

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 12 December 2019.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight, Mr D E Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr A Brady and Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Elton, Mrs R O'Brien and Mrs S M Ward.

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner declared an interest in minute no 108.7 – Edward Street Allotments as a tenant of one of the allotments

105 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

106 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2019, 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 Wheelton reported that S.106 money had been allocated for the Surgery but, as the Surgery was to close at the end of January 2020, she was endeavouring to determine whether it could be diverted to other nearby surgeries which would be accepting Overseal patients.

It was pointed out that the existence of a Surgery was one of the main criteria which led to the designation of Overseal as a Key Service Village and the Clerk was asked to seek the District Council's view as to whether this designation should now be removed.

There was a large pothole near to the entrance to the car park in Woodville Road and this would be reported to the District Council as lessees.

107.2 Police. The Police would be asked to patrol the village from time to time as groups of youths were now congregating at the public toilets and had recently caused damage to the interior of the premises.

107.3 County Council. The County Council had now determined that the ditch at Green Lane was not in an adopted highway and they were therefore unable to take action. A deep pothole in Lullington Road had been reported to the County Council and a proper repair had been carried out. It was known that several vehicles had suffered significant damage by dropping into the pothole prior to its repair but it was understood that the County Council would not authorise compensatory payments.

(Cllrs A Brady and Mrs A Wheelton left the meeting at 7.20 pm)

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 Recycling Centre. The District Council had given notice to terminate their tenancy of the car park from March 2020 and it was reported that the County Council were to use part of the car park as a builder's compound next year during work to the school.

108.3 Overseale House. An update would be sought from the Heritage Officer.

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

108.5 MUGA enlargement. The District Council had confirmed that the works intended to be carried out did not require planning permission as they were permitted development. Two further quotations had been obtained for the MUGA lighting changes.

108.6 Police crime reports. Cllr Mrs Wheelton had found out that the monthly crime reports were stopped about a year ago to avoid taking up the preparation time.

108.7 Edward Street allotments. Letters were sent to several tenants in November concerning overgrown plots, as instructed by the Council at the last meeting. Each of the affected tenants was advised that the council had explored hiring a contractor but that the cost was prohibitive, and was given the following alternatives:

- To give up the plot;
- To start clearance of the weeds – the Clerk would inspect again in mid-December and if there was no progress and no communication from the tenant, he would issue Notice to Quit;
- To have a half-plot instead of the full plot.

Plot 14 was given up by the tenant and had been offered to the first person on the waiting list; two other plots had been given up and would be re-let to people on the waiting list. Because of the poor condition of many of the plots and the previous practice of letting the free of charge to new tenants, there would be a shortfall on the income this year.

It was agreed that prospective new tenants be given the option of a half plot as renovating an overgrown full plot could be a deterrent.

(Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner declared an interest in this matter as a former tenant and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

108.8 Service of agendas by email. The trial period had now ended and it was agreed that agendas and supporting papers would be sent by email only in future as this would reduce printing and postage costs.

108.9 Poppy Appeal. The Clerk reported on donations received or expected from organisations and individuals in the village; it was agreed to make a donation of £356.00 to the Appeal to include those donations along with one from the Council.

108.10 Use of Village Hall. The School had requested use of the Village Hall for their summer production in 2020. This was agreed subject to their liaising with the Caretaker on the dates involved.

108.11 Summer Sports Programme. The District Council had invited participation in the programme during the school summer break in 2020 and the following programme was agreed.

Date	Times	Event	Cost
Thursday 25 July	2 – 4 pm	Sports Mobile	190
Thursday 1 August	2 – 4 pm	Play Mobile	190
Thursday 8 August	2 – 4 pm	Play and Sport combo	330
Thursday 15 August	2 – 4 pm	Adventure mobile	280
Friday 23 August	1 – 4 pm	Big Fun Friday	625
Total cost			1615

109 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

No matters required attention. The Clerk reported on discussions with the District Council about play equipment inspections, insurances and repairs.

