

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 2 February 2012.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mr R J Forsyth, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Mrs R O'Brien, Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs S Jones, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S Sharpe declared personal interests in minute no 84.7 (Queens' Jubilee Celebrations) as members of the Overseal Gala Committee. Mr M A Knight declared a prejudicial interest in that minute and Mrs C M Knight declared a personal interest in the same minute as a relative of Mr M A Knight.

80 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Stones on the verge, Green Lane

A resident of Green Lane referred to the Council's previous decision that the placing of stones on the grass verge constituted no significant nuisance. However, an email had been sent to Derbyshire County Council complaining about the stones and the sender stated that he was a Parish Councillor. The resident, while accepting that anyone could make such comments in a private capacity, was concerned that the County Council had assumed that the person spoke on behalf of the Parish Council and she considered the message to be misrepresentation. Additionally, she clarified that the original placing of the stones had been agreed with the County Council as Highway Authority and recent discussions had resulted in agreement that kerbs would be installed and the stones re-positioned.

The Chairman stated that the Council understood her position and apologised. All Members present understood that, when the Council had made a decision, no Member should subsequently make representations which could imply that they were acting on behalf of the Council.

Gala Players

The Gala Players had made a booking for a dress rehearsal on 24 February but a subsequent booking by the Pre-school had also been made, resulting in a potential clash. They suggested that a compromise could be made if the Pre-school were to confine their activities on that day to the back room and use the disabled toilet facilities. For subsequent bookings in the evenings, it they asked that the back room be partially cleared so that rehearsals could use the other part of the room as well as the main hall. The Chairman agreed to discuss these matters with the Pre-school.

81 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to correction of the date of the Picnic in the Park celebrations to 2 June 2012.

82 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

- 82.1 County Council.** The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque from the County Council via Cllr Jones in the sum of £941.61, which was a grant to meet the cost of purchasing replacement goalposts; Members expressed their thanks to Cllr Jones. Cllr Jones referred to the current Youth Consultation, which appeared to have been misunderstood in some quarters. The County Council was not proposing to close the service, but wished to provide a service which was wanted by young people.

Members referred to the condition of the roads at the roundabout at Park Road, which should have been re-surfaced recently. Cllr Jones reported that the work had been delayed but would now be started on 20 February, involving overnight closures and diversions for about three weeks. The Chairman referred to the faulty drain at Woodville Road, which had been reported to both the District Council and the County Council several times over the past five years. The drain did not simply need to be cleared, but excavated and the fault identified and repaired. Cllr Jones agreed to investigate this matter.

- 82.2 District Council.** Cllr Frost reported that the purchase of the housing stock was now going ahead. The recent sale of the Bretby Crematorium had produced a significant capital receipt, but the District Council had agreed that the bulk of this should be spent on improving facilities at the Leisure Centre in Melbourne, with another portion being spent on a project at Etwall. Little was to be spent in the urban core.

Words inserted
as a correction
at the March
meeting

The Chairman reported that the school had paid for trees in the Nature Reserve **to be cut back** but that the brambles etc at the rear of the car park needed to be cut back and the fence repaired. The Clerk would write to the District Council to request that they deal with these matters.

It was reported that hedges in Slackey Lane had been trimmed with an agricultural flail and that trimmings were all over the road. Ashby Woulds Town Council would be asked to ask Leicestershire County Council to tidy the area.

- 82.3 Police.** Mr McMillan had provided crime statistics, which included several burglaries.

83 CLERK'S REPORT

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

- 83.2 Land at Daisy Lane.** The Clerk reported that the District Council had received an approach from the Administrators that they would agree to transfer the land to the District Council and thence to the Parish Council if the Parish Council would agree to meet their legal costs, estimated at £2000, together with outstanding insurance premiums. The District Council would pay their costs and the costs involved in the transfer to the Parish Council.

It was pointed out that the Developers, and therefore the Administrators, were bound by the S.106 Agreement and should have transferred the land in a proper condition to the District Council at no cost plus a commuted sum for future maintenance. It had been agreed that the Parish Council would accept the land in its current state and with no financial contribution; the proposal to

pay their costs was unacceptable. Cllr Frost offered to seek advice from the District Council's Legal Section and to report back.

- 84.3 Youth Service Consultation.** A survey form had been received from Derbyshire County Council. Individual responses could also be made using the online survey.

The proposals would mean that they would:

- No longer directly deliver front-line activities for teenagers and they would close existing youth clubs and the mobile service;
- Continue to provide professionally qualified youth workers to support vulnerable young people and families facing difficulties;
- Set up a Youth Activities Grant scheme to support new projects, voluntary, community and independent groups which provide youth services and activities;
- Review the youth centre to transfer or dispose of the buildings.

