

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 31 July 2014.

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

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council) and 2 representatives of Derbyshire Police.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M A Knight and Mr S C Sharpe.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs C M Knight declared a personal interest in planning application no. 0658 erection of a dwelling (outline), 10 Woodville Road as a relative lived near to the site.

35 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

36 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

37 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

37.1 District Council. Fly tipping had taken place at Shortheath and would be reported to the District Council. Cllr Mrs Hall understood that the proposed development of land adjoining The Crickets had been approved by the Inspector but was subject to a number of conditions requiring submission of documents within 6 months. An overgrown hedge at 37 Woodlands Road was blocking footpath no 1.

37.2 Police. The Police had carried out a number of HGV checks recently and had instituted several prosecutions where vehicles were overloaded. Members reported that there had been vandalism to the Youth Shelter and no answer to a 101 telephone call; large tractors were travelling very fast in Lullington Road and mounting footpaths in order to pass parked cars. This would be referred to Farmwatch.

37.3 County Council. A complaint had been received that there was noise and pollution from vehicles at the traffic lights, causing nuisance, particularly at night. Cllr Mrs Lauro would find out if there were any consequences arising from failure to take action in this case. The road at the lights was to be resurfaced in October. Cllr Mrs Lauro drew attention to a consultation on the library service, affecting the future of mobile libraries. It was anticipated that a reduction in service would be proposed, but the general view was that the present service should be retained. However, it was suggested that a more convenient place for the mobile library to be stationed would be near to the church.

A cherry tree near to the Village Hall was dead and should be removed and the lime trees were all in need of attention. The future of the Nature Area needed to be settled as nothing had been done to maintain it for some years, and fences were dilapidated. A dangerous tree near to 62 Lullington Road had been reported previously but no action had been taken. Cllr Mrs Lauro agreed to chase this matter.

38 CLERK'S REPORT

- 38.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- 38.2 CCTV cameras for the Village Hall.** Quotations had been obtained for the provision of one or more cameras to control the car park next to the residential home and the Clerk reported that the most satisfactory was from MACE. It was agreed to seek a grant from the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership based on that proposal. The company had also been asked to investigate the faults in the present CCTV system and to recommend appropriate action.
- 38.3 Traffic lights.** Derbyshire County Council found a faulty detector in the lights which resulted in Lullington Road being on green when there was little traffic, rather than Burton Road. They had replaced the detector and the lights appeared to be working satisfactorily.
- 38.4 Audit of accounts for 2013/2014.** The accounts had now been approved by the external auditor and no matters were to be brought to the Council's attention. The necessary notice and supporting information had been displayed.
- 38.5 Right of Way, Spring Cottage Road.** Complaints had been received that a right of way had been blocked at both ends and a structure built over it without the benefit of an official diversion order. Leicestershire County Council had apparently agreed with the owner of the land to surface the new route and cut back a hedge to ensure a safe alternative. Ashby Woulds Town Council had been pursuing this for some time, with the assistance of the local county councillor. Despite assurances to the contrary, no improvements had been made and the Clerk was asked to chase this.
- 38.6 Parking problems, Lullington Road.** The Police had asked for further information regarding these problems to enable them to investigate and deal with them. However, they would also have regular patrols over the next few weeks and would deal with any difficulties which they encountered.
- 38.7 Dreamscheme.** The work to be undertaken under this scheme would start on 4 August and the District Council had asked for the donation towards the cost of £150.00 to be forwarded urgently. Therefore, a cheque had been sent to them. There would be further costs for other items, such as the replacement litter bin next to the Youth Shelter.
- 38.8 'Robin Hood' public house.** It was understood that the Robin Hood was to close shortly. No firm information was available but the possibility of consultation later in the year was noted. It was the only pub in the village and a genuine hub of the community and should be retained if at all possible.
- 38.9 Maintenance of rights of way.** The newly established Footpaths Group had been undertaking work on public rights of way, ranging from clearing blockages to installing stiles, gates etc and in one case installing stone to

overcome flooding problems. The Council worked in partnership with Derbyshire County Council to carry out routine maintenance and this seemed to complement the work of the Footpaths Group. It was suggested that ways of using the allocation from the County Council to the benefit of the community be explored; the preferable solution was for the Group to undertake work on behalf of the Parish Council and to submit appropriate invoices and this would be discussed with them.

