existing drains worked satisfactorily.

The quotations had been:

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| • Soil and French drain | £4985 |
| • Land drain down the field | £1335 |
| • Reduced retention | £400 |
| • Aco drain in the car park | £530 (already installed) |
| • Total | £7250 |

While the revised total could not be determined until certain new costs were settled, it was expected that the overall cost should not exceed £5000.

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