

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 7 February 2019.

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.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mrs S M Ward and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

122 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

123 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Members of the Footpaths Group attended the meeting and advised that they were proposing to construct a simple bridge over the ditch on Footpath 13 close to the boundary of the Valley Road estate. They had discussed the project with the County Council's Footpaths Officer, who approved of the work. They sought the council's agreement to pay for the materials, totalling £125.20 and this was agreed.

124 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

125 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

125.1 District Council. Members were extremely concerned that no arrangements had been put in place to deputise for Cllr P Murray, who remained out of action after several months. The Clerk was asked to write to the Member of Parliament to seek her support in a further approach to the District Council and the County Council to rectify the situation.

125.2 Police. The list of reported crimes was presented. Reference was made to the recent announcements that the precept for Police services was to increase again, and yet the personnel available to serve Overseal on a regular basis was very limited. Residents would be encouraged to report all criminal activities so that the full picture would emerge, and the Clerk would write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to seek greater coverage.

125.3 County Council. Potholes had been reported direct to the County Council, but it was noticeable that several which had been repaired recently needed doing again. This appeared to be because the initial repairs were only temporary and Members considered that there would be better value if a proper repair was done the first time. The County Council would be asked to deal with a pothole near to 43 Lullington Road in this manner.

The fence over the culvert at the junction of Woodville Road and Spring Cottage was now in a parlous state and the County Council would be pressed to repair or replace it. The flooding problem was worsening and in cold weather, the water froze and this had led to several people falling. The gullies in both roads required cleaning and the two County Councils would be asked again to deal with this. The Environment Agency would also be pressed to clear the culvert.

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 Clerk would seek updates on the materials dumped on Overseal Manor grounds and committee approval of the transfer of the Nature Area.

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

126.3 Development at Stretton en le Field. North West Leicestershire District Council said that they were not sure at this stage when this scheme would be in a position to go to Planning Committee for a decision, but it would seem unlikely to be prior to the March Committee meeting (12th March 2019) at the earliest.

There had been no additional A444 surveys undertaken, but the applicants did provide some additional information prior to Christmas to address specific issues raised by Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council in respect of traffic impacts on routes within South Derbyshire.

This additional information included reference to the views of Derbyshire County Council:

A total of 1% out of 1,116 HGVs (i.e. 11 movements per day) are forecast which is de-minimis. There will no material impact on the routes highlighted in the more recent consultation letter which are subject to existing environmental weight restrictions. All the HGV traffic assigned to the north along the A444 have destinations in Swadlincote, Burton or the A38 north.

There is no suggestion that mitigation measures are to be sought as a result of the proposals and following the results of the extensive modelling exercise this has not been identified as necessary.

126.4 Public toilets. Consideration of this item was deferred until the confidential section of the meeting as further information had become available.

126.5 Neighbourhood Watch. A local resident who moved into the village recently had volunteered to act as a Co-ordinator and had been put in touch with the Police Officer dealing with the matter.

126.6 Pavilion. The planning application for a change of use to include the school care club had been approved.

126.7 Recreation ground hedges. A quotation had been obtained from John Mason Ltd of Overseal for the trimming of the hedges bounding the recreation ground on two sides, in the sum of £140; a further quotation was for flailing the embankment, in the sum of £60, both plus VAT. The quotations had been accepted and this was confirmed.

127 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were submitted. Attention had been drawn to the fact that some branches had fallen from the trees in Hallcroft Avenue on to the recreation ground, and this could indicate that others overhanging the highway could be suspect. The County Council would be informed of this.

128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**The following applications had been approved:**

0832 Change of use from dwelling house to a mixed use of dwelling house with bed & breakfast use, Keppel Gate, 300 Burton Road

0938 Change of use of the Pavilion to a mixed use of nursery/crèche with sports and leisure facilities.

0944 Amendments to the design and layout of 10 dwellings, land adj. Poplars Farm, Moira Road

1075 Extensions and re-rendering, 18 Moira Road

1188 Listed building consent for external central heating flue, 16 Acresford Road

129 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The security light at the Pavilion appeared to be faulty and the contractors who had installed it would be asked to remedy the fault.

130 WEBSITE

No matters were raised.

131 ACCOUNTS**131.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2651	S Ruddle	Caretaker	580.05		580.05
2652	E Evans	Litter	162.78		162.78
2653	J M Summerfield	Litter	105.71		105.71
2654	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	116.42	23.28	139.70
2655	A Cook	Reimburse cost of materials for securing goal posts	39.19		39.19
2656	Meon	Spray paint	73.08	14.64	87.72
2657	Kompan Ltd	Fittings for outdoor gym equipment	148.00	29.60	177.60
2658	ESPO	Grit spreader	159.00	31.80	190.80
* 2659	D R Watkins	Replace doors to the old changing rooms and two internal doors in the Village Hall	690.00		690.00
2660	Tollgate Graden Supplies	Grit for grit bin, Coronation Street	120.83	24.17	145.00
2661	B Morson	Materials for footpath bridge, footpath 13.	125.20		125.20
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.00	3.80	22.80
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions			

* These doors required painting or varnishing and a local handyman would be asked to do so.

131.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	490.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion Lettings	60.00
Robin Hood public house	Donation towards Pavilion	285.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	2520.00
St Matthew's Church (Churches Together)	Wreath	25.00
Mrs D Wood	Allotment rent	15.00
Various	Wreath refunds	60.00

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

132 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

132.1 Grit bin at Bailey Avenue. The bin, which belonged to the County Council, needed refilling and the County Council would be informed.

132.2 Remembrance Day Poppies. The poppies attached to lamp-posts had been left but should be removed in good time before the next event so as to draw attention to them at the appropriate time. It was agreed to remove them at the end of March and to do so each year.

132.3 Traffic lights. It appeared that the sequence had been changed as it was now much improved.

132.4 Trees. Three saplings had been obtained free of charge and would be planted on the council's land in Hallcroft Avenue adjoining the recreation ground, either this year or, as they were small, next year after growing on.

132.5 Pavilion – CCTV and WiFi. Repairs were needed to the CCTV system. Provision of WiFi facilities in the Pavilion by connecting to the system in the Village Hall would be pursued.

133 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items 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 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Public toilets. The Clerk reported on a discussion with the District Council and a suitable response was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Chairman