

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 7 December 2017.

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 (South Derbyshire District Council).

94 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr J Howes declared an interest in minute no. 98.11 (Pre-school).

95 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident of Moira Road sought information on the planning status of a piece of land nearby. The Chairman agreed to forward a map showing the village boundary, which governed the allocation of development through the Local Plan.

96 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to correction of minute no 87.7 (Village Hall concessions) to show that Mrs M Elton declared an interest in this matter insofar as it related to the Running Club rather than the Pre-school.

97 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

97.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Hall reported that the new depot had now been opened. The planning application for a dropped kerb at Lullington Road was to be the subject of a site visit and would be determined by the Planning Committee.

The District Council's Officers were currently examining the best way of dealing with the site at the rear of 137-149 Woodville Road as the date for compliance with the Enforcement Notice had expired.

The caravan dumped on the land at Overseal Manor had been moved to a different part of the site, but the other materials remained in the same places. The neighbours were concerned with the lack of progress and the Enforcement Officer would be advised of the position and pressed to take urgent action.

Several bus stops in the village had no function as the services had ceased; it was suggested that the owners should cover the signs as people who were not local were known to have been waiting for buses.

No response had been received concerning to the request for upgrading the public toilets, other than to advise who was dealing with the matter. Cllr Mrs Hall would raise this with the appropriate Officers.

97.2 Police. Crime statistics for November were reported.

97.3 County Council. Parking on pavements was a continuing problem, including by HGVs which were likely to cause damage to surfaces and underground services. Areas referred to included Lullington Road (near to the children's home) and Burton Road opposite the supermarket, where the owner was often unable to exit her property due to vehicles parked across her drive. The

County Council would be informed of these and Officers asked to visit the sites to see what could be done.

Several street lights were out and enquiries had resulted in complainants being told that they would be dealt with when contractors visited the area. However, some lights had been visited twice but were still not working and others had been reported weeks ago without any result. The County Council would be advised of this.

98 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

98.3 Water supply and sewage disposal. South Staffordshire Water had been the Council's supplier for the Village Hall and old changing rooms for a long time and they collected water treatment and disposal charges on behalf of Severn Trent. Recent changes meant that Severn Trent would collect their own charges operating as Water Plus, leaving South Staffs to collect only the water supply charges. The option was given for South Staffs to be authorised to collect the charges on behalf of Water Plus in the same way as before, and the Clerk authorised this.

However, the arrangement did not come into operation until 25 October and the arrangements involving Water Plus were brought into effect from March, so the Council had now received accounts for the intervening period. These had been paid by cheque between meetings as the former direct debit did not apply to Water Plus. The entries in the list of payments in last month's minutes were therefore incorrect. They said SSE (should have said South Staffs Water), water to Village Hall, £470.64 and changing rooms £35.66. South Staffs Water have taken their bills by direct debit for £202.26 and £25.97 respectively leaving the balances to be paid to Water Plus, updated to 25 October amounting to £320.25 and £17.30 respectively. Noted.

98.4 Land r/o 137-149 Woodville Road. The District Council had said that the site in Coton which Parish Councillors had in mind was a former landfill site. When the owners applied to develop it, a planning condition was attached requiring appropriate investigation and site remediation to address the potential risk from methane gas and leachate.

The Council originally investigated the complaints about the presence of asbestos cement sheeting on the land at Woodville Road, and decided that there was no immediate likelihood of harm at that time. The planning conditions in the appeal decision required a full risk-based site investigation to ensure potential contamination issues would be given proper consideration and the District Council would be insisting on this being fully complied with.

98.5 Leicestershire Minerals & Waste Local Plan - consultation on proposed changes. Leicestershire County Council was consulting on proposed changes to the Plan prior to formal submission and in response to representations on the draft Plan in 2016. None of the changes directly affected Overseal, in particular the Albion site dates were not changed by the Plan.

However, there was a planning application relating to the site, to be considered later in the meeting.

The nearest changes affected the Coalville area, including a new waste facility at Ellistown.

98.6 Planting on embankment near to the residential home. Ian Stone had been asked to provide a quotation and a list of shrubs for planting to improve the appearance of the embankment and to help suppress weeds and reduce future maintenance. He had obtained a suggested list of plants from a nursery and had recommended that the planting be carried out promptly (with associated costs of topsoil, decorative bark etc.) and the weeds further down the embankment sprayed off in the Spring. This was agreed.

98.7 William Allitt School. A reply to the council's complaints had been received from Cllr Alex Dale, Cabinet Member for Young People (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). Members were still concerned that educational standards were insufficiently high to prepare young people for the world of work and that they were being taught in poor conditions. Cllr Dale had said that he would be visiting the area shortly and he would be asked if he had done so and for his reaction to conditions and standards.

98.8 Local Plans.

South Derbyshire. The Local Plan Part 2 was adopted by the District Council on 2 November. This completed the replacement of saved policies not superseded by the Local Plan Part 1 and consequently, the 1998 Local Plan was replaced in its entirety.

