

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 4 July 2013.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman

Mr R Cox, Mr A R Hart, Mr D M Holloway, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Two members of the public.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr R C Cox declared an interest in planning application no. 2013 0440 as a neighbour of the property.

23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Members of the public represented St Matthew's Football Club and referred to the account for the pitch rental for the forthcoming season. It was agreed to allow payment by instalments in the circumstances.

24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

25 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

25.1 District Council. Grass cutting had recently been of a poor standard, though the latest cut had been a slight improvement. Forest View was especially poor and a fence had been damaged and the property owner not contacted.

A roadside gully near to 69/73 Woodville Road had sunk and needed reinstatement. Public footpaths: New Walk to Gorseley Lees and Moira Road – part completely blocked by overgrown vegetation and the part crossing the field had been ploughed earlier in the year and not reinstated. Woodlands Road to Forest View – completely blocked by an overhanging hedge.

Ernest Hall Way, Swadlincote – a large pothole had resulted in a disability scooter overturning, and needed repair.

25.2 Police. None.

25.3 County Council. The contractors installing the new traffic signals at the junction of Burton Road and Woodville Road had not fenced off their works. A JCB had been working on the pavement and grass verge without screening and children turning the corner had been faced with this machine, with potential danger. The remaining bollards at the junction of Burton Road and Coronation Street had been broken off and needed reinstating, preferably with something stronger to resist future damage.

26 CLERK'S REPORT

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

26.2 Football pitches, 2013/2014 season. The junior Under 12 team which would be using the bottom pitch had asked whether they could use the pitch with an Under 15s team as well. They were the only users of the bottom pitch, though their Under 16s team would be using the top pitch. Agreed at the standard charge of £250. All teams would be reminded that no matches could be played on Sunday 3 November due to the Bonfire Night event.

- 26.3 First Responders scheme.** Rosliston Parish Council were to establish a First Responders scheme in conjunction with East Midlands Ambulance service and had invited other Parish Councils to consider doing the same, as the call signal had a five mile radius. A public meeting to discuss the proposals was to be held on Wednesday 10 July at Rosliston Village Hall at 7.00 pm to which anyone interested in volunteering was invited. Mr M Knight was appointed to attend.
- 26.4 Deed of dedication, Multi-use Games Area.** As reported at the last meeting, Sport England required a dedication agreement, to ensure that the MUGA continued to be used for its original purpose of public sport and recreation. The Council had been concerned about a clause requiring prior approval of Sport England to any proposed licence or lease. It had now been established that this was intended to prevent a permanent change of use e.g. to allow a youth centre to be built on part of the MUGA rather than restricting such uses as allowing a football team to use it for training for two hours each week, which was regarded as a booking rather than a licence. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the document.
- 26.5 Public toilets.** The District Council had installed new stainless steel basins and the toilets were back in use. Arrangements were in hand for the inside to be repainted. The Clerk reported subsequent vandalism, involving children deliberately flooding the toilets by jamming the taps. Appropriate notices would be erected as an initial measure and the PCSO would be asked to try to identify the people concerned.
- 26.6 Land at Manor School View.** The District Council were continuing to discuss with the developers the adoption of the land as required by the S.106 Agreement. The possible route of a path through the site had been discussed with both the District Council and the developers, but a final conclusion had yet to be reached. The Clerk would press the District Council to try to expedite progress.
- 26.7 Traffic signals, Woodville Road/Burton Road.** Work had commenced on 1 July and temporary signals would be in operation for up to three weeks. The County Council had been asked to ensure that the Gala procession was not impeded.
- 26.8 Land at Lullington Road.** Fisher German had reached verbal agreement with the tenant leading to a Farm Business tenancy. They had suggested that their Solicitors be asked to check the agreement and the Clerk was authorised to confirm this subject to consultation with the Chairman.
- 26.9 External painting, Pavilion and changing rooms.** Quotations had been accepted for this work, which was under way. The Painter would also be invited to quote for the interior of the public toilets.
- 26.10 Request for floodlights.** The junior football team organiser had requested installation of two floodlights on the existing light standards, to illuminate part of the field to the rear of the MUGA as this would allow training during the evenings. A quotation had been obtained for this work, which was considered high. The principle was agreed, but the Clerk would arrange a further quotation from an alternative contractor.
- 26.11 Grant request.** The Bowls Club had asked for a donation up to a maximum of £250 to support an application for grant for the installation of CCTV cameras following recent vandalism. This was agreed.
- 26.12 Pedestrian refuge, Burton Road.** A site meeting had been arranged to discuss the proposed construction of a refuge near to the supermarket and Mr M Knight and Mr S Sharpe were appointed to attend.

26.13 Traffic measures, Burton Road. The Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs Lauro had asked the County Council to improve road safety near to Park Farm following a recent accident. The County Council had responded that the conditions did not warrant speed limit reductions or 'Accident Blackspot' signs.

