

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 14 July 2011.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman

Mr D Baldaro, Mr R Cox, Mr R J Forsyth, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr M S Patrick.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S C Sharpe.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs C M Knight declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 28.6 (Nature Reserve).

26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A member of the public referred to the recent serious accident at the junction of Woodville Road, Hallcroft Avenue and Woodlands Road and suggested that the Council seek an extension of the existing traffic calming in Woodville Road. The Chairman informed her that the Council had again sought parking restrictions at this junction but the County Council would be asked for their views on the suggestion. A Member of the Council suggested that mirrors at the junction might improve visibility.

27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

28 CLERK'S REPORT

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

28.2 Proposed allotments at Lullington Road. The District Council had approved the Heads of Terms and it was anticipated that they would provide a draft lease shortly.

28.3 Former telephone exchange, Burton Road. Development was still proceeding and the amount of rubble had increased and was spilling onto the path. The District Council would be asked to secure removal of the rubble or at least fencing of the site to prevent the rubble from spreading.

28.4 Height restriction for HGVs. The Clerk reported that Leicestershire County Council had confirmed that there were no new signs but that existing signs were to alert drivers to the low bridge at the last point where they could turn round. Unfortunately, this resulted in HGVs using Woodville Road and Leicestershire County Council would be asked to consider what measures could overcome this problem.

28.5 Overgrown rights of way. Members were invited to identify rights of way obstructed by vegetation etc. and to report them to this meeting so that arrangements could be made for them to be cleared. Footpaths at the sewage works, Main Street/Daisy Lane, Woodlands Road to Forest View and New Walk/Gorseley Lees were reported.

The path at Burton Road near to the roundabout at Linton Road was partly blocked by an overhanging hedge. These would be reported to the County Council for action, with the exception of the Main Street/Daisy Lane path which would be sprayed.

28.6 Nature Area. The County Council had been asked to consider a direct sale by negotiation to the Parish Council but had not yet responded; they had also been asked to undertake the necessary footpath clearance and fence repairs without delay if the

possibility of an imminent disposal was not likely. Neither the Environment Agency nor Natural England would undertake an investigation to see whether there were any protected species on the land, but relied on employment of contractors by interested parties. The District Council had been asked to impose a Tree Preservation Order on the whole site.

The County Council had now contacted the Chairman and confirmed that the land would not now be sold. It was anticipated that a lease to either the Parish Council or the school could now be achieved.

Arrangements would be made to clear the pond so that it could be re-filled with water later in the year and it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of this.

28.7 Planters at the Village Hall. The contractor who maintained the other planters in the village had agreed to include these and the triangular bed at the Village Hall in the contract.

28.8 Bus fares. At the last meeting a complaint was received about the fares charged by Arriva. A single Overseal - Burton was £2.70 and Arriva drew attention to the following alternatives:

- Day ticket (unlimited travel anywhere in the midlands all day) £5.20.
- 10 trip ticket (again can be used anywhere in the midlands) £21.00;
- Weekly ticket (unlimited travel anywhere in the midlands for seven days) £21.00
- Monthly ticket (unlimited travel anywhere in the midlands for 28 days) £45.00
- If the complainant purchased a £45.00 ticket and used it every day for a single journey to Burton and return this would equate to 80 pence per journey, a saving of £1.90.

28.9 Entrance to play area. A revised quotation had been obtained from DSK Engineering for an entrance which would allow pushchairs or wheelchairs to pass but would restrict motorcycles. The cost would be £495.00 plus VAT and the quotation was accepted.

28.10 Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust. The Trust aimed to become a Foundation Trust by October 2012 and were consulting on the proposal. The Trust would be invited to send a representative to make a short presentation explaining the proposals.

28.11 Grit bin, Woodville Road. The County Council were prepared to replace the bin if the Parish Council would take responsibility for refilling it and any maintenance in the future. This arrangement was agreed and it was also agreed to provide locks for all grit bins.

28.12 South Derbyshire District Council Standards Committee. Four nominations had been submitted for two vacancies and the Council was entitled to vote on this matter. The nominees were:

- Cllr Andrew Billings, Hatton
- Cllr Ken Fairbrother, Castle Gresley
- Cllr Sheila Jackson, Castle Gresley
- Cllr Keith Overton, Willington.

It was agreed to cast votes for Cllr Ken Fairbrother, Castle Gresley and Cllr Sheila Jackson, Castle Gresley

28.13 Sites for tree planting. The District Council was bidding for funding to undertake tree planting, with the aim of enhancing the appearance of the area and wanted to identify sites which were within the National Forest, in public ownership, in prominent positions and accessible roadside locations. None was suggested.

28.14 Housing allocations in the LDF. The District Council were holding a series of drop-in events seeking views on how much housing would be needed over the next 15 years and the extent to which this should be concentrated around the edges of Derby, or dispersed to other towns and villages. The nearest event to Overseal would be held at Rosliston

Village Hall on Wednesday 27 July from 12-5pm and 6-7.30pm. Certain Members would endeavour to attend.

28.15 Planning application notification system. The District Council intended to notify Parish Councils of decisions on planning applications by email in future; while this would not cause any practical difficulties, Members had previously expressed reservations about the notification of applications.

Plans were often difficult to read at the reduced scale and often the plans and other documents were not available on the website until some days after the application had been notified to the Parish Council. Also the red dots indicating on the maps showing the location of the relevant sites were often misplaced. It was agreed to try A3 size plans, produced through Moira Replan where it seemed that this would make them easier to read.

28.16 Clubs Complete – use of Village Hall. The organisation asked for consideration of the charges made for use of the Village Hall in view of the low numbers of children taking part. While there had been requests to keep the service running, they would try to continue for the weeks beginning 29 July and 12, 19 and 26 August. They anticipated a substantial loss on these events and enquired whether any concessions could be made on the rent of £200 per week. Similarly, they asked for a concession on the rent for the May half term when only two days were used. In view of the fact that the service was welcomed by residents, it was agreed to grant a 50% reduction for the last event and the summer holiday bookings.

28.17 Football goals. St Matthews FC had enquired whether the Council could assist with the replacement of the goalposts, which had recently been severely damaged. Several potential sources of grant or information were suggested and the Club would be advised to come back to the Council if match funding or top-up funding was required.

28.18 Pavilion kitchen. The Bowls Club were considering refurbishing or extending the kitchen in the Pavilion and sought the Council's views on suggestions for an extension or a refurbishment of the existing kitchen. Either option would be supported.

28.19 Audit of Accounts for 2010/2011. The Clerk reported that he had received the District Auditor's approval of the accounts and there were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.

29 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0362 Extension, 189 Burton Road

0296 Extension, 344 Burton Road

Applications for decision:

0485 - The felling and pruning of trees protected under Tree Preservation Order 185 at Barratt Mill Shortheath. No objection.

0506 – Extension, 32 Woodville Road. Supported.

0257- Change of use for a mixed use of gypsy caravan site and general caravan site for persons of non-gypsy status, together with addition of 3 mobile homes, at The Conifers, Park Road (Amended plan). The previous objections would be re-stated and the District Council would be asked that, if the application were refused, they serve a Stop Notice or take similar action to prevent further unauthorised development.

30 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

30.1 District Council. Cllr Frost reported that the application for a gypsy site at Park Road was unlikely to go to Committee but a decision by an Officer was expected the following day. Cllr Mrs M E Hall made it clear that she was unable to comment on planning applications as she was a member of the District Council's Planning Committee and to do so would legally fetter her judgement. Enquiries would be made about the current situation regarding the land at Daisy Lane.

30.2 Police. Mr McMillan reported recent crime statistics. Members referred to the damage to the Council's notice board.

30.3 County Council. Cllr Jones was asked whether any decision had been made about the traffic assessment at Burton Road, conducted in relation to the Council's request for a crossing near to the supermarket. He agreed to make enquiries. A new telephone line was contemplated, dedicated to reporting incidents to do with HGVs. The County Council had decided to look at all unused land in its ownership and now intended not to sell the Nature Reserve and there was a possibility that a lease at a peppercorn rent could be granted.

31 ACCOUNTS**31.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1712	Hawkins Pest Control	Wasps nest at bowling green	35.00		35.00
1713	L Baxter	Caretaker	428.24		428.24
*1714	J M Summerfield	Litter	39.16		39.16
1715	T Stewart	Litter	189.76		189.76
1716	J E White	Salary & expenses	1289.35		1289.35
1717	HMRC	PAYE	345.80		345.80
1718	ESPO	Tables for Village Hall	665.00	133.00	798.00
1719	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet & cleaning supplies	79.87	15.99	95.86
1720	A H Bartlett Ltd	Replace hand dryers, repair faults with fluorescent fittings & install diffusers	547.10	109.42	656.52
1721	M Guest	Clearance & tidying at Village Hall grounds	180.00		180.00
D/D	e-on	Electricity bill	339.45	67.89	407.34
D/D	e-on	Gas bill	132.19	6.61	138.80
D/D	BT	Telephone bill	47.40	9.51	57.10
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	28.00		28.00
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20

* These accounts had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

31.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	440.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	1800.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Use of Village Hall as Polling Station	120.00

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

32 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Nominations for a Civic Award would be invited.

33 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

33.1 Gala Day. Mr Patrick expressed the Gala Committee's thanks for use of the facilities during Gala Day.

33.2 Linton Area Forum. Mrs S Jones reported that the meetings of the Forum and the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership would in future be held on the same evening so as to reduce the number of evening meetings.

33.3 Electricity sub-station, Woodville Road. It was reported that there was a bees' nest at this sub-station and that roof tiles were loose. The Clerk would report these for action.

33.4 Boundary fence, Church Farm. The wire fence line was projecting into the footpath and the Clerk would contact the owner to make it safe.

33.5 Traffic lights, Burton Road. Mrs S Jones expressed thanks to the County Council for their swift action in correcting the faulty lights.

33.6 Dog fouling. Mr Hart had discovered a template which was used elsewhere to mark dog faeces and he agreed to produce a small number of these for use locally.

33.7 Arts & Sculpture Trail. Mr Knight reported that the Committee would be giving a range of ideas for this trail and would seek views on the types of things which should be included.

33.8 Notice board. The plastic window at the front of the notice board had been smashed; the Clerk would have it repaired.

33.9 Overhanging hedge, Valley Road. An accident had occurred because of restricted visibility at Valley Road caused by an overgrown hedge. This would be reported to the County Council for cutting back.

33.10 Village Hall requirements. The Caretaker was producing a list of items required for the Village Hall. Members suggested that this might include bags for disposal of sanitary goods and a baby change.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm

Chairman