

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 February 2014.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman

Mr R Cox, Mr A R Hart, Mr D M Holloway, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr S C Sharpe and Mr I Sheppard.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M S Patrick, Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

92 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A member of the public representing Gresley Junior football teams asked why they had not been allowed to use the lower pitch next season. He was advised that Overseal Thunder, a local organisation, had indicated that they were expanding and would need both the small pitch and the whole of the bottom pitch. Possibilities of sharing had been examined but had been rejected as impractical.

A Member understood that Overseal Junior FC would not require the top pitch next year, potentially leaving a vacancy. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the two organisations to see whether any form of compromise could be found.

93 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

94 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

94.1 District Council. The Chairman read a draft letter from Cllr Frost to South Derbyshire District Council about the football changing rooms; the Parish Council supported its content.

The District Council had cleaned the gully at the bottom of Woodville Road in late December and the flooding problem had therefore been referred to the County Council. Information would be sought on the current use of the recycling of garden waste at the recycling centre following the reintroduction of the brown bin system.

Dog fouling was prevalent throughout the village, especially in Woodlands Road and Coronation Street.

94.2 Police. Crime statistics for January were reported, showing a number of crimes relating to vehicle damage. Members indicated that problems were being created by vehicles being parked on the footpaths in such a way as to obstruct them and the Clerk would write to the Police about this matter. The owner of the property backing onto Forest View had erected a new fence, thereby strengthening security.

94.3 County Council. Cllr Mrs Lauro reported that the weight limit exemption sign at Woodville Road was to be removed by Derbyshire County Council, that work to construct the pedestrian refuge in Burton Road was to start on 17 February, that the County Council had agreed that patching the road surface at the traffic lights was needed and that it would be included in the consultations about next financial year's programme.

She would press for an examination of the flooding in Moira Road to be undertaken and also reported that the Libraries consultation period had now been completed and the results were being collated.

95 CLERK'S REPORT

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

95.2 Data Protection. The Council's registration with the Information Commission had been renewed.

95.3 Land at the rear of the Village Hall. The Clerk reported that the contractor would dig a number of trenches when ground conditions permitted and fill them in on the same day after a diagnosis had been made. He could then recommend the best way forward and the total cost of the initial operation had been limited to £500.

95.4 Meeting dates. The Clerk would be unavailable for the meeting scheduled for 3 July and the following modified timetable was approved:

Scheduled date	No of weeks	Approved alternative	No of weeks
May 1		No change	
June 5	5	May 29	4
July 3	4	June 26	4
August 7	5	July 31	5
September 4	4	No change	5

95.5 Request for donation. Community Transport, Swadlincote had requested a donation towards the cost of promotional materials and advertising. The Council had made a donation of £50 for uniforms in May 2013 and it was agreed to donate a further £50.00.

95.6 Changing rooms. The Clerk had been advised to arrange a camera survey of the drains to discover whether there was any damage relating to the slippage of the floor slab. A local company had quoted £135 plus VAT. It was considered that this would ensure that all possible avenues had been explored and the quotation was therefore accepted.

95.7 Kitchen updating. Provision had been made in next year's budget for replacement of the worktops and installation of a new gas hob. A quotation had been obtained in the sum of £995.00 plus VAT and this was accepted with the work to be arranged during the Easter break in April.

96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Prior approval of the following application was not needed and was therefore permitted:

0999 Single storey rear extension, 22 Woodlands Crescent.

The following applications had been approved:

0950 Retention of garage, 33 Moira Road (amended plans)

0953 Erection of 12 houses, Lullington Road

Application for decision:

0024 Retention of dropped kerb, 31 Moira Road. No objection.

97 ACCOUNTS**97.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1999	D Walker	Christmas lights	240.00		240.00
2000	C M Knight	Reimburse cost of flag	59.49	11.90	71.39
2001	L Baxter	Caretaker	410.92		410.92
2002	J M Summerfield	Litter	75.65		75.65
2003	T Stewart	Litter	151.44		151.44
2004	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	127.75	25.56	153.34
2005	Community Transport (Swadlincote)	Donation	50.00		50.00
D/D	Information Commissioner	Data protection registration fee	35.00		35.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40

97.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	170.00
Various	Allotment rents	45.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	771.09
South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 refund	9879.00

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

98 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

98.1 Litter. It was pointed out that all the access routes into the village from Leicestershire were littered with rubbish and this was a marked difference from the Derbyshire side of the border. The responsibility for clearing the rubbish lay with Leicestershire County Council and they would be asked to do so, and support for this approach would be sought from Ashby Woulds Town Council and North West Leicestershire District Council.

98.2 Telephone kiosk, Shortheath. A meeting with the CVS was being arranged to discuss possible future uses for the kiosk.

98.3 Footpaths Group. Mr Knight reported on the activities of this Group, which was likely to be a permanent organisation. In addition to clearing a number of paths, the group had installed new stiles and gates, laid stone in wet areas and, following an approach by them to Severn Trent Water, a considerable length of path near to the sewage works had been provided with a hard surface. Their work so far had totalled 294 hours of voluntary work.

98.4 HGVs, Woodville Road. Many lorries were again using Woodville Road, including large number in the early hours of the mornings.

98.5 Village Hall gates. Members were concerned that the gates were being left open overnight, despite the fact that football had had to be cancelled on several weekends recently because of waterlogged pitches. The Caretaker would be asked to ensure that they were closed.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

Chairman