Consultation events were to be held during the next few weeks, the nearest being at Swadlincote on 10 February from 6-7.30 pm, with refreshments from 5.30. The Chairman agreed to complete a questionnaire on behalf of the Council and invited all Members to complete the on-line questionnaires.

- 84.4 Flood Liaison Meeting.** An invitation had been received to be represented at this meeting, to be held on Thursday 29 March 2012 at 10.00 am at the Civic Offices, Swadlincote.

- 84.5 Data Protection.** The Council's registration under the Data Protection Act had now been renewed.

- 84.6 Moira Road footpath.** The County Council said that the surface did not warrant resurfacing but that slurry would be applied in the near future.

- 84.7 Queen's Jubilee celebrations.** The Gala Committee had asked whether the Council could contribute towards the cost of the celebrations, which were budgeted to cost around £1000. It was agreed to make a grant of £450 to the Gala Committee for this purpose.

(Mrs S Jones, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S Sharpe declared personal interests in this matter as members of the Overseal Gala Committee. Mr M A Knight declared a prejudicial interest and Mrs C M Knight declared a personal interest as a relative of Mr M A Knight. The Council agreed that these members could remain in the room while the matter was discussed and Mr Knight took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

- 84.8 Lullington Road allotments.** The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The Clerk further reported that Mr A Cox had agreed to plough the land subject to the Council agreeing to waive the rent on the plots he used at the Burton Road allotments and to pay a fee of £50. This was agreed.

85 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**The following application had been approved:**

0854 Replacement of windows with louvres, Telephone Exchange, Burton Road.

The following application had been refused:

0860 Replacement of an existing equipment shed, Barratt Mill, Shorth Heath (Too high and bulky; 2 protected trees would have been felled).

Application for decision:

0966 Retrospective application to retain signage at the Co-op supermarket, 67 Burton Road. Supported.

86 ACCOUNTS**86.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1782	South Derbyshire District Council	Emptying dog bins & refuse collection from Village Hall	1019.93	132.72	1152.65
*1783	South Derbyshire District Council	Fee for extracting Building Regulations file	35.00	7.00	42.00
*1784	BT	Final telephone bill (replaces Direct Debit)	15.64	3.13	18.77
1785	L Baxter	Caretaker	433.55		433.55
1786	J M Summerfield	Litter	58.36		58.36
1787	T Stewart	Litter	243.20		243.20
1788	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet & cleaning sundries	57.02	11.40	68.42
1789	Aspray	Structural Engineer's report	450.00	90.00	540.00
1790	Hornsby Plant Hire Ltd	Repair footpath to play area	730.00	146.00	876.00
1791	Fire Control UK Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	59.50	11.90	71.40
1792	Meon Marketing	Temporary spray paint	23.85	4.77	28.62
1793	Timms	Fees for sub-lease to Allotments Association	700.00	130.00	830.00

* These accounts had been paid between meetings as they were urgent.

86.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	170.00
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	180.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	544.31
Various	Allotment rents	48.00
Various	Refund cost of repairs to broken window in old changing rooms	212.00

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

87 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Recent distribution of leaflets concerning dog fouling.

88 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

88.1 Heart of the Forest Forum. Mr Knight reported that, at a recent meeting, the Forum had sought a budget to link the Conkers cycle circuit with the Hicks Lodge Centre. An application for grant for an Arts/Sculpture Trail had been refused, so the project had been delayed.

88.2 Gala Day. Mr Patrick reported that the celebrations would include a medieval re-enactment, which would involve overnight camping, and sought the Council's agreement to this. The proposal was approved.

88.3 Replacement of trees on the Recreation Ground. Three fruit trees and three limes needed replacement. It was agreed that Mr Patrick and Mr Knight would seek suitable stock and place an order, with a budget of around £300.

88.4 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. Mr Patrick reported that the celebrations included the lighting of a Beacon as part of the national chain, and that this would take place between 10.00 and 10.30 pm on 4 June.

88.5 Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership. Mrs Jones reported that the recent meeting had included a presentation about the Drakelow Park development, involving construction of about 2500 houses. Developers expected that the bulk of the traffic would travel to the A.38 rather than A.444. but Members expressed serious doubts about this and the impact on schools and other public services.

89 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

90 SPORTS CHANGING ROOMS

The Council considered the report of the Clerk together with a supplementary report (copies attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

RESOLVED:

That discussions continue with the Insurers, the second team changing room be not closed at present but that Asprays' advice on monitoring its condition be obtained.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chairman