

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the online Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10 December 2020.

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,
Mr S C Sharpe and Mrs S M Ward.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R O'Brien and Cllr P Murray (Derbyshire County Council).

106 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

107 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

108 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record subject to correction of minute no. 91.3 (Village Hall Risk Assessments) by deleting '*provide*' and substituting '*proved*'; and minute no. 103.1 (Parking on the footpath and verge) to read: *Some posts had been put in the verge by a resident opposite the Village Hall to deter parking*'.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30 November 2020 were approved as a true record.

109 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

109.1 District Council. The gullies had been cleaned the previous week, but it was reported that those at the traffic lights, and opposite 2 Main Street were still blocked. Cllr Mrs Wheelton advised that the District Council carried out the routine cleaning of gullies, but where gullies had been missed or were subsequently found to be blocked, they were the responsibility of the County Council. These would therefore be reported to the County Council.

A large pothole opposite the entrance of the 'Robin Hood' car park would also be reported.

109.2 Police. The reported crime statistics for November were submitted. It was noted that there were several cases of malicious communications reported in most areas of South Derbyshire, a classification which had not been seen before. Also there were several reports affecting Stoneyford Road, which were thought to relate to one person or family.

109.3 County Council. The resurfacing of Hallcroft Avenue had been included in the programme for 2020/2021, but no date for the work had been discovered. Cllr Murray would be asked to pursue his enquiries into this matter.

(Cllr Mrs Wheelton left the meeting)

110 CLERK'S REPORT

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

The Clerk reported that Solicitors acting for the developers of the land at Manor School View were making progress and that completion of the transfer to South Derbyshire District Council should take place in the near future.

It was felt that the land at Manor School View should be identified by an individual name and it was agreed to refer to it as Manor Glade for the time being, allowing for the possibility of a different name if one should be raised.

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

110.3 Green Flag Community Award. Cllr Amy Wheelton had drawn attention to this Award and the District Council would assist in putting together a detailed application. The scheme recognised and rewarded well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. Its purpose & aims were:

- To ensure that everybody had access to quality green and other open spaces, irrespective of where they lived.
- To ensure that these spaces were appropriately managed and met the needs of the communities that they served.
- To establish standards of good management.
- To promote and share good practice amongst the green space sector.
- To recognise and reward the hard work of managers, staff and volunteers

The criteria included such things as a site or sites being welcoming, safe, well-maintained, good environmental management, community involvement etc. This could relate to improvement and development of sites such as the land at Daisy Lane and/or Manor School View, or a new site altogether. Preparation of an application was a complex and lengthy process but success in achieving the Award would be national recognition.

Members were enthusiastic about this scheme and it was suggested that all the green spaces in the village could constitute a single project.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council's interest in the scheme be registered with the appropriate body and with the District Council and that taking part in the scheme be approved in principle;
- (b) That the suggestion of linking all the green spaces in the village be explored with the District Council;
- (c) That the Clerk discuss the matter with the District Council;
- (d) That the Clerk report to the next meeting on the possible budget implications.

110.4 Stile, footpath 4. The County Council said that the stile was a replacement for one which was no longer serviceable and was satisfactory as a means of pedestrian access. They had no power to require an alternative. Noted.

110.5 Request for grant. The South Derbyshire CVS had requested a grant towards organising the Winter Giving Campaign which provided food and support for families in South Derbyshire. If a contribution were to be made, the Council may specify whether it wished the money to be spent on food alone, or organisational costs, or with no restrictions. It was agreed to make a donation of £100, with no restrictions as to its use.

110.6 Remembrance Day wreaths. 6 wreaths were purchased direct from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £122.00 as the local organiser was under shielding arrangements. To date, £230.00 had been received from organisations on whose behalf these were purchased. It was agreed to top up the donation to a total of £350.

110.7 Mercia Park development – report. The Council considered the report prepared by Mrs S Ward (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). Members considered that the acquisition of a portable speed indicator by Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council would not meet the needs of Overseal, which were dominated by the traffic using the A.444 through the centre of the village; a permanent speed indicator would be of more use. The Clerk was asked to make an initial contact with the Clerk of OADPC to discuss the possibilities. It was also pointed out that the Communities Fund could assist in funding such a project.

Mrs Ward was thanked for her report and she would make a copy available for inclusion in the website.

111 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were generally satisfactory. However, it was noted that the pitch surface had suffered and the Clerk would consult the Junior FC as to whether play should be permitted, bearing in mind the cost of repairs. They would also be asked to use the Village Hall car park on Sundays when activities took place.

112 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications had been submitted.

113 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that three quotations had been obtained for updating/renewing the CCTV systems at the Village Hall. Acting under delegated powers, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had decided that the quotation of Swadlincote Aerials should be accepted, but to omit the suggested camera in the foyer. An application for grant would now be made to the Safer Neighbourhoods Fund.

114 WEBSITE

None.

115 ACCOUNTS

115.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
**BACS	AFA Tree Tech Ltd	Cutting bowling green hedge	200.00		200.00
**2888	P Stone	Mowing at Pavilion	296.00		296.00

**BACS	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Sanitising supplies & cleaning materials	85.22	17.05	102.27
*BACS	Moira Replan	Printing & Laminating	33.00		33.00
*BACS	Derbyshire Air Ambulance	Donation	100.00		100.00
*BACS	M Knight	Reimburse cost of bark chips and pegs	85.38	17.08	102.46
*BACS	Unipar Services LLP	Hi-Viz jackets	35.00	7.00	42.00
*BACS	Laser Tech UK Ltd	Community Speedwatch Radar	239.00	47.80	286.80
*BACS	L Morris	Cleaning Pavilion	80.00		80.00
BACS	South Derbyshire District Council	Trade refuse collection for the Village Hall	572.00		572.00
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	261.50	52.30	313.80
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	Opus Energy Ltd	Electricity to public toilets	14.59	0.73	15.32
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	297.99	14.89	312.88

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

** These payments had been made between meetings.

115.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
Various	Wreath refunds	105.00
Melody Blue Choir	Use of Village Hall	10.00
Dancey's Daycare	Use of Pavilion	480.00
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	32.00
Community Café	Use of Pavilion	122.00

115.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were to be submitted for inspect the following day.

116 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

116.1 Land at Daisy Lane. It was reported that a local contractor had supplied tree shreddings for weed suppression, but that they needed moving to another part of the site. Several Members agreed to assist.

116.2 Spring Cottage. The Chairman reported that she had shown the various problems at Spring Cottage to the Chairman of Ashby Woulds Town Council, who had agreed that urgent action needed to be taken on a number of matters, which he would be pursuing with the District Council and others.

Members exchanged Christmas greetings

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

Chairman