

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 13 December 2018.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mr M A Knight, Mr S C Sharpe and Mrs S M Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A W Cook, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr D McMillan, PCSO

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr J Howes declared an interest in minute nos. 109.2 and 110.2.2 (Kitchen Refurbishment).

98 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

99 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

100 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

100.1 District Council. There had been problems reported by Valley Road residents in that contractors had blocked the accesses to properties and refused to move their vehicles when asked. The District Council, PCSO and the developers would all be asked to intervene.

The District Council would also be asked to schedule mowing of the land at Daisy Lane for a early March and the first week in October next year.

100.2 Police. The reported crime statistics were discussed, showing a reduction in the numbers. Mention was made of drug-related materials being found locally and this would be referred to the PCSO.

100.3 County Council. Flooding had taken place in Woodville Road at the county boundary and seemed to be associated with both the brook and blocked highway drains. The County Council and the Environment Agency would be asked to deal with the problem. The County Council would also be asked to remove signs warning of 'new roundabouts' at the Park Road roundabout (10 years) and the central refuge near to the supermarket (4 years).

101 CLERK'S REPORT

101.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The County Council had said that work on the street lighting programme was continuing, but that there was no completion date yet.

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

101.3 Village Hall computers. During the Village Hall condition inspection, the equipment in the computer suite was examined and, as the original equipment owned by the council was now obsolete, it was recommended that all the equipment be removed from the one room and obsolete equipment disposed of. It was originally provided with the objective of encouraging public use and this had proved to be very limited and in more recent times, people were

moving to laptops, tablets etc. and training opportunities were provided in Swadlincote and elsewhere.

The computer club had their own equipment but could use two of the council's computers. They also paid for several pieces of equipment in the council's room - monitors, keyboards, printers etc - and could use some of them. The equipment to be disposed of would be 4 computers, monitors and keyboards, and the two printers and they would be given to the Baptist Chapel, who would send them to Africa. The council's approval to this was given.

The chairs, table and worktops would remain, but the room would become useable for several purposes e.g. pantomime changing room, Gala Day finance etc.

101.4 Other Village Hall condition issues. Many actions arose from the inspection, several being of a routine maintenance or organisational nature, which would be dealt with in the near future. Other matters where quotations and similar actions were required were:

- Refurbish or replace the kitchen cupboards, shelves, fridge and cooker;
- Replace the front door with a new white upvc one;
- Rationalise storage as far as possible.

The changing rooms were also inspected in detail and it was suggested that the storage needs could be accommodated by extending the building to the rear, to occupy the space between the toilets and the changing rooms, but full width. This could potentially be met from the S.106 money from Valley Road and elsewhere which remained available for 'built facilities' related to the improvement of the changing rooms and that possibility had been explored with the District Council Officers who had indicated approval in principle. A local company had provided a budget price but this was more than had been anticipated and would not provide value for money. The matter would be reviewed when the District Council's decisions on the future of the public toilets were known.

101.5 Pre-school. The Pre-school asked for a reduction in the charge for the Christmas Fayre, to be held on 2 December, on the grounds that monies raised would go to the benefit of the Pre-school and the children who attend. After consultation, a reduction of 50% was agreed.

The Pre-school had also asked to use the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons now that the fitness classes had ceased. Agreed.

101.6 Website. New regulations would require all Parish Council websites to be 'accessible', i.e. to enable people with disabilities to use it. There was also a requirement to publish an Accessibility Statement. Both actions needed to be completed by 23 September 2020 and initially, Mr Cox had been asked to look at the website and to see what was needed. From a preliminary examination, it appeared that the changes would not be major

101.7 Pavilion. The planning application for the change of use to accommodate the after-school club had been delayed until 15 January because of the need to include the car park in the plans, which resulted in neighbour consultation of those properties opposite the Village Hall and re-consultation of the County Council.

101.8 Hallcroft Avenue - dropped kerb. The County Council had refused the request to include a dropped kerb to provide for a possible future additional entrance to the Recreation Ground (at the Parish Council's expense) because they would only consider doing these works as part of a full footway resurfacing scheme. As the works which were planned is carriageway resurfacing they would not drop any kerbs, and the council would need to apply for a vehicle access under a Section 184 application and have a private contractor carry out the works.

101.9 Summer sports programme. The Clerk submitted a draft programme for 2019, which was broadly similar to that which had taken place in 2018. The following programme was approved.