North West Leicestershire District Council had also adopted its Local Plan

98.9 Data Protection. The General Data Protection Order was to come into effect in May 2018 and required data controllers to examine all data held about individuals and to ensure that it was current and still needed, as well as providing rights for those individuals to see what information was held about them. The Council must also say why the data was held, the types of personal data, for how long (or when it would be deleted), and various other rights. The Clerk, as data controller, was examining the types of data held about individuals, from the members of the council, allotment holders, people who had paid bills to the council or received payment from the council, etc. Further advice was likely to be issued in 2018 and a detailed report would be submitted when this work was completed.

98.10 Pavilion. The Pavilion was being used more frequently and it could be made more attractive by some internal re-decoration. Members agreed that internal painting should be carried out and that improved furnishings would improve the ambience of the building. This would be carried out in consultation with the Bowls Club.

98.11 Use of Village Hall. Overseal Pre-school were granted a 50% discount for their Christmas Fayre on 25 November, which would cost £45. They had pointed out that in previous years, free use for this event was permitted and asked that this be allowed this year. This was not agreed as other local groups were usually granted 50% discount in similar circumstances and because the council incurred running costs for every event.

(Mr J Howes declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

The Junior Football Club had asked for a discount on their Christmas fundraiser, which was to provide funds for equipment etc. A 50% discount was agreed.

98.12 Summer sports programme 2018. The Clerk reported that a provisional booking had been made for the following programme and this was confirmed.

Date	Times	Event	Cost
Thursday 26 July	2 – 4 pm	Sports Mobile	170
Thursday 2 August	2 – 4 pm	Play Mobile	165
Thursday 9 August	2 – 4 pm	Play and Sport combo	300
Thursday 16 August	2 – 4 pm	Adventure mobile	260
Friday 24 August	1 – 4 pm	Big Fun Friday	500
Total cost			1395

99 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were submitted. The only item requiring attention was clearance of gutters and a local person was suggested who may do this work.

100 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision

0337/LCC (Leicestershire County Council). Veolia ES Landfill Limited - Variation of Condition - Extension of period for the importation of waste to 31st December 2018 and for restoration of the site to 31st December 2019, and revised restoration scheme for Albion Landfill Site.

The Council strongly objected on the following grounds:

- Last year, there were awful smells from the site throughout the summer. Overseal Parish Council did not complain as it was thought that it would be the last year and probably the result of final operations. However, this has not proved to be the case.
- There was no attempt to clean Park Road of mud and litter. The mud was up to the same level as the kerb near to Naturex and caused several potentially dangerous situations. In one case, for example, a lorry slid in the mud and veered towards a pedestrian on the footpath, narrowly missing him. Litter, especially near to the exit from the site, was constant and never cleaned up.
- These matters mitigate against any extension of the time for operations on the site, which should be closed in accordance with the existing permission.

1259 Extension and loft conversion, 139 Shortheath. No objection.

101 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

It was agreed to arrange replacement of the toilet seats for more durable alternatives.

102 WEBSITE

Some updating of the content was needed. All Members would be asked to review their Declarations of Interests to ensure that they were up to date and to submit new ones if not.

103 ACCOUNTS**103.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2493	Water Plus	Drainage charge, Village Hall	320.25		320.25
*2494	Water Plus	Drainage charge, Old changing rooms	17.30		17.30
*2495	Eden Tree Care	Trim hedge at Burton Rd allotments	90.00	18.00	108.00
2496	S Ruddle	Caretaker	553.04		553.04
2497	E Evans	Litter	155.15		155.15
2498	J M Summerfield	Litter	131.25		131.25
2499	Robert Lewis Signs	Sign for Pavilion	125.00	25.00	150.00
2501	Alison Williamson	Deputising for Caretaker	132.00		132.00
2502	KH Packaging & Disposables ltd	Cleaning materials	30.18	6.04	36.22
2503	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Mowing pitch, Daisy Lane, Village Hall	240.00		240.00
2504	A W Cook	Reimburse materials for floodlight repairs	31.65	6.33	37.98
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	39.44		39.44
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	3.37		3.37
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	14.37	2.87	17.24
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42

103.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	692.50
A Davis	Replacement swing seat refund	47.99
Various	Wreath donations	130.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	400.00

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

104 Governance. The report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer was considered and approved.

104 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

104.1 Maintenance works. A number of maintenance jobs occurred from time to time and there was difficulty in finding a handyman who could do these. Mr Cook had carried out a number of these and the Council's thanks were expressed to him.

104.2 Parking at residential home. Cars were sometimes parked on the pavement by people visiting the home and the owners would be informed that they could use the Village Hall car park if it was open.

104.3 Spring Cottage Fisheries. The public footpaths were still in a very poor state and virtually impassable in some sections. The Footpaths Officer of Leicestershire County Council would be asked to take action. He would also be informed that Council was concerned about the nature of material used for surfacing the routes used by vehicles.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman