

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 10 January 2013.

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

In attendance: Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Mr M A Knight and Cllr S J Frost (South Derbyshire District Council).

105 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs S Jones and Mr M S Patrick declared interests in respect of Minute No. 110 (Planning Applications), application no. 1073 - conservatory, Poplars Farm, 47 Moira Road as friends of the applicant.

106 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mrs S Jones and Mr M S Patrick indicated that they would support this application.

107 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

108 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

108.1 District Council.

Cllr Mrs Hall reported that she had complained on several occasions about flooding in the area. This was often water which ran off fields because ditches had not been cleaned out and landowners seemed reluctant to do so. If a local problem were to be identified, the Parish Council could press the landowner to clear the ditches to prevent water flooding onto the road.

Details of a request for a larger refuse bin, which had been refused, were given to Cllr Mrs Hall and she undertook to look into the matter.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the District Council for clearing rubbish from the car park during recent weeks, which had been a considerable improvement over last year.

(Cllr Mrs Hall left the meeting at 7.30 pm)

108.2 Police. Mr MacMillan reported that he had dealt with the complaints referred to him. He gave details of crime statistics for December, which showed an increase over recent months.

Operation Safedrive had been carried out on the A.444, resulting in 51 people being reported for various offences. These were mainly using a mobile telephone while driving or failing to use seat belts; few offences related to speeding.

A complaint was reported that a motorcycle was being driven through the village at speed at around 5.30 am each morning and that it was extremely noisy. The PCSO would refer this for action.

108.3 County Council.

Cllr C Jones attended the meeting for this item. He was informed that a delivery of scalpings from local roadworks had been rejected by a local resident and this appeared to be because nobody had been told of its arrival beforehand.

The Chairman had received a letter referring to a recent Burton Mail report to the effect that the traffic survey of the A.444 was to be considered at this meeting. That Parish Council had received no information about the results of the survey and the author of the letter would be advised accordingly.

Cllr Jones also advised that where potholes were reported for repair, a temporary repair was usually carried out to stop the damage becoming worse. The location was then included in the work programme and a proper repair carried out later.

(Cllr Jones left the meeting after this item at 7.55 pm)

109 CLERK'S REPORT

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

109.2 Changing rooms floor. An application for grant had been made to South Derbyshire District Council to meet the cost of repairing the floor of the Away team changing room, showers and toilet, based on a quotation for injecting concrete into the sub floor and levelling and resurfacing the surface. National Lottery funds (Awards for All) were unlikely to be available. A decision from the District Council was expected in January.

109.3 Gorsey Lees road surface. An application had been made for an account with Breedon Aggregates to enable roadstone to be purchased from them. The residents had asked that delivery be delayed until February, because of weather problems.

109.4 email address. The Village Life website had recently been compromised and the Council's section was not available. There had also been difficulties with the Clerk's email address and investigations into alternatives had been carried out. TalkTalk, the ISP, had offered to produce a website. It was accepted that the problems with the Council's email could not be allowed to continue and the preferred alternative was that the website would be transferred to another hosting company at a cost of around £6 per month, and that the existing email address be retained. Alternatively, the website using overseal.org could be adopted and transferred to another hosting company, with a new email address based on that. Mr R Cox kindly agreed to progress this and the Council agreed to the matter being concluded before the next meeting if possible.

110 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

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0759 Agricultural access road between Shortheath Road and 159 Moira Road.

0846 Revised plans, 13/13a Woodville Road.

0855 Erection of a detached garage with storage to roof area (amended scheme), 1 Forest View

0882 Extension, 19 Daisy Lane

The following application had been refused:

0959 Extension with roof terrace, 21 Moira Road. (Produces a two-storey flat roof extension, out of character; loss of privacy to neighbouring properties).

Applications for decision:

1057 Extension, 225 Burton Road. Supported.

1073 Conservatory, Poplars Farm, 47 Moira Road (amended plans). Supported.

(Mrs S Jones and Mr M S Patrick left the meeting during consideration and voting on this application, having declared interests as friends of the applicant).

111 ACCOUNTS

111.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1882	M Guest	Allotments hedge & strim paths 18/19	350.00		350.00
*1883	J M Summerfield	Litter	59.48		59.48
1884	T Stewart	Litter	247.60		247.60
1885	J E White	Salary & expenses	1413.97		1413.97
*1886	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	347.60		347.60
*1887	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	68.01	13.61	81.62
**1888	D Walker	Christmas lights	240.00		240.00
*1889	L Baxter	Caretaker	399.86		399.86
1890	A & J Bartlett Ltd	Electrical repairs to Village Hall	70.15	20.03	90.18
1891	R F Gardening Ltd	Winter planting of planters	520.00		520.00
1892	Lickorish Heating & Plumbing	Plumbing repairs to Village Hall	100.15	20.03	120.18
D/D	South Staffs Water	Supply to old changing rooms	13.15		13.15
D/D	South Staffs Water	Supply to Village Hall	156.02		156.02
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	35.00		35.00
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	169.32	33.86	203.18
D/D	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	35.00		35.00
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	189.95	37.99	227.94

* These accounts were paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

** The company in this case would be informed of the cost of repairs incurred and asked for comments.

111.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	560.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Use of Village Hall as polling station	120.00

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

111.4 Quarterly Budget Report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The report was noted.

112 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

112.1 Dog fouling. This continued to be a problem and especially in Coronation Street, Woodlands Road, Burton Road (between the telephone exchange and the church) and Woodville Road (from the Village Hall to the junction with Hallcroft Avenue). The assistance of the District Council in clearing these areas would be sought. The Dog Warden would be contacted with an offer that councillors could deliver some leaflets on his behalf.

112.2 Banner re summer sports. Mr Patrick reported a source for a suitable banner; subject to the wording being finalised in a manner which would permit use for several years, a banner would be purchased.

113 BUDGET FOR 2013/2014

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

It was noted that the expenditure on the land at Daisy Lane included in the current year's budget was unlikely to be spent and the expected outturn for the year should therefore be increased by £2000.

There were significant changes to the Tax Base this year – the figure on which the precept was calculated – and the Council wished to ensure that the Council's share of the Council Tax bills remained the same as for the current year.

RESOLVED:

(a) That no changes be made to the present hire charges or wage rates, but that the Bowls Club be requested to ensure that their members and visitors used the car park rather than park on the road, to avoid inconvenience to residents nearby;

(b) That a rent of £12.00 per plot be charged in respect of the Lullington Road allotment with effect from 1 April 2013, to bring them into line with the Burton Road/Edward Street site;

(c) That a vacuum cleaner for the Village Hall and a steel cupboard for storing Council documents at the Village Hall be purchased;

(d) That provision be made for:

1. A contribution towards the cost of repairs to the changing rooms floor in the sum of £1000;

2. Pitch maintenance and improvements - £500 in the base budget;

- (e) That a contribution of £5000 be made to the Repairs & Renewals Fund;
- (f) That a Precept of £25500 be levied for 2013/2014;
- (g) That the budget be approved subject to the above amendments.

114 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

115 ADVICE

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

RESOLVED: That Fisher German be requested to act for the Council in conducting discussions with a tenant.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chairman