

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 8 February 2018.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner.

122 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

123 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Development proposals. A resident explained that pre-planning discussions were under way regarding development of land at Acresford Road with a variety of uses appropriate to tourism and a rural setting. It included planting and permissive access for the public to part of the land. She was thanked for the information, which was very helpful as it enabled the council to know what was proposed.

Corrected at
the March
meeting

National Forest Co land. ~~A number of pits had been dug in the land near to footpath 13 - Valley Road to Netherseal - and these had flooded.~~ The balancing pond for the new development had overflowed and vehicle ruts had churned up the ground near to footpath 13 - Valley Road to Netherseal, filling with water and making access along the right-of-way difficult.

It was important that the land be properly maintained and the National Forest Co. had been informed and had requested photographs.

Junior Football Club. The Club's organiser reported that the lower pitches were very wet and several games had had to be cancelled as the ground was unfit for play. She suspected that the improved drainage to the top pitch might be discharging onto the lower level and had sought advice on remedial work; this had resulted in a suggestion that the lower pitches should be slitted or spiked to reduce compaction and the council agreed to arrange this urgently.

124 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2018 and the adjourned meeting held on 18 January 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

125 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

125.1 District Council. There was considerable litter along the A.444, despite the best effort of the council's Litter Pickers. One or two local residents had asked that the Litter Picker remove litter from their front gardens and had been abusive when this was declined. Some of the debris included parts of vehicles and other large materials. It was thought that some improvements could be made by the District Council arranging for an intensive clearance prior to each grass verge cutting, but Cllr Mrs Hall reported that this had been looked at and found to be impracticable.

The Clerk would ask the Litter Pickers to report details of any future abusive behaviour to enable the residents concerned to be advised that the Council does not tolerate such actions.

Some of the recycling bins on the car park in Woodville Road had been blown by the wind to the lower side of the car park and, as they were chained together, it had not been possible for them to be returned to their place. While the District Council had been asked to do this, no action had been taken and Cllr Mrs Hall was asked to report this. However, as the recycling centre was often misused (e.g. large quantities of bottles being delivered by a public house outside the Parish) and fly tipping made the site very untidy, it was agreed to ask that the centre be closed and the containers removed.

125.2 Police. The PCSO's report showed that 3 reported crimes had taken place in January, a significant reduction.

125.3 County Council. Cllr Murray reported that the replacement of Lamp columns with LED lights was to start on 19 February; the contract should take about 3 months and covered several parishes in the area. The County Council no longer supplied grit bins and re-stocking them at the cost of the Parish Council had proved expensive, leading to a local supplier being used.

The potholes in Lullington Road were to be inspected again by an Engineer; there were many potholes to be dealt with across the area. Those at Hallcroft Avenue were to be filled and then the road re-surfaced as this would ensure that a smoother finish would result.

Two additional classrooms and teachers' car parking spaces were to be provided at Stanton School.

126 CLERK'S REPORT

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

The clearing of vegetation along the sides of the footpath at Acresford Road was almost complete. However, Members considered that the path was still very narrow and adjoined a busy main road, and that a permissive footpath inside the hedges adjoining the farmland would provide a safer route. The landowners would be contacted to see what they thought.

Some work to remove the rubble connected with building work at the showrooms on Moira Road had started.

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

126.3 Land at Hallcroft Avenue. The Council wished to consider future uses of the triangular piece of land at Hallcroft Avenue, which belonged to the Council. It was currently badly rutted because of tractor access to adjoining land and had previously been considered as a means of providing a secondary access to the recreation ground. It was suggested that the land could be planted with fruit trees to improve its appearance and this would also deter unauthorised parking, while keeping open the option in the future to create an access to the recreation ground.

126.4 Heritage nameplates. There was a suggestion at the January meeting that more heritage nameplates be provided. The idea was to preserve heritage, but also to dovetail with plans for a village walk and history leaflets. Four streets were fitted with these signs in 2009. It was agreed to provide these at

Park Road (1) and Woodville Road (2) as these had previously been known as The Drift and Lime Kilns Lane respectively.

- 126.5 Land at Daisy Lane.** A quotation had been accepted for removal of the Russian vine from the pipe wall, removing a thorn bush and cutting back the shrub overhanging the footpath and road, together with removal of all material from the site. The quotation was from T H Heath Contracts of Staunton Harold and amounted to £670 plus VAT. Ian Stone had been asked to spray off any re-growth in the Spring. Confirmed.

