

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 August 2013.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mr A R Hart, Mr D M Holloway, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mr M S Patrick and Mr I Sheppard.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe.

30 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr A R Hart declared an interest in minute no. 40, Land at Lullington Road, as neighbour of the land in question. Mr R Cox declared an interest in minute no. 36. Planning application no. 0439 change of use of Overseale House, Acresford Road, as neighbour of the property.

31 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

32 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record subject to the addition of the following to the end of minute no. 29, Councillors' reports:

'29.8 Overgrown Hedge, Valley Road. It was reported that the hedge near to the crown of the rise in Valley Road was overgrown and projecting into the highway. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Council to secure its cutting back.'

33 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

33.1 District Council. Two lamp-posts in Shortheath were overgrown with ivy and the District Council would be asked to remove it as part of their grass-cutting responsibilities. The hedge blocking footpath no 1 – Woodlands Road to Forest View, had still not been cut back and Cllr Frost agreed to press the relevant officers to arrange for this to be done. The land adjoining the Lullington Road allotments, which was still retained by the District Council, needed grass cutting, as did their land on the opposite side of the road; the District Council would be asked to arrange this.

33.2 Police. The crime statistics for July were the lowest for several years and involved only two reported crimes.

33.3 County Council. A further water main burst had occurred in Main Street and had not been attended to by Severn Trent Water, resulting in damage to the road surface. The County Council would be asked to press for urgent repairs. Flash flooding around the junctions of Valley Road with Lullington Road and Bramble Walk had occurred during recent heavy rain and the County Council would be asked to check the drains to ensure that they were clear.

Cllr. Mrs Lauro reported that as part of the signalisation of the junction of Burton Road and Woodville Road, the speed camera would have to be re-sited further away from the junction.

34 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

The Chairman reported on the following external meetings which she had attended:

- 34.1 **Pedestrian refuge, Burton Road near to the supermarket.** Following a site meeting, it appeared that provision of a pedestrian refuge was very likely to proceed. The necessary funding was in place and consultation with neighbours was shortly to be carried out.
- 34.2 **First Responders project.** Rosliston Parish Council had agreed to take the lead in this project and were providing a lead person. The project involved having trained people in each locality, equipped and able to use a defibrillator in an emergency. Certain local residents had expressed an initial interest in taking part.
- 34.3 **Removal of height exemption to weight restriction order, Woodville Road.** A site meeting involving representatives of both Derbyshire and Leicestershire County Councils had finally accepted that the height exemption should be removed and Leicestershire County Council had agreed to remove the relevant signs.

35 CLERK'S REPORT

- 35.1 **Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- 35.2 **Land at Manor School View.** The land had recently been mown and it was thought that the Developers may have carried out this work.
- 35.3 **Roof of old changing rooms.** A contractor who had previously carried out satisfactory roof work on the Village Hall had stated that the felt roof should be replaced as it had recently leaked. It was agreed to accept the quotation of A & B Roofing for this work in the sum of £1550.00 and to meet the cost from the budget for environmental improvements.
- 35.4 **Football pitches, 2013/2014 season.** Gresley Rovers Under 15 team had agreed terms for the use of the bottom pitch. Mr I Sheppard kindly agreed to inspect the pitches when adverse conditions made it possible that their use would have to be prohibited.
- 35.5 **Floodlights for the rear of the MUGA.** An alternative quotation was being obtained by the junior football club for the installation of two floodlights on the existing poles, together with lockable boxes containing switches. The matter was deferred until the quotation was available.
- 35.6 **Public toilets.** Quotations had been obtained for the internal painting of the toilets. As a further quotation was expected, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to consider all quotations received and to accept the most favourable.
- 35.7 **Snow Warden Scheme.** The County Council had again invited participation in this scheme, which included the delivery of a 1 ton pallet of grit for local use. It was agreed to participate and the Chairman would act as the primary contact.

- 35.8 Bowls Club accounts.** A copy of the current year's receipts and payments lists had been obtained, together with a statement of balances and anticipated expenditure for the remainder of the season. Noted.
- 35.9 Trees.** The Woodland Trust was offering packs of free trees to school, community and youth groups provided that the applicants could find a site and supply volunteers to plant the trees and tree protection. The initiative was welcomed and Mr M Knight and Mr I Sheppard would identify suitable site(s) and determine the appropriate pack(s) needed.
- 35.10 Graffiti removal.** The County Council had offered to provide suitable materials where graffiti in public areas required removal. Noted.
- 35.11 CCTV cameras.** A recommendation had been received from the PCSO that the Council should consider providing additional cameras to cover the MUGA and the front of the public toilets, possibly with financial assistance from the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership. The suggestion was accepted as worth pursuing and the costs and other implications would be ascertained.
- 35.12 Village Hall car park.** Complaints had been received about cars using the Village Hall car park late at night and that their lights were causing a nuisance to residents of the residential home. The Caretaker would be asked to lock the entrance gate to the car park each evening.