- 38.10 Hedge, Coronation Street.** The occupier of 28 Coronation Street had said that the reported obstruction of the footpath by an overgrown hedge was not related to that property but to another nearby.
- 38.11 Water supply to the allotments.** South Staffordshire Water required submission of a fee of £68 plus VAT for consideration of an application and it was evident that there would be costs if the work were to be carried out. An easement may also be required to cross a narrow strip of land which was understood to have been retained by the developers of Edward Street and the Clerk was asked to investigate this first.
- 38.12 Sport changing rooms.** St Matthews FC had volunteered to paint the inside of the building if the Council would pay for the materials. This was agreed with thanks.
- 38.13 Standards in secondary education.** A full reply from Cllr K Gillott, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, was read to the meeting (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Further views were that historically, the secondary schools serving the area had not been of a good standard, but money was usually not the main issue as it related primarily to the standard of buildings. Members were disappointed with the response and Cllr Gillott would be informed that this matter would be monitored closely. A root and branch overhaul of the service was required.

39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been withdrawn:

0483 replacement dwelling The Oaks, Green Lane.

The following application had been approved:

0448 extensions, 60 Valley Road

Applications for decision:

0448 Extensions, 60 Valley Road. The following comments had been submitted as the period of reconsultation was very short. *The Council is concerned that the access is on a narrow road opposite a junction. Also, despite obtaining revised plans, it is still difficult to determine exactly what is proposed. The development has, of course, started without permission.*

LCC application 2014/VOCM/0147 – Extension of period for the importation of waste and restoration of the site to 31 December 2024 and submission of a revised restoration scheme, New Albion Site. Many HGVs serving the site were damaging the carriageways and the highway authority ought to receive some recompense for this. Extension of the use of the site for a further ten years would only exacerbate this problem. The extension of time was regarded as inevitable and the restoration scheme was acceptable.

0658 Erection of a dwelling (outline), 10 Woodville Road. No objection.

(Mrs C M Knight declared a personal interest in this application as a relative lived near to the site and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

40 ACCOUNTS

40.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
* 2058	C M Knight	Reimburse cost of mugs & gulley grid	42.69		42.69
2059	L Baxter	Caretaker			**
2060	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.72		60.72
2061	T Stewart	Litter	189.30		189.30
2062	J Kirby	Cleaner			*
2063	Schoolgrounds	Clear footpath 18	175.00		175.00
2064	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning equipment & materials	100.63	20.13	120.76
*2065	South Derbyshire District Council	Donation towards Dreamscheme project	150.00		150.00
*2066	M A Knight	Reimburse cost of 2 scythes for Footpaths Group	38.46	7.70	46.16
2067	J E White	Reimburse skip hire	154.10	30.80	185.00
2068	Grant Thornton UK	Audit fee	300.00	60.00	360.00
2069	CRS Ltd	Service 4 roller shutters	155.00	31.00	186.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	37.00		37.00

* These accounts had been paid between meetings as they were urgent.

40.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	490.00
Overseal Gala Committee	Donation - use of Village Hall	25.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept, 2 nd instalment	13000.00
St Matthew's FC	Pitch rental	250.00
Gresley Junior FC	Pitch rental	500.00
Overseal Junior FC	Pitch rental	550.00
Warner Wellbeing & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	195.00

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

40.4 Quarterly budget report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Noted.

41 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

41.1 Fitness equipment. Suggestions had been received as to certain types of equipment which could be provided on the recreation ground, which would be especially suited to older children and adults. Further details would be reported to the next meeting.

- 41.2 Gala Day.** Mr M S Patrick thanked the Council on behalf of the Gala Committee for the use of the facilities on Gala Day, which had been very successful. A minor improvement for next year was suggested.
- 41.3 Planters.** In response to a question, the Clerk confirmed that he had sought a quotation from an alternative contractor for the service and invited suggestions for improvements.
- 41.4 Fly tipping, Park Road.** Fly tipping was reported in Park Road and would be referred to the Clean Team.
- 41.5 Litter, Slackey Lane.** The recent grass cutting in Slackey Lane had revealed the litter on the verges. North West Leicestershire District Council would be asked to deal with it.
- 41.6 Use of Village Hall – Ashby Rotary Club.** The club wished to use the Village Hall for a charity event and asked for a concessionary charge. It was agreed to reduce the fee by 25% as the event was for charity.
- 41.7 Dreamscheme.** The scheme organisers had requested help from Members and invited their attendance at the Community Event on Friday afternoon, 8 August. Noted.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman