

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 5 July 2012.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mr R J Forsyth, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Mrs R O'Brien, Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council) and Mr D McMillan , PCSO.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

27 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident of Burton Road referred to the poor state of Broomy Lane, a public right of way, which needed stile repairs. In addition, the section in the National Forest had not had the tracks cleared this year and there was water on the surface, making their use very difficult. These matters would be taken up with Derbyshire County Council and the National Forest Company respectively. Ownership of the land in the second matter was understood to be in doubt and the Clerk was asked to submit a requisition to the land Registry to determine current ownership.

The resident also referred to a previous parking problem, which had reappeared after about three years, and the Clerk would ask the Police to deal with this.

(Mr S C Sharpe entered the meeting at 7.15 pm)

28 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

29 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Two expressions of interest had been received in respect of the current vacancy. One of the applicants had spoken at the previous meeting to explain her interest and the second person attended the meeting and explained his reasons for applying.

RESOLVED: That Mr I Sheppard be co-opted to membership of the Council.

(Mr Sheppard signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting).

30 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

30.1 District Council. The gullies in several roads need clearing of weeds, a service which the District Council had previously carried out. No. 1 Coronation Street was now in a poor state of repair and the District Council would be asked to deal with it. It was understood that there was to be a meeting concerning the caravan site at Acresford and that a new planning application had been submitted to continue the use. The Council remained opposed to the development. Ernest Hall Way in Swadlincote was in a poor state of repair and the District Council would be asked to secure an improvement.

30.2 Police. Mr McMillan had provided crime statistics for June, which continued to be relatively low.

30.3 County Council. Several public footpaths were reported as overgrown and these would be referred to the County Council for action. In addition, those previously reported had not been attended to and the County Council would be asked to do so urgently. A report had also been received that the spiked railings in New Walk were potentially dangerous and the County Council would be asked to take urgent action to remedy this.

31 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported that at least three different Codes had been produced – by NALC, the Local Government Association and the Derbyshire Monitoring Officers – and no final conclusion has been reached as to which should be adopted. The District Council had now adopted the Code produced by the Monitoring Officers, but this needed modification to make it suitable for Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: (a) That the existing Code of Conduct adopted in 2008 be re-adopted as an interim measure and that Members complete new Declarations of Interests to take account of the Regulations issued very recently;

(b) That the Clerk seek further information as to the various Codes, advise the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who would submit a recommendation to an early meeting.

32 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2011/2012

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed the audit of last year's accounts and that they were satisfactory and there were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.

33 CLERK'S REPORT

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

33.2 Barratt Mill footpath. Some form of waymarking in the yard area was regarded as essential as otherwise it appeared as though users of the right of way were trespassing and deterred them from using it. The County Council would be asked to pursue this aspect.

33.3 Caravan site, Park Road. It was reported that the appeals had been dismissed with costs against the appellants.

33.4 BT telephone box, Shortheath. The Clerk reported that the kiosk was among those which could be acquired. It was agreed to inspect it initially to determine whether it was in a safe state, and to consider possible future siting and uses before proceeding further.

33.5 Street nameplates. The nameplates for Sealwood Lane had now been installed and the resident who requested them thanked the Council for support.

The District Council had declined to install nameplates for Victoria Court as it was not an adopted highway, but would do so when the road was adopted.

33.6 Gas meter. The engineer carrying out the servicing of the boilers and safety checks at the Village Hall had reported that the capacity of the gas meter was too small to supply the two boilers and the hob simultaneously and he had

therefore turned off the boiler in the changing rooms and recommended that a larger meter be fitted by British Gas. An approach had been made to them and they had arranged a survey of the pipe-work and would decide the size of the new meter required.

33.7 Planting at roundabout. The Gala Committee had decided not to proceed with this project at the moment but to review it next year.

33.8 Excellence in the Community Awards. The County Council was seeking nominations for this annual award. The categories were:

- Raising money for good causes;
- Volunteering;
- Protecting and enhancing the Derbyshire environment;
- Making Derbyshire a safer place;
- Encouraging closer, caring and active communities;
- Promoting Derbyshire through their sporting, musical, academic or artistic success.

Noted.

33.9 Road closure. Notice had been received of the closure of the necessary roads to facilitate the Gala on 14 July between 1 and 2 pm.

33.10 Football pitch. The top pitch had been over-seeded and was to be slit in the near future.

33.11 Use of pitch for 2012/2013. Gresley Rovers team required use of the pitch for the next season, and St Matthews FC had agreed with the Overseal junior team organiser that their second team could share the lower pitch.

33.12 Gala Players. This organisation had requested use of the Village Hall for their rehearsals and productions at the same rate as last year and submitted a list of dates. It was agreed to permit this at £275.00 subject to the productions taking place in the school half term break and to the other times being strictly adhered to.

33.13 Dwarf wall at the Village Hall. The cost of installing new coping stones, fitted with epoxy resin, along the wall between the Village Hall car park and the recreation ground would be ascertained.

34 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0298 Extension, Georgeland House, Green Lane

0415 2 detached bungalows and garages, land r/o 8 Valley Road

The following application had been refused:

0286 Extension, 83 Lullington Road

Applications for decision:

0437 Creation of a vehicular access at 27 Moira Road. Supported as it would improve the parking situation along Moira Road. However, parking on the footpath should be prohibited.

CW9/0512/14 – application to Derbyshire County Council by Severn Trent Water - Erection of GRP chemical dosing kiosk, effluent booster kiosk, lab room kiosk, switchboard kiosk and temporary construction compound. Assumed to be technically necessary and therefore no objection was raised.

0504 Conversion of two shops and outbuilding into three dwellings, 13/13a Woodville Road. Supported.

0589 Widening of vehicular access, 56 Lullington Road. Supported.

35 ACCOUNTS

35.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1827	L Baxter	Caretaker	487.30		487.30
1828	J M Summerfield	Litter	58.36		58.36
1829	T Stewart	Litter	194.56		194.56
1830	S & R Landscapers	Surface car park	21594.33	4318.86	25913.20
1831	K C Goddard	Reimburse domain hosting service	20.98	4.20	25.18
1832	J E White	Salary & expenses	1304.98		1304.98
1833	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	364.40		364.40
1834	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Emergency lighting alterations at the Village Hall	390.00	78.00	468.00
1835	P Machin Plumbing & heating	Service boilers & safety checks	120.00	24.00	144.00
1836	M Guest	Strimming around Village Hall	70.00		70.00
1837	PHS Group plc	Sanitary disposal service for 2012/2013	258.70	51.74	310.44
1838	M Durcan	Plastering at Village Hall	70.00		70.00
1839	St Matthews Church	Donation towards churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	189.01	37.80	226.81
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	23.95	4.79	28.74
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	35.00		35.00

35.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	385.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept (second instalment)	14000.00

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

36 NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that a meeting in August would be necessary.

37 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

37.1 Heritage items in the village. A list of such items would be prepared and notified to the Liaison Group of the Heart of the Forest Foundation. In this connection, it was noted that the milepost needed repainting and a quotation would be obtained for the work.

- 37.2 Replanting flower beds.** The contractors would be asked to complete the replanting before the Gala.
- 37.3 Village Hall grounds.** The grounds would be strimmed where necessary and sprayed thereafter.
- 37.4 Village website.** It was understood that maintenance of the village website had ceased and the webmaster would be contacted to confirm this.
- 37.5 Village Hall – new room.** It was agreed that the room near to the foyer could be used as an archive and the Chairman reported that she had been given some chairs and a coffee table which would be placed there.
- 37.6 Flooding.** Leicestershire County Council would be contacted to deal with the flooding problem at the bottom of Woodville Road, where it appeared that drains were blocked. There was also flooding at reservoir corner which would also be reported.
- 37.7 Litter on A.444** The Clerk was asked to write to Veolia to press for them to ensure that their contractors' vehicles were sheeted at all times to prevent the constant littering of the road.
- 38 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 items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.
- 39 CHANGING ROOMS FLOOR**
The Clerk reported that a meeting with the District Council Chief Executive was being sought.
- 40 EXTERNAL PAINTING OF THE VILLAGE HALL**
RESOLVED: That the quotation of S Fern in the sum of £730.00 be accepted.

The meeting ended at 9.16 pm

Chairman