36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0397 Alterations to existing driveway and vehicle access including dropping kerbs, Old Stable House, 198 Acresford Road

The following application had been refused.

0218 Extension of caravan site, Park Road. It appeared that the refusal actually referred to another site and the District Council would be asked to clarify the matter.

Applications for decision:

0511 Double Garage, 159 Moira Road. Supported after consultation with members.

0439 Change of use of part of existing bed & breakfast accommodation to use as a single dwelling, Overseale House, 10/14 Acresford Road. Supported. (Mr R Cox declared an interest in this application as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

Appeal

An appeal against the refusal of permission for the gypsy caravan site opposite the Crickets Inn, Acresford, was to be held. It was agreed to restate the Council's objections to the development, as follows:

- 1. 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.*
- 2. The site was illegally occupied.*

3. *The District Council's enforcement notice required the site to be vacated and the land restored to its original state.*
4. *An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State upheld this notice with variations. He gave the applicant 6 months to leave the site.*
5. *We understand that there is a considerable weight of objection to this application, including Netherseal PC and their counterpart in North West Leicestershire.*
6. *Letters of objection to the development have been received from Heather Wheeler MP and Andrew Bridgen MP.*

37 ACCOUNTS

37.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1947	M Guest	Strimming & clearance around Village Hall	150.00		150.00
1948	L Baxter	Caretaker	416.67		416.67
1949	J M Summerfield	Litter	59.48		59.48
1950	T Stewart	Litter	185.70		185.70
1951	S Fern	External painting of Pavilion & changing rooms	800.00		800.00
1952	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Repairs to MUGA gate	120.00	24.00	144.00
1953	South Derbyshire District Council	Refuse sacks for litter disposal	230.00		230.00
1954	RF Gardening Ltd	Renew planting in the planters	690.00		690.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	36.00		36.00

37.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	470.00
Gresley Rovers FC	Pitch rental	500.00
Overseal Thunder FC	Pitch rental	150.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	554.93
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	120.00

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

37.4 Quarterly finance report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk and the Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 June 2013. The report was accepted.

38 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

38.1 Gala Day. Mr Patrick expressed the Gala Committee's thanks for use of the facilities on the recently successful Gala Day, when approximately 5000 people had attended. Minor improvements in organisation were planned for next year to overcome certain problems which had occurred. The Committee was complimented on this excellent event.

- 38.2 Land at Daisy Lane.** The land required mowing as it was now overgrown and the District Council would be asked to do this. Their permission would also be sought to spray the locations of future tree planting to kill the grass for each tree site, so that planting would be much easier.
- 38.3 Dog Control Orders.** At a recent meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, attention had been drawn to these Orders, which could control the use of recreation grounds in relation to dog walking, e.g. designating areas where dog walking was allowed or restricted, or requiring dogs to be on a lead. The option had previously been considered by the Council but no action taken in view of the limited grass areas where dog walking could take place. The question would be considered again at the next meeting.
- 38.4 Traffic signals, Burton Road/Woodville Road.** Members remarked how well the contract for this work was being managed and the County Council would be informed accordingly.
- 38.5 Fence repairs, Woodville Road/Spring Cottage.** A fence at the county boundary on the Hooborough brook between Woodville Road ,Overseal and Slackey Lane, Spring Cottage had been repaired on the Derbyshire side, and similar repairs were needed on the Leicestershire side. Ashby Woulds Town Council's attention would be drawn to this with a request that they press the County Council to carry out the necessary repairs, along with hedge trimming as the path was obstructed by overgrowth.
- 38.6 Footpaths Group.** A new group was in the process of being formed and an initial meeting was to be held shortly.
- 38.7 Lullington Road Allotments.** The Allotment Association had asked whether the Council could fund the provision of material to form the car park. As road-works were currently in progress during the installation of signals, scalplings might be available and it was suggested that this should be explored first. Failing that, the Council would consider the request again.
- 38.8 Telephone box, Shorth Heath.** It was suggested that the Council should adopt this redundant telephone box and use it for display of maps of local walks and similar material. As it required some preparatory works before it could be used, Mr Knight agreed to explore the cost involved.
- 38.9 Recycling banks.** The Chairman reported that the banks had been cleared by the District Council recently and almost immediately large quantities of materials had been dumped on the site. Posters about illegal fly-tipping would be obtained from the District Council.

39 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

40 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

The Council considered the report of the Clerk on a Farm Tenancy Agreement (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement when the final version was available, so as to minimise delay.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman