

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 December 2016.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mrs T A Rogers and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

105 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A representative of the Pre-school indicated that they had recently had no option but to close until the central heating at the Village Hall was operational as they were governed by Ofsted, whose requirements were very strict. It was appreciated that both the Pre-school staff and the Council were trying to do their best in a difficult situation.

106 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

107 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

107.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Hall reported that the planning application for 5 Gypsy pitches at 137-149 Woodville Road had been refused at a recent Planning Committee meeting. The applicant would appeal and had asked that appeals against the Enforcement Notice and Stop Notice be considered at the same time. The litter bin at Shortheath was clearly unusable and the District Council would be asked to replace it.

The Clerk was asked to pursue the problem of trailer tents obstructing access at Squirrel Walk. Two gullies in Lullington Road near to the Post Office were blocked and required clearing.

107.2 Police. The crime statistics for November showed several vehicle-related thefts. The PCSO had inspected the land at the junction of Valley Road and Main Street but had found that the motor-home parked on the land and offered for sale did not obstruct visibility as it was necessary to pull well forward to see past the building on the other side of the junction. Therefore he had been unable to assist. Members asked about the revised allocation of Police staff to the various parishes in South Derbyshire, and noted that the PCSO was the only Officer allocated to Overseal and surrounding villages. However, Mr McMillan explained that in the event of a 999 call, dedicated Officers from Swadlincote would respond.

Cllr Murray reported that Deputy to the Police & Crime Commissioner had now been appointed.

107.3 County Council. A drainage problem at Hallcroft Avenue had been referred to the County Council; the Clerk would press for progress. Members asked about the poor reinstatement of the verge in Hallcroft Avenue, following installation of the solar farm cables. The Company had been asked to deal with this, and the Clerk would press for progress.

108 CLERK'S REPORT

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

108.2 Forward Planning. The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

108.3 New Police areas. The local Police had reallocated Officers to the various villages in South Derbyshire. The current PCSO, Mr D McMillan, was the only Officer allocated to cover Overseal, Castle Gresley, Netherseal, Lullington, Coton-in-the-Elms, Linton, Rosliston and Walton on Trent.

108.4 Surplus chairs. DALC had received enquiries about the surplus chairs immediately the notice was published and they were taken up very quickly.

108.5 Derbyshire Alert community messaging system. Derbyshire Alert was a free community messaging service that allowed the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Derbyshire Constabulary, Neighbourhood Watch and other key partners, to distribute messages concerning community safety to the public quickly and effectively.

Anybody can sign up to the system and receive local information based on their postcode to their email address. The Police would send out messages on current crimes and trends, good news, local events, crime prevention and bogus callers. They would also send out community critical incidents quickly like, floods, fire, or missing people. Specific messages could also be sent to particular groups like Neighbourhood Watch, Horse Watch, Farm Watch; or any type of businesses like banks, pubs, or shops. Some messages could also be sent to people with particular hobbies like fishing or cycling.

108.6 Swings. A decision on the acceptance of a quotation for swings was deferred until the amount of the S.106 contribution from the solar farm developers could be established and their intentions were clarified as to the types of project they would support. They had now confirmed that they were prepared to fund the swings and there would be a surplus for another project.

It was agreed to accept the quotation of Mant Leisure in the sum of £3393.00 plus VAT, subject to clarifying that chains were the supporting equipment.

108.7 Daisy Lane. Eden Tree Care had proposed to cut back the brambles in the verge in Daisy Lane; the work would also include cutting back the Russian Vine on the pipe wall and lifting the canopies of cherry trees. They would also clear most of the brash resulting from the work at a total cost of £425. The quotation was accepted.

108.8 Health & Social Care Services. The Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group had published the Sustainable Transformation Plan called 'Joined Up Care Derbyshire'. This was the document which will give details of how Health and Social Care will be brought together and delivery of services transformed in Derbyshire over the next 5 years.

The main aims were:

- preventing physical and mental ill health wherever possible and helping people to take good care of themselves
- making more services available in communities, so people get better, more targeted care and support
- helping people use emergency care more effectively, making care – of the right type – available when it is needed. This keeps hospitals, urgent care centres, and minor injury units free for patients that really need them
- getting health and social care professionals working smoothly together so people only have to give their details and information once, and best use is made of opportunities and available budgets
- making organisations efficient so money is pumped into services and care and running costs of providing these are kept as low as possible.

108.9 Pavilion maintenance. The Bowls Club had asked that the Council carry out a number of repairs, preferably before the next season. The maintenance of the building was the council's responsibility.

The Chairman and the Clerk would inspect the building to determine the extent of repairs needed.

The Club had also asked that the Council make no charge for rent of the Pavilion for next year (or alternatively a 50% discount for 2 years) as their funds were very low. Members considered that the building was under-used and that wider use could assist towards financing its upkeep.

108.10 Village Hall letting arrangements. The Caretaker had reported that some users did not leave the premises in a reasonable condition and that the current booking form was very simple. She had suggested that different deposits for different types of event might assist.

A more comprehensive booking form, supported by Terms and Conditions of letting, were required and the Caretaker and Mr Allen had produced draft documents for those purposes. The Clerk reported that ACRE, the Village Halls organisation, had also produced a lengthy document.

RESOLVED: (a) That a deposit of £100 be required for all events where alcohol was likely to be available and £50 for all other events;

(b) That the Clerk produce a draft Letting Agreement and Booking Form for consideration.

108.11 Requests for concessionary rates. Two requests had been received. The Junior Football Club was holding its Christmas Fundraiser in December and 50% discount had previously been approved. They sought a further concession to allow them to raise as much as possible. After careful consideration, it was decided to remain with the 50% discount in view of the costs which the Council incurred with any events.

The other application was for a charity event to raise funds towards the Derby Royal NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). It was agreed that the full charge be levied but that the organisation be informed that the council would consider making a donation to the Unit as its facilities were likely to be used by residents of the Parish.

109 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The inspection records were submitted, indicating a general improvement in conditions. The remaining matters would be dealt with shortly. It was agreed to arrange installation of a dog bin/litter bin at the entrance to Daisy Lane.

110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0904 Vehicular access, 135 Woodville Road

The following application had been refused:

0346 Change of use to provide 5 gypsy pitches, including erection of amenity building, laying of hardstanding and construction of access road, land adj. 137-149 Woodville Road.

111 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Small pieces of equipment were needed for the kitchen; the Chairman would obtain these.

The Chairman asked that the Council's thanks be recorded to Mr & Mrs Elton, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr & Mrs Bristow and Mr G S Knight for their work in preparing for the Remembrance Day service.

112 WEBSITE

No matters.

113 ACCOUNTS

No matters.

113.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2364	S Ruddle	Caretaker	524.82		524.82
2365	E Evans	Litter	111.40		111.40
2366	J M Summerfield	Litter	72.00		72.00
2367	DALC	Induction course fee	25.00		25.00
2368	A & J Bartlett Ltd	Replace hand dryer, repairs to external lights	500.42	100.04	600.28
2369	J Pugh-Lewis	Pitch improvement - Final Account	9990.49	1998.10	11988.59
2370	Wainwright Landscape Architecture	Fees, pitch improvement, Final Account	278.66	55.73	334.39
2371	South Derbyshire District Council	Trade refuse collection from the Village Hall	512.34		512.34
2372	L Jones	Sundry repairs	190.00		190.00
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	38.00		38.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.45	3.89	23.34
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42

113.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	727.50
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	400.00
Various	Donations re wreaths	190.00

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

114 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

114.1 Refuse collection from the Village Hall. The refuse bin could sometimes be insufficient for everything to be disposed of and it was agreed to obtain another lockable bin to contain surplus until the next collection. A dustbin was also needed for inside the Village Hall.

114.2 Pruning Workshop. Mr Knight reported that this event was to take place on 19 December.

114.3 Footpaths Group - equipment. It had previously been suggested that the Council could assist this Group by providing any equipment which might be required. However, the Group had suggested that they may require timber for a footbridge. This was agreed in principle.

114.4 Christmas lights. Members commented that the display at the Village Hall was excellent.

114.5 Completed works. The holly hedge at Moira Road and the removal of suckers from the trees in Hallcroft Avenue had been completed.

115 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in pursuance of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

116 QUOTATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

Acceptance of the lower quotation of A & J Bartlett Ltd for replacement of the hand dryer in the ladies toilets at the Village Hall and repairs to lights on the changing rooms and the MUGA was confirmed.

117 QUOTATIONS FOR SWINGS

The quotation of Mant Leisure for provision of swings in the sum of £3393.00 plus VAT was agreed, the cost to be met from S.106 funding from the Solar Farm.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman thanked members for their assistance and wished them a happy Christmas.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chairman