

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 10 January 2019.

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

**In attendance:** Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

## 111 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

## 112 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Manager of the Robin Hood public house reported that customers had undertaken several events to raise money each year and that this year they had decided to donate the proceeds to the Council for use in connection with the Pavilion. Members thanked him for the generous donation of £285, which included a substantial contribution from the Junior Football Club.

## 113 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 114 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**114.1 District Council.** No matters were raised.

**114.2 Police.** Mr McMillan submitted the crime report for December, which showed a considerable increase in the numbers of reported crimes.

**114.3 County Council.** No matters were raised. However, a Member reported that she had had cause to call for an ambulance on three occasions recently and that on two of those, the response times had been excessive. It had not been the fault of the crews, but they had travelled from the far side of Derby and had no local knowledge, including not knowing where the local hospital was. The Clerk would seek information from the Ambulance Service as to the reasons for the delays.

## 115 CLERK'S REPORT

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

**Public toilets.** Officers were to meet next week to determine which repairs and improvements were to be carried out.

**Nature Area.** The County Council were still trying to determine the committee responsible for deciding on the possible lease to the Parish Council; the Clerk would inform them that the school had been responsible for planting the woodland.

**Car Park.** Considerable maintenance of the car park had been carried out by the District Council recently, notwithstanding that their lease had lapsed.

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

**115.3 South Derbyshire CVS funding.** The Clinical Commissioning Groups which made funds available for certain services provided by the CVS had given notice that it would be withdrawn from March. This would affect 3 grants to the practical help, befriending and vSPA services, which would end and funding for the group support and Volunteer Centre services would be reduced by around 20%.

**115.4 Kitchen refurbishment.** Arrangements had been made for the new cupboards etc. to be installed at half term in February while the Pre-school was not in session.

**115.5 Neighbourhood Watch.** Derbyshire Police were re-launching the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and were asking Parish Councils to encourage the formation of new groups. They would provide the necessary signs and stickers for members' doors, hold a launch meeting locally and provide regular information. Previous attempts to launch such groups had shown that they needed an enthusiastic person to operate each group; a few were still operational in the village.

It was agreed to include a suitable reference in the website and on the village Facebook page.

**115.6 Summer sports programme.** The Clerk reported that the programme approved at the December meeting had been reserved by the District Council.

**115.7 Data Protection.** The Clerk reported that the Council's registration had been renewed.

## **116 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS**

Generally, the condition of the various pieces of land and buildings were satisfactory. However, the low wooden 'wall which separated the two Village Hall car parks was deteriorating and it was agreed to provide the budget for its replacement with something more substantial (such as paving slabs), together with repairing or replacing the dwarf wall to therear of the upper car park.

## **117 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**The following applications had been approved:**

0712 Variation of conditions, land at Acresford Road

0711 Reserved matters, land at Acresford Road.

(Note: a revised S.106 Agreement has also been completed. It includes provision for affordable housing comprising 2x 2 bedroom bungalows and 3x3-bedroom houses for rent and 2x 2-bedroom houses for shared ownership. It also includes contributions for 'Off-site recreational facilities' in place of 'built facilities' and 'Outdoor sports facilities' and specifically allows use for the enlargement of the MUGA, development of the Nature Area, insulation of the Pavilion or improvement of the rights of way with stone surfacing. It can be any or all of these).

1165 Pruning trees covered by a TPO, land adj. The Ashes, Shortheath

1124 Reserved matters (scale and appearance), land adj. 62 Moira Road.

0364 Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached bungalow including access and parking, 35 Main Street

**The following application had been confirmed as not requiring prior approval:**

1219 Agricultural building, Willow Bungalow, Shortheath Farm, Shortheath.

#### **118 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

None.

#### **119 WEBSITE**

None.

#### **120 ACCOUNTS**

##### **120.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
2643	Linton & District Poppy Appeal	Donation re, provision of wreaths	310.00		310.00
*2644	Richfields Interiors	Deposit on kitchen refurbishment	2690.00	538.00	3228.00
*2645	S Ruddle	Caretaker	569.07		569.07
*2646	E Evans	Litter	134.54		134.54
*2647	J M Summerfield	Litter	46.98		46.98
2648	D Walker	Christmas Lights	250.00		250.00
2649	J E White	Salary & expenses	1345.86		1345.86
*2650	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	669.80		669.80
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.00	3.80	22.80
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	31.78		31.78

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

##### **120.2 Receipts**

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	1483.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	100.00
Overseal Running Club	Wreaths	30.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall for an event	48.75
South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 grant	10896.00

**120.3 Audit.** The Council's financial documents were inspected.

**120.4 Budget for 2019/2020.** The Council considered the report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That no change be made in the hire rates for the Village Hall, the charges to the football club for use of the pitches and changing rooms or the allotment rents;
- (b) That the national salary award applicable to the Clerk's salary be implemented with effect from 1 April 2019;
- (c) That the same percentage increase be applied to the Caretaker's salary from 1 April 2019 in accordance with the Council's policy;
- (d) That the increase in the National Living Wage from £7.83 to £8.21 per hour, which affected the pay of the Litter Pickers, be implemented from 1 April 2019;
- (e) That the next stage of development of the recreation ground be the enlargement of the MUGA to accommodate netball and five-a-side football, provided that cost can be met from S136 monies and the council's reserves;
- (f) That provision for painting a section of the fence adjoining the bowling green be deferred for a year and that consideration of matters affecting the public toilets and the Nature Area be deferred until further information is available;
- (g) That the following growth items be included in the budget for 2019/2020:
  - (1) the dwarf walls around the Village Hall car park £6000;
  - (2) installation of a dropped kerb in Hallcroft Avenue to facilitate a future access to the recreation ground £2500;
  - (3) repainting the milepost in Burton Road and the telephone kiosk in Shortheath £600;
  - (4) possible improvements to the public toilets, when the extent of the work to be carried out by the District Council is known, £3000;
  - (5) installation of a replacement barrier and bridge for the footpath at the Valley Road development £1000;
  - (6) a contribution to the Repairs & Renewals Fund of £4300.
- (h) That the hedges adjoining the recreation ground be cut back as soon as possible and funded from the current year's budget
- (i) That the Council levy a Precept of £31000 for 2019/2020, being an increase of approximately 3%.

**121 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**121.1 Christmas lights.** It was agreed to provide additional festive lighting at the Pavilion next November/December and to request that the period during which they were displayed be extended;

**121.2 Proposed gate at Daisy Lane.** The suppliers would be chased.

**121.3 Lamp-posts.** In several places, replacement of the lamp-posts had not been completed; the County Council had previously indicated that the programme would be completed but that they could not state when the end date would be.

**121.4 Trees.** The application for three pear trees had been unsuccessful but it was agreed that Mr Knight obtain three suitable fruit trees together with a lime tree to make up the correct number.

**121.5 Traffic lights.** The timing of the lights' sequence appeared to have changed in that the period for leaving Lullington Road only allowed 2 vehicles at a time. The County Council would be asked whether the sequence had been changed and, if not, to make the necessary adjustment.

**121.6 Grit bin.** The bin at Green Lane was now in a poor condition and it was agreed to provide a replacement.

**121.7 Development at Chilcote.** An update would be sought from North West Leicestershire District Council.

**121.8 Footpath – Church Way.** A load of manure had been dumped on this path and the landowner would be asked to remove it.

**121.9 MUGA.** Kompan had inspected the MUGA and were to provide an indication of the cost of upgrading it to become suitable for netball and five-a-side football.

**121.10 Defibrillators.** A list of all defibrillators and their locations was being prepared and Members were asked to inform Mrs R O'Brien of any known.

It was agreed to arrange a training session for Members, to which the public would be invited, on the use of defibrillators.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

**Chairman**