27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

0218 Extension of existing gypsy caravan site including a change of use of land and increase in number of caravans to 10, The Conifers, Park Road. The Council strongly objects to this application.

1 The original application for part of this site was for a single caravan on compassionate grounds that a small child needed to attend hospital in Birmingham on a regular basis. However, this rapidly turned into a site with 3 caravans to accommodate relatives and subsequently it expanded further to 6 units plus shower block etc. When the 2006 application was submitted, there were 3 additional caravans on the site which were not authorised by planning consent and were therefore contrary to law.

2 The owners of the site also own a large strip of land and the Parish Council consider that the intention is to expand the site gradually to turn it into a large caravan site occupying most or all of the land. This has proved to be the case as the current application does exactly that.

3 The proposal is to extend the site further into open countryside forming part of the National Forest and is entirely inappropriate.

4 There are other sound planning reasons for rejecting the current application, namely:

- There are several sites in South Derbyshire where caravans can be sited;
- There is a caravan site directly opposite this site;
- There are other sites just over the county border with Leicestershire;
- The site is remote from essential amenities such as shops, Post Office, school etc. and car journeys would be necessary to access any of these

5 There have been many public order problems since the original site was developed and these continue. While these have mainly affected the immediate neighbours, children from the site have caused problems at local shops. Children also ride quad bikes on the land, causing noise and distress to local residents.

6 There is no proper system of refuse disposal

7 In 2011, application no 0257 was refused on the grounds that the proposal was contrary to policy restricting development in open countryside, and on pollution and tree protection grounds. These reasons still hold good today and the current application should be refused.

0440 Internal alterations to facilitate use of the property as a single dwelling, Overseale House, 10-14 Acresford Road. Supported.

(Mr R C Cox declared an interest in this application as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

0450 Extension, 24 Woodlands Crescent. The Parish Council supports this application

0391 Erection of 3 dwellings, including provision of access and turning area, 149 Woodville Road. The Parish Council has serious concerns about aspects of this application. The development would result in a considerable increase in traffic

emerging from the site on to a narrow, heavily parked road. It is cramped development of a backland site. The driveway is very narrow and may not be wide enough to allow two vehicles to pass – if they cannot, conflicts will be bound to occur, and vehicles may have to reverse into the road. The only possible passing place is intended as a parking space for existing properties.

0499 Extension and garage, 256 Burton Road. Supported.

28 ACCOUNTS

28.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1936	L Baxter	Caretaker	417.24		417.24
1937	J M Summerfield	Litter	59.48		59.48
1938	T Stewart	Litter	148.56		148.56
1939	J E White	Salary & expenses	1010.37		1010.37
1940	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	647.00		647.00
*1941	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning & toilet materials	61.52	12.30	73.82
1942	St Matthews Church	Donation towards churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
1943	PHS Group plc	Sanitary disposal service	273.14	54.63	327.77
1944	A V Ward	Replacement cheque, return of deposit for Village Hall function	50.00		50.00
1945	M Guest	Maintenance of footpaths 18/19	250.00		250.00
1946	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Stainless steel cleaner & disinfectant	15.29	3.06	18.35
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	446.54	89.31	535.85
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	36.00		36.00
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	60.68		60.68
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	11.34		11.34

28.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	690.00
Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness	Use of Village Hall	135.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept, 2 nd instalment	12775.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Use of Village Hall as a Polling Station	120.00

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

29 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

29.1 Dog show. It was reported that at a recent dog show, faeces was left on the recreation ground. The organisers would be asked to ensure that in future it was cleared up.

- 29.2 Supermarket lights.** While the floodlights at the front of the shop were on until the early hours, no further complaints had been received.
- 29.3 Old changing rooms.** Water had seeped into the building and defective roof felt had been found to be the cause. A quotation for replacement would be obtained.
- 29.4 Scrap metal.** A merchant had recently taken metal from a skip and during the breaking up process had left many screws on the ground, causing punctures to cars. This would be reported to the Police.
- 29.5 Parking at the school.** A member enquired whether it would be possible for a narrow layby to be situated in part of the grass verge, so as to reduce the obstruction at peak times. She was informed that the County Council had previously refused this, despite the fact that the adjacent car park was usually full at those times.
- 29.6 Bus service.** The Arriva service using Acresford Road now did not stop in Acresford, but passengers were left at the church and had to walk the considerable distance to their destination. This was despite there being a convenient pull-inn at Acresford. Midland Classic would be asked whether they could replace the service.
- 29.7 Listed buildings.** The Chairman reported on her attendance at a recent meeting with District Council Officers who had explained the Listed Buildings process and identified certain such buildings. One building had taken so long to list that it had been demolished before the listing was finalised, and the listing had only recently been removed.
- Mileposts could also be listed and Mr Knight would be asked to find out the implications of doing this.
- 29.8 Overgrown Hedge, Valley Road.** It was reported that the hedge near to the crown of the rise in Valley Road was overgrown and projecting into the highway. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Council to secure its cutting back.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chairman