The contractor would be asked to leave the shredded material on site as it could be used for mulching around the trees.

- 126.6 Footpath closure.** Footpath 13 (Valley Road to footpath 9 junction) was to be closed temporarily to allow for public safety due to building works. The closure would be until 30 June 2018 or until the works were completed, whichever was the sooner.

- 126.7 LED street lights.** The County Council had indicated that a contract to replace street lighting columns with LED lights in several parishes, including Overseal, would start shortly.

- 126.8 Changing rooms floor repairs.** The District Council had agreed that the net cost borne by the Parish Council could be reimbursed from the second tranche of S.106 money from the Valley Road development, when the District Council had received it from the developers.

- 126.9 Lullington Road allotments - fence.** The Allotment Association had asked for a grant towards the cost of repairing the front boundary fence, estimated at around £600. The fence would be inspected before a decision was made.

127 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were considered and certain minor repairs to the changing rooms were required.

128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

1051 Extensions and raising main roof, 171 Burton Road (revised plans)

1259 Single storey rear extension and loft conversion, 139 Shortheath

Applications for decision:

NWL00119 Installation of 2 free-standing signs, Spring Cottage Fishery, Spring Cottage Road. No objection.

2018/0073 Attenuation pond, Land at Poplars Farm, Moira Road. While there was no objection to the proposal, the council asked for landscaping around the pond and provision of a seat adjacent to the proposed route of the public footpath; also the council sought an assurance that the proposal would not lead to built development of the designated open space.

129 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

130 WEBSITE

The proposed calendar of events at the Village Hall would be in list form. It was reported that there was to be a leaflet setting out the various village

events throughout the year which would be delivered by volunteers to all properties in the village, and the council was asked to fund its production. This was agreed.

131 ACCOUNTS

131.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2518	S Ruddle	Caretaker	653.03	5.50	658.53
2519	E Evans	Litter	128.00		128.00
2507	J M Summerfield	Litter	127.50		127.50
2520	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	69.75	13.95	83.70
2521	Structural Design Associates	Professional fees, changing rooms floor repairs	465.00	93.00	558.00
2522	South Derbyshire District Council	Servicing dog bins	1187.04	237.41	1424.45
2523	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Planting embankment at Village Hall	530.00		530.00
2524	ESPO	Tables & chairs for Pavilion	2016.00	403.20	2419.20
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	682.49	136.49	818.98
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	22.05	4.41	26.46
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42

131.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	907.50
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	2540.00
D Wood	Allotment rent	15.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	3428.01
S Warner	Use of Village Hall	255.00

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

132 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

132.1 Goal posts. It was suggested that a way to secure the dismantled goal posts, currently stored in the changing rooms, would be to secure them to the fence posts adjacent to Hallcroft Avenue. The suggestion was approved in principle and Mr Cook would report further in due course.

132.2 Development at Spring Cottage. A plan of the development was circulated for information.

132.3 Sale of caravans, Squirrel Walk. The District Council would be pressed to take action as this business use in the residential area was causing a nuisance, including blocking car parking spaces and sometimes restricting access to dwellings.

132.4 Untidy gardens. Front gardens at 2 Edward Street and 60 Coronation Street were identified. The latter was a Council house and would be referred to the District Council.

132.5 External electric socket at the Village Hall. It had previously been agreed that a socket would be provided for use in connection with the Gala and other appropriate events. A & J Bartlett were shortly to carry out work at the Village Hall and they would be asked to contact the Gala Committee, who would pay for this, to agree details.

132.6 Telephone Kiosk, Shortheath. It had previously been agreed to install shelves in the kiosk, but the contractor had been unable to do this because of pressure of work. A different contractor was identified and would be asked to carry out the work.

132.7 Land at Lullington Road. The Clerk confirmed that the lessee had been advised of the presence of a badger sett on the land and he would be asked for an assurance that it would not be disturbed.

132.8 Damaged manhole cover, Burton Road. The County Council would be asked to replace a damaged cover near to 84 Burton Road.

133 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in pursuance of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

134 CLERK'S REPORT - LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

The Council considered the report of the Clerk, (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

RESOLVED: (a) That the rent be increased in line with the recommendations of the Agents;

(b) That no further action be taken at present on a possible change of use of the land.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chairman