110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0873 Felling and pruning of trees, 185 Shortheath

0989 Single storey rear extension, 102 Woodville Road

1188 25m high monopole tower and ancillary equipment, land off Burton Road

Applications for decision:

1246 Change of use of land to provide holiday let accommodation (caravans) including formation of a lake, associated parking and landscaping, The Conifers, Park Road

The Parish Council objects to this application.

The site is outside the village envelope where development is not permitted.

There are inconsistencies in the supporting documents e.g. the brochure refers to high quality mobile homes, whereas the application form refers to caravans. The application represents over-development of this locality in the form of ribbon development. The Doctor's Surgery is closing at the end of January 2020 and part of the justification for the original development was the presence of nearby medical facilities. In addition, Park Road is a fast road despite the speed limit and the development would increase the risk for vehicles entering and exiting the site.

If, despite these objections, permission is granted, the Council request that conditions define the types of dwellings permitted, so as to provide a good quality site.

1280 Single storey rear extension, 1 Bramble Walk. No objection.

1349 Certificate of Lawfulness, loft conversion with pitched roof and installation of dormer window and roof windows, 11 Lullington Road. No objection.

111 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service were to inspect the Village Hall in January to ensure that the premises and procedures in the event of fire were satisfactory. They would also be asked to inspect the Pavilion and the sports changing rooms.

112 WEBSITE

No matters were raised.

113 ACCOUNTS**113.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2773/5	Total salaries & wages costs				*
2776	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	Training course fee	50.00		50.00
**2777	P Stone	Mowing etc. at Pavilion	187.00		187.00
**2778	Christopher Winterton	Repairs to gas pipe in kitchen	240.00		240.00
2779	Harvey & Clark Ltd	Electrical repairs to public toilets	93.60	18.72	112.32
2780	ESPO	Envelopes	9.55	1.91	11.46
2781	M Veckungs	Re-lay loosed slabs at Pavilion, replace gutters to old changing rooms	290.50		290.50
2782	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	95.76	18.99	114.75
2783	Water-Plus	Drainage from public toilets	134.84		134.84
2784	Opus Energy Ltd	Electricity to public toilets	134.28	6.71	140.99
2785	Linton & District Poppy Appeal	Donation	356.00		356.00
D/D	SSE (October)	Electricity to Village Hall	323.78	64.75	388.53
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	37.55		37.55
D/D	British Gas	Gas supplied to Village Hall	483.94	96.78	580.72
D/D	SSE (November)	Electricity to Village Hall	365.60	73.12	438.72

* Details of the salaries and wages costs were provided separately for Members.

** These accounts were paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

113.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	385.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	597.00
Community Cafe	Use of Pavilion	305.84
Various	Wreaths and donations	171.21
South Derbyshire District Council	Grant towards public toilets renovation	8450.00

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

114 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

114.1 Display of artefacts. It was reported that numbers of metal and pottery artefacts had been discovered in recent years and were currently stored away; a request was made that an arrangement be sought for these to be displayed for public viewing from time to time, perhaps involving a suitable display cabinet. Mr Knight agreed to investigate the possible design and location for such a cabinet.

114.2 Wildflower display. The Footpaths Group had suggested that a Butterfly Bank might be provided in the orchard at Daisy Lane. This would require the importation of poor quality soil and suitable seeding or planting and subsequent maintenance.

An alternative site was suggested, namely the council's land off Hallcroft Avenue and it was reported that the adjoining landowner had ploughed part of it and was using it as an access to his land. The landowner would be asked not to do so and to cease using it as an access.

114.3 Closure of the Surgery. A resident had suggested organising a petition against the closure of the Surgery, but it was pointed out that the closure had already been settled.

A letter would be sent to Dr and Mrs Parmar thanking them for their many years of service to residents.

114.4 Overgrown hedges. Hedges in Valley Road and Squirrel Walk would be reported to the County Council as they were overhanging the pavements.

114.5 Embankment in Valley Road. The embankment, which formed part of the highway verge, was encroaching into the road and had narrowed the carriageway. The County Council would be asked to deal with it.

114.6 Damaged pavement, Moira Road. There was a large hole in the pavement in Moira Road, which would be reported to the County Council for repair.

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 CLERK'S REPORT

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman