

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 6 February 2020.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mr D E Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mrs S M Ward, Cllr A Brady and Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council).

133 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

134 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

135 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

136 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

136.1 District Council. The Recycling centre had been cleared of the various bins, except for the Tetrapak bin. It had been intended to retain the Salvation Army bin, which had been removed. Complaints had been received about this, but as there was another in the village, it was decided to take no further action.

Complaints had also been received about traffic, building alterations and an apparent business use at Shortwood Farm, Sealwood Lane. The Clerk would enquire of the District Council whether planning consent was required for these activities.

136.2 Police. The crime statistics for January were submitted and details given about some of them. It was noted that there were more reported crimes in Overseal than in any other part of the area.

136.3 County Council. Water was running off the field at Shortheath and was causing large potholes in the road. Initially, the tenant of the field would be asked whether he could assist and Cllr Murray would be informed of the matter.

137 CLERK'S REPORT

137.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). There had been no response from the County Council when they had been notified that the Council was no longer proceeding with the licence of the car park and nature area and several matters needed dealing with. These included removing or repairing the railings adjoining New Walk, clearing the drainage ditch in order to avoid a recurrence of flooding (including several trees which were impeding water flow) and improving the condition of the nature area. Cllr Murray's assistance with achieving this would be sought. He would also be asked to seek information on the installation of LED street lamps, which were now well overdue.

- 137.2 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).
- 137.3 Summer Sports Programme.** Some changes had to be made to the preferred programme as the Big Fun Friday equipment was fully booked within 10 minutes of the time when bookings opened. However, a similar provision had been booked for Monday 24 August, the only time available, and consisted of the components of the Big Fun Friday, but only for two hours. Noted.
- 137.4 Pitch maintenance.** Ian Stone had had to give up the contract for pitch maintenance and looking after the planters because of ill health. The contract for the pitch maintenance was due for re-tendering in the autumn but interim arrangements had been made with Mr P Stone agreeing to undertake the work. made meanwhile.
- 137.5 Acresford Road speed limit.** The 30mph speed limit was not extended past the new development as the County Council had not requested such an extension. There was no planning or similar requirement.
- 137.6 Public toilets – electricity supply.** When the toilets were transferred from South Derbyshire District Council, the supply was from Opus Energy Ltd and their standard rate tariff was applied, amounting to 95p per day standing charge and 25.5p per Kwh. As the usage was very small, the standing charge accounted for much of the invoices.
- They were prepared to offer a fixed price contract for 4 years at 20p per day standing charge and 13.9p per Kwh, which was clearly a much better rate and compared favourably with the council's other suppliers (though these were for the Village Hall, which had a much higher usage).
- RESOLVED: That the offer be accepted and a Direct Debit be set up.
- 137.7 Pavilion cleaning.** A cleaner had been appointed for the Pavilion on the basis of 2 hours per week; this action was confirmed.
- 137.8 Budget amendment – Village Hall replacement.** At the January meeting, in addition to the normal £4300 contribution towards the identified items, it was agreed to put two amounts of £15000 for the Village Hall towards eventual replacement and to fund a feasibility study. However, to do so would reduce the predicted balances at the end of next financial year to a level which would be too low.
- Resolved: That the contribution for this purpose be reduced to £15000.
- 137.9 Police/Parish Councillors' evening.** An invitation had been received for Parish Councillors to attend a joint meeting with DALC and the Police at Ripley HQ on 16 March at 7.00 pm. Noted.
- 137.10 Hallcroft Avenue repairs.** The Clerk reported that Cllr Murray had been asked by the Linton Area Forum to provide an action plan following a DCC Highways report that was written in response to concerns raised over highways in the Overseal area being unfit for purpose (Hallcroft Avenue in particular was mentioned as an example). This would be monitored.
- 137.11 Land at Hallcroft Avenue.** The Clerk had met the owners of the adjoining land in response to concerns that there may have been some incursion into the Council's land. The boundary between the two pieces of land had been agreed and marked with stakes. The landowners had been crossing the Council's land for some time to gain access to their adjoining field and it was agreed that this

should be formalised; access would be for agricultural purposes only, determinable at a reasonable notice and avoid creating an agricultural tenancy. The landowners would be asked to meet the Council's reasonable costs.

