

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 7 February 2013.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mrs S Jones, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick, Mr S C Sharpe and Mr I Sheppard.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M A Knight and Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council).

117 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs S Jones declared an interest in planning application 1073. Minute no 124, as a friend of the applicant.

118 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

119 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

120 FAMILY GAMES DAYS

Toni Jantschenko, Village Games Co-ordinator in South Derbyshire, attended the meeting to talk about starting a series of family games days.

The aim was to hold a series of monthly events, offering families sporting and games opportunities on the Recreation Ground, and perhaps using the Village Hall for aerobics or similar. She would arrange coaches and volunteers could be used to run the events and collect any monies (if charges were made). She suggested a small charge to cover these costs.

It was pointed out that the Gala Committee was running a Party in the Park on 25 May, which would include some sports events and it was likely that the Summer Sports Programme would be preceded by a series of street games events in June and July.

Members considered that the initiative should be encouraged and the Council could sponsor a few events. Ms Jantschenko would be asked to produce some posters for an initial event and no charge for participation would be made. The probable cost was expected to be around £60 plus foregoing the hire charge for the Village Hall. It was suggested that the kitchen in the Village Hall could be used to sell refreshments

121 MEMBER'S RESIGNATION

The Clerk reported that Mr D Baldaro had resigned from the Council and that the necessary procedures for filling the resultant vacancy had been commenced. No requisition for an election had been submitted and the Council should therefore co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. The Council agreed to advertise the position locally and on the website.

122 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

122.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Hall reported that she had enquired into the request of a resident for a larger refuse bin, but the system did not allow this in the circumstances. However, the resident had now written to the District Council asking for reconsideration.

She also reported that the temporary repair of potholes pending a proper repair had been abandoned as not being cost-effective. Instead, proper repairs would be scheduled as soon as possible. Members reported that some repairs had been carried out to a very poor standard and that there needed to be some form of monitoring of contractors' performance.

The Clean Team had dealt with litter in Acresford Road and members commented that they did a very good job.

122.2 Police. The Chairman read a report on recent crime statistics. The checks on traffic on A.444 had resulted in a number of cautions, fines and prosecutions for a variety of contraventions or criminal activities.

122.3 County Council. There were no matters to report.

123 CLERK'S REPORT

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

123.2 Motorcycle noise in the village centre. While the Police had not yet been able to intercept the person causing the problem, it was reported that the motorcyclist was still speeding through the village at around 5.30 a.m. This would be referred to the PCSO.

123.3 Council website. The Clerk reported that the links in the website had now stopped working and that he had been unable to contact the organiser to correct the problem. Mr Cox had researched a number of alternatives and recommended that the domain 'owned' by the Council and hosted by Fasthosts be adopted at an initial cost of £2.49 per month plus VAT. This would rise to £5 per month after 12 months. Adequate website space and email addresses, plus unlimited forwarding of emails, would be available. The Council agreed to this course of action and Mr Cox agreed to progress it further.

123.4 Land at Daisy Lane. A site meeting with the District Council, residents and the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust was due to be held on 18 January to discuss possible future uses of the land but had been postponed to 8 February because of weather conditions.

123.5 Bowls Club parking. The Club had agreed to use the car park at the Village Hall, and the Secretary would write to all visiting teams requesting them to do the same. The Caretaker would be asked to ensure that the gates were open.

123.6 Street games programme. The District Council were to arrange a programme of street games on Monday evenings just prior to the commencement of the Summer Sports Programme. The programme will operate from 5.30 pm to 7 pm on June 11, 18 and 25 and July 2 and 9. The Summer Sports Programme would commence on Thursday 25 July and continue until 28 August. This was welcomed.

123.7 Ashby Woulds Civic Service. An invitation had been received for members to attend the Civic Service on 24 March. The Chairman would be attending and other members would notify the Town Council direct if they were able to attend.

123.8 Land at Lullington Road. The Clerk reported on discussions relating to the land.

124 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0999 Extension, 109 Shortheath (amended application)

1057 Extension, 225 Burton Road

1073 Conservatory, 47 Moira Road

(Mrs S Jones declared an interest in this application as a friend of the applicant and took no part in the discussion.)

Applications for decision:

1041 Vehicular access, 5 Woodville Road. Supported.

0061 Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of an extension and detached garage, 26 Woodlands Road. Supported.

0071 Dropped kerb, 40 Lullington Road. Supported.

0085 Extension, 24 Bailey Avenue. Members were concerned that the building would be immediately adjacent to the boundary and that the adjoining public footpath would become even darker. It was used by elderly people as an access to their properties and young people leaving litter.

125 ACCOUNTS

125.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1893	C M Knight	Reimburse purchase of vacuum cleaner	249.99	50.00	299.99
1894	L Baxter	Caretaker	427.02		427.02
1895	J M Summerfield	Litter	74.25		74.25
1896	T Stewart	Litter	198.08		198.08
1897	ESPO	Envelopes	7.25	1.45	8.70
1898	Fire Control UK Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	121.50	24.30	145.80
1899	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	63.60	12.72	76.32
1900	South Derbyshire District Council	Rent of land at Lullington Road 2013/2014	100.00		100.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	173.90	34.78	208.68

*This account had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay

125.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	240.00
HMRC	VAT refund	392.88
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	105.00
South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 and toilets refunds	9465.00
Various	Allotment rents	120.00

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

126 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

126.1 Gritting. The distribution of grit and salt during the recent heavy snow had worked well, with several residents volunteering their help. A request for an additional grit bin to be stationed near to the War Memorial had been received, but it was considered that there was no suitable site nearby.

126.2 Recreation Ground. It was reported that the top football pitch was in a poor condition and unfit for play, being boggy in many places. It would be inspected urgently and a decision made as to whether play could be permitted.

126.3 Spring Cottage. This road had not been gritted during the snow, despite it being on a bus route. Leicestershire County Council had said that they would do so next year, but it was recalled that a similar statement had been made 1st year. Also the flooding problem at reservoir corner persisted and there was mud on the road. These matters would be referred to Leicestershire Highways for attention.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman