

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 10 February 2011

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr J Astle, Mr D Baldaro, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan (PCSO); 3 members of the public.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr D Baldaro declared a personal interest in minute no. 93.3, Village Website.

91 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Proposed lease of land at Lullington Road for allotments.

Mr L Eden, representing the Lullington Road Allotment Association, referred to the draft Heads of Terms for the proposed lease or licence from the District Council to the Parish Council. He advised that they had been approved by the Association and that it was necessary for them to be formalised and entered into before an application for grant could be made. He also confirmed that, should the grant application be unsuccessful, the Association would not commence any works or otherwise incur costs which would subsequently have to be met by the Parish Council.

The Council considered the report of the Clerk containing draft Heads of Terms for the proposed lease of land for use as allotments (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Members expressed certain reservations and these would be taken up with the District Council. They related to the rent (previously discussed as a peppercorn), the right to terminate the lease (which should be only if planning permission were obtained for a beneficial use), the cost of the fees, and confirmation that the insurance requirements related to public liability.

Resolved: That these matters be referred to the District Council for consideration.

92 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

93 CLERK'S REPORT

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

The Clerk was asked to press for action on the replacement of the fence at the electricity sub-station in Woodville Road, the accidents at Burton Road and the planting of land at Manor School View.

93.2 Summer Sports Programme. The following bookings had been made for the next summer holidays:

Date	Times	Event	Cost
Friday 29 July	2 – 4 pm	Wacky Sports Mobile, Inflatable laser games & sports mobile	350
Friday 5 August	2 – 4 pm	Sports/Playmobile	190
Thursday 11 August	2 – 4 pm	Sports/Playmobile	190
	6 – 8 pm	Climbing Wall & outside sports (e.g.football, cricket etc)	210
Friday 19 August	2 – 4 pm	Sports/Playmobile	190
Thursday 25 August	2 – 4 pm	Wheels mobile	155
Total cost			1285

93.3 Village website.

Resolved: That a contribution of £100.00 be made towards the cost of the village website services.

Mr D Baldaro declared an interest in this matter as webmaster.

93.4 February half term activities. The District Council were providing a Sport & Play Mobile activity based at the MUGA on Wednesday 23 February from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. The session was aimed at 8+ year old children.

93.5 Water bill. Following a 7-month period of use of the new meter, a final refund of £67.24 had now been made by South Staffordshire Water, bringing the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Bowls Club had asked that the Council clarify that the original high bill was not their fault but was the result of a defective water meter. This was agreed.

93.6 Dates of meetings.

Resolved:

(a) That the July meeting date be changed to 14 July and that no meeting be held in August;

(b) That the Chairman call a special meeting in August if any business arises which she considers to be urgent.

93.7 CCTV system – maintenance. The suppliers of the system had offered a maintenance contract to include two routine visits per year and emergency callouts during normal office hours. An additional charge would be levied for other callouts.

Resolved: That no maintenance contract be entered into, but that the cost of replacing the system with a more up to date one be obtained.

93.8 Weight restriction signs, Moira. A complaint had been made to Leicestershire County Council that there was no weight restriction sign at Moira crossroads, leading to drivers of heavy vehicles not realising that they were breaking the law. LCC said that, with the completion of the link road at Albert Village, they were able to extend the restriction further south along Rawdon Road and Measham Road to Measham.

In addition, the restriction applied from Ashby to Moira and beyond and, therefore, signs at Moira crossroads were not required.

93.9 Derbyshire Community Health Services. This organisation was to become an NHS Trust from April 2011 and a booklet explaining the reasons for this was enclosed with the agenda. Noted.

93.10 Flood liaison meeting. The District Council had given notice of this meeting, to be held on Tuesday 22 March 2011 at 10.00 am at the Civic Offices and each Parish Council was invited to send a representative. The purpose of the meeting was to consider strategic issues, but local issues could also be submitted in advance and the response could be circulated to the relevant Parish Council. Noted.

93.11 Regular use of the Village Hall. Clubcomplete, an organisation which ran children's clubs during school holidays from a number of venues, had asked whether it may use the Village Hall. The times of operation would be 9.00am to 3.30 pm for 9 weeks per year and this would provide a useful facility to help parents who work. The Hall was only in use by the Darby & Joan Club (weekly on Tuesday afternoons) and they had agreed to the Club using the back room if weather prevented the children from being outside. However, a subsequent letter had raised objection to this.

The Club's leaders were all CRB checked and Ofsted had approved that they did not need to be regulated by them as all the Clubs were activity based and did not fall under the 'childcare' bracket. These arrangements had now been confirmed and the organisation would start using the premises at Easter.

Resolved: That the shared arrangement described above be adhered to in view of the potential income.

93.12 Community Speedwatch. Derbyshire Police were again running Community Speedwatch from March – September 2011 and invited participation. As previously, the Council would need to identify a road subject to a 30mph limit where speeding is suspected and provide at least 6 volunteers. Information about this would be included in the village website.

93.13 Local Development Framework. The District Council had intended to publish their LDF Core Strategy "Preferred Options" last Autumn but had decided along with Derby City and Amber Valley Borough Councils to review how they should proceed in a way which better supported localism. They now expected to publish a draft Core Strategy early next year.

With this in mind, a series of drop-in events in each area had been arranged, starting in February. In particular, they would like to hear from local people whether they agreed with their understanding of the issues facing their neighbourhood, and to hear about what they think their neighbourhood needed, be it more affordable housing, new play areas or better community facilities. i.e. what needed to change and what should stay the same. The event covering Overseal was to be held at Rosliston and Cauldwell Village Hall on Thursday 17 March between 3.30 and 7.30 pm and the Council was invited to appoint representatives to attend. Planners would be in attendance to explain the strategy. Members who were free on the day would endeavour to attend.

93.14 Joint meeting between the District Council and Parish Councils. The next meeting was to be held on Wednesday 23 February at 6.30 pm.

93.15 Skateboard facilities. Some time ago, the Council were asked to consider providing a half-pipe skateboard ramp, but this was not proceeded with largely due to the cost. A fresh approach had recently been made seeking a concrete strip adjacent to the MUGA.

Resolved: That the Clerk ascertain the cost of this provision and that the young people requesting the facility be involved.

93.16 Land at Daisy Lane. In September 2010, the District Council referred the S.136 Agreement to its Legal Section to enforce following a request by the Parish Council to do so; the Agreement required the developers to put the land in order as a meadow and to transfer ownership to the District Council along with a commuted sum for future maintenance. More recently, talks with the developers had produced a verbal offer to the District Council and this was to be confirmed in writing. The Parish Council was asked by a local resident whether it would agree to allow use for grazing for her horse and pony, and she was referred to the District Council as the parties to the Agreement. She had repeated her request to purchase the land for that purpose and asked to discuss the offer with Parish and/or District Councils. However, the District Council had now informed her that the existing legal agreement was that the site should remain in public ownership and be managed as a publicly accessible natural open space and had confirmed that it would not be in the best interest of the land to let animals graze there. It was the District Council's intention to manage the site correctly itself in accordance with the legal agreement.

93.16 Civic Dinner. The District Council had extended an invitation to Members to attend the Civic Dinner. Noted.

94 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1073 – Residential development (2 dwellings) land adj. 27 Moira Road – application withdrawn.

1131 - retrospective application to retain alterations to the former telephone exchange, Burton Road. It was considered that the application should have been made before the works had been undertaken, and the future use of the building should be ascertained, the site tidied up and put into a good condition. However, under the circumstances, the Council reluctantly accepted the changes as fait accompli.

New Albion Site – Veolia had sought permission to operate as normal on 29 April 2011, recently declared to be a bank holiday. It was agreed that no objection be raised to this.

95 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

95.1 District Council. Cllr Grant referred to a number of matters which he had intended to raise, but which were covered in the Clerk's report. The District Council had now set its budget for the forthcoming financial year and the strategy was to preserve frontline services and to try to cut costs elsewhere in order to make the required savings. This included making a number of senior posts redundant.

Members informed Cllr Grant that further materials had been dumped on the land at Lullington Road and that some had been buried. The Clerk would write to both the District Council and the County Council to investigate.

95.2 Police. Mr McMillan detailed the recent crime statistics, which were higher than previously. Members referred to the recently established national website which purported to summarise crime and anti-social behaviour figures for each street. Mr McMillan explained that the figures were based on the initial assessment of the matter when reported to the Call Centre, which could change when the Police investigated the incidents.

95.3 County Council. The gully in Woodville Road had still not been dealt with and caused a danger when flooded and cold weather turned the water to ice. The traffic light at the pelican crossing had a defective light and a street light in Woodville Road had been out for some time. Both matters had been reported to the County Council but no action had been taken. The Clerk would refer them to the County Council again.

The speed cameras appeared to have been out of use for up to two years and had become ineffective. The County Council would be asked to include them in the rotation on a regular basis.

More bollards at the junction with Coronation Street had been removed or demolished and a bollard in Lullington Road near to the public house had also been demolished.

96 ACCOUNTS

96.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1659*	L Baxter	Caretaker	432.06		432.06
1660*	J M Summerfield	Litter	56.76		56.76
1661	T Stewart	Litter	142.32		142.32
1662	E J Ryan	Replace windows to old changing rooms	630.00		630.00
1663	R Felle	Maintenance of planters & additional planting	360.00		360.00
1664	Crown Surveillance Ltd	Repairs to CCTV system	195.00	39.00	234.00
1665	Fire Control UK	Service fire extinguishers	49.00	9.80	58.80
1666	A M Norris Ltd	Burst pipe in changing rooms	79.48	15.90	95.38
1667	D Baldaro	Donation towards cost of village website	100.00		100.00
D/D	e-on	Electricity to Village Hall	504.74	88.71	593.45
D/D	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	723.21	127.11	850.32
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20
D/D	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration	35.00		35.00

* These accounts had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

96.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	237.00
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	180.00
South Staffordshire Water	Water refund	67.24
Various	Allotment rents	48.00
Overseal Brownies	Wreath refund	20.00

96.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.

97 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

Copies of the Walks leaflet were available and could be obtained via Mr M A Knight.

Invitation to the public to attend meetings.

Thanks to a local resident who had agreed to grit certain areas in times of snow.

Dates of future meetings – also refer to the Burton Mail.

98 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

98.1 Heart of the Forest Forum. Mr Knight reported on a recent meeting of this body which had replaced the Ashby Woulds Regeneration Forum. It intended to extend links with the community within the National Forest area.

98.2 Proposed sale of Forestry Commission woodlands. Members expressed concern about the possible sales. Notwithstanding that local woodlands were Community Woodlands and therefore not included in the sales, the Council were opposed to the sales.

98.3 Rubbish, Lullington Road. It was reported that bags of rubbish had been placed on land at Lullington Road and were now causing a nuisance. The District Council would be asked to secure their removal.

98.4 Rubbish, Slackey Lane. Various types of rubbish were being dumped on the verges in Slackey Lane. This would be referred to Leicestershire County Council.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chairman