- 137.12 Use of the Pavilion.** Dancey's Daycare had asked that they be permitted to extend the use of the Pavilion *from September 2020* to include Fridays and to increase the numbers of children from 12 to a maximum of 20. OfSted supervision would still take place.

The Council agreed to these changes.

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138 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The inspection report was considered. The slabs at the rear of the Pavilion would be inspected and a decision on whether any action was required would be taken at the next meeting.

139 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0988 Rear extension and attic conversion, 12 Valley Road

1280 Single storey extension, 1 Bramble Walk

Applications for decision:

2018/0663 (Re-consultation). Change of use from shop to a residential dwelling and a single storey side extension, land r/o 28 Burton Road. No objection (after consultation with Members between meetings)

2019/0467 (Re-consultation). Erection of a detached garage/workshop, 217 Burton Road. No objection (after consultation with Members between meetings)

0067 Changes to design, layout, parking etc. 10 dwellings, Moira Road. No objection.

2019/1375 Extension of existing vehicle crossing, 163 Woodville Road. No objection.

140 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that South Staffordshire Water had agreed to check whether there was a pressure problem up to the meter; if not, they would offer advice on what steps the Council should consider to remedy the problem.

141 WEBSITE

Compliance with accessibility requirements would be checked.

142 ACCOUNTS

142.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2798/2800	Total salaries & wages costs				*
2801	Opus Energy Ltd	Electricity to public toilets	31.74	1.59	33.33
2802	A & J Bartlett Ltd	Security lights for Pavilion	276.91	55.39	332.30
2803	Robert Lewis Signs	2 signs for play area	240.00	48.00	288.00

2804	M Veckungs	Repair tap in Village Hall	45.00		45.00
2805	LRALC Ltd	Internal audit fee, 2019/2020 accounts	250.00		250.00
2806	L Morris	Cleaning Pavilion	60.00		60.00
2807	C M Knight	Reimburse cost of flowers for the Post Office proprietors	25.00		25.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60

* Details of the salaries and wages costs were provided separately for Members.

142.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	495.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	347.00
E O'Connor	Allotment rent	15.00
Derbyshire County Council	Grant towards allotments car park	1000.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	2620.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	4978.30

142.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.

143 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

143.1 Overgrown hedge, Burton Road. Only token measures had been taken to remedy this. Noted.

143.2 Linton Area Forum. Mr Sharpe had attended this well-attended meeting and reported on the main content. The Police were using notice boards to display information for the public who did not have access to computers. The deterioration of Walton bridge had been discussed in depth and it was understood that the District Council were trying to support the owners in finding a solution, together with better signage to deter use by heavy vehicles. Dog fouling was a perennial problem, but one offence had been witnessed and the Dog Warden was to visit the owner. The poor state of Hallcroft Avenue had been discussed. It had been stated that a full report on planned action had been sent to the Clerk but this had not been received.

143.3 William Allitt School. Information was circulating about possible replacement or major repair of this school as the buildings were unfit for purpose. Other schools in the area were having to accommodate pupils who would otherwise go there as parents were seeking to send their children elsewhere. Strikes of staff at Granville Academy added to the difficulties. The Director of Education at Derbyshire County Council would be asked for information and Cllr Murray would also be asked to enquire.

143.4 Footbridge, Ashwood Park. The Chairman thanked Mr Cook for carrying out repairs to the footbridge.

143.5 Daisy Lane orchard. Mr Knight had enquired whether the Council would approve the purchase of timber for tree guards and the planting of fruit bushes between the bollards at the edge of the land. Both measures were agreed.

144 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.

145 CLERK'S REPORT

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

145.1 Changing Rooms boiler replacement.

RESOLVED: That the tender of S D Hill for the replacement of the boiler in the changing rooms be accepted.

145.2 Allotments car park.

RESOLVED: (a) That the tender of Harvey & Clark Ltd for the construction of a compacted stone car park at the Edward Street allotments be accepted;

(b) That they be asked to arrange for the vegetation on some overgrown plots to be sprayed and then install black plastic sheeting to prevent further weed growth.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chairman