Date	Times	Event	Cost
Thursday 25 July	2 – 4 pm	Sports Mobile	180
Thursday 1 August	2 – 4 pm	Play Mobile	180
Thursday 8 August	2 – 4 pm	Play and Sport combo	310
Thursday 15 August	2 – 4 pm	Adventure mobile	270
Friday 23 August	1 – 4 pm	Big Fun Friday	550
Total cost			1470

107.10 William Allitt School. Correspondence between the Council and the Cabinet Member of Derbyshire County Council with responsibility for Education was circulated (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). Members also reported various shortcomings with the buildings and standards at the school.

102 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were submitted and the minor items which required action had been allocated to a contractor or otherwise completed.

103 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been refused:

0943 erection of a timber-framed garage and workshop, Collie Croft, Green Lane

Applications for decision:

1219 Erection of an agricultural building, Willow Bungalow, 101 Shortheath Farm, Shortheath.

As comments had to be submitted prior to this meeting and following consultation with members, no objection was raised to this application.

1188 Listed Building application for central heating flue, 16 Acresford Road. No objection.

104 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

105 WEBSITE

None.

106 ACCOUNTS**106.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2631	S Ruddle	Caretaker	627.03		627.03
*2632	E Evans	Litter	134.54		134.54
*2633	J M Summerfield	Litter	70.47		70.47
*2634	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Repairs to climbing frame	100.00	20.00	120.00
*2635	Maddison Water Technology Ltd	Drain bowling green watering system	180.00	36.00	216.00
*2636	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	120.67	24.12	144.79
2637	J E White	Reimburse disabled access ramps for Pavilion	96.98	19.38	116.36
2638	Eden Tree Care & Fencing	Cut hedge at Burton Road allotments	100.00	20.00	120.00
2639	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Mowing pitch, weeding around Village Hall	240.00		240.00
2640	P Stone	Transporting mower for servicing	30.00		30.00
2641	A & J Barlett	Blance of installing heathers and a security light at the Pavilion	608.58	523.72	1132.30
2642	S C Sharpe	Reimburse cost of replacing a lost spade	24.99	5.00	29.99
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	21.95	4.39	26.34
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	32.88		32.88

106.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	942.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	65.00
Various	Wreaths	130.00
Overseal Primary School	Use of Village Hall	50.00

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

107 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

107.1 Parking problems. Problems were reported concerning the junction of Woodlands Road and Coronation Street, where so many vehicles were parked that it made negotiating the turning difficult. The PCSO would be asked to offer advice in appropriate cases.

107.2 War Memorial. The Gala Committee had suggested erecting a wall at the rear of the War Memorial, to act as a backdrop. However, Members favoured the open view and no action would be taken.

107.3 Community Cafe. A Member raised the question of the rent intended to be levied on the Community Cafe's use of the Pavilion in the near future, and was concerned that the need to raise a defined amount each day could deter volunteers. The cafe had proved popular in the village but income was limited.

It was agreed to defer consideration of implementing the rent charge for six months to allow the enterprise to develop.

It was also reported that the hot water temperature in the kitchen was very high and this needed to be dealt with either by reducing the heating control or by a warning notice.

107.4 Daisy Lane - bench. The Footpath Group had asked whether they might install a bench on the land at Daisy Lane; there was no objection to this.

107.5 Running Club - use of store. The club had asked whether they could use one of the two cabins - previously used as changing rooms by the Bowls Club - to store their clothes three times per week for about two hours. As the Club used the Pavilion regularly and this was ancillary to their activities, it was agreed at no extra cost.

107.6 Spring Cottage. Many people regarded Spring Cottage as part of Overseal and it was currently in a poor condition. The flooding at the county boundary affected both Leicestershire and Derbyshire, a spring in a front garden at the top of the road resulted in water flowing down the road and there was a great deal of litter. One council house had additional problems, with the tenants' family appearing to use the garden as a breaker's yard. The assistance of Ashby Woulds Town Council would be sought in dealing with these matters.

108 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.

109 CLERK'S REPORT

109.1 Village Hall doors. The quotation of Swadlincote Windows for the replacement of the front door to the Village Hall was accepted.

109.2 Kitchen refurbishment. The Council considered quotations for the replacement of the kitchen cupboards and appliances, which were currently unsatisfactory, together with the cupboards in the back room used by the Pre-school. The quotations of Richfields were accepted.

(Mr J Howes declared an interest in this matter as a relative of a Pre-school employee and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

109.3 S.106 monies. The Clerk reported in detail on the amounts of potential and agreed S.106 monies and their possible uses. Some of these uses had been seen by Officers of the District Council as appropriate use of the funds, subject to subsequent Committee approval.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chairman