

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 July 2017.

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mrs M Elton, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mrs T A Rogers and Mr S C Sharpe.

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

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr J Howes.

## 30 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

## 31 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms A Dennis, President of Swadlincote and District Lions Club, advised that the Club had annual fund-raising campaigns and that this year it was to provide defibrillators. Two should be provided in Overseal to enable the necessary quick response to be achieved and the cost was approximately £1000 per unit plus installation and electrical supply. Annual costs were around £15 for electricity and £100 if the instruments were used and required re-calibration and new pads. Operation of the units was totally automatic.

Mr Dennis was thanked for the information and it would be discussed further at the next meeting.

## 32 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 33 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**33.1 District Council.** Cllr Mrs Hall reported that she had been elected as Vice-Chairman of the District Council and had already carried out a number of engagements. Members congratulated her on her election.

The litter bin at Shortheath had been removed but a replacement had not yet been provided; toilet waste had been emptied onto the car park. Cllr P Murray would report these matters to the District Council.

**33.2 Police.** Crime statistics for June were submitted and showed that there had been increased numbers of reported crimes in other areas.

**33.3 County Council.** Cllr P Murray reported that structural changes were in process at the County Council and were leading towards improved performance in routine matters. For example, all pothole repairs reported during the last month had been completed. The traffic problems in Lullington Road, with cars mounting the pavement, were being considered though there was no obvious remedy.

Items previously reported to the County Council had been acknowledged and were to be carried out shortly, and Cllr Murray agreed to check on progress on the 'siding' of the footpath at Acresford Road and the damaged 40 mph sign at Acresford Road. The maintenance arrangements for the car park had still not been sorted out and the future use and maintenance of the Nature

Area depended on permission from the County Council to proceed; the Footpaths Group were prepared to maintain the land and this would enable public access for walking and recreation. Cllr Murray would press for action on these two matters.

### **34 CLERK'S REPORT**

- 34.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The tarmac near to the electricity sub-station in Woodville Road had been repaired but the adjoining verge had not been re-seeded. The Clerk would seek a price for cutting back the lower parts of the conifers bordering the recreation ground and belonging to the care home. If no response was received from the care home relating to the future maintenance of these, the matter would be referred to the Care Quality Commission.

The footpath at Spring Cottage was still blocked and the matter had been made worse by more grass cuttings being dumped on the adjoining lawn.

- 34.2 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). The long-term use of the land at Lullington Road would be included in the agenda for the next meeting.
- 34.3 Churchyard maintenance.** Provision had been made in the budget for a grant of £300 towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard and this had been included in the list of payments in the agenda.
- 34.4 Edward Street allotments.** Two of the 3 vacant plots had now been allocated; as they are badly overgrown, no charge was being made for the rest of this year, in accordance with past practice. The remaining plot would be advertised on the website and the local Facebook page.
- 34.5 Use of Village Hall.** The Junior FC had requested a discount for their presentation evening on 10 June at short notice. They were granted 50% discount for the corresponding event last year and the same discount had been allowed this year.
- 34.6 Insurance cover.** Darby & Joan Club had enquired whether the council's insurance extended to their public liability when using the Village Hall. The council's Insurers had confirmed that if a member of the Club were to suffer any injury while using the Village Hall, they would be covered under the Council's public liability insurance. However, if the Council wished to extend the definition of the Insured under the section to include the Darby and Joan Club on the basis that this group were regarded as being for the benefit of the local community cover could be extended to provide indemnity to them under the Public Liability section, which would give maximum cover of £5 million. There would be no additional cost to the Council. It was agreed to consider this matter again when the current insurance of the Club was due for renewal.

It was also suggested that the club should consider holding their meetings in the Pavilion, thereby releasing the Village Hall for alternative uses.

- 34.7 Changing rooms floor repairs.** The Clerk reported that the Football Foundation had refused the grant application as they required more showers and toilets to be provided, which was not possible. However, the Financial Contribution from the developers of Valley Road had now been received by the District Council and the necessary documentation was to be submitted to them to release the funds.

The Structural Engineers also required £900 in addition to the cost per visit to provide the necessary documentation to control the acceptance and performance of the contract.

The council considered how best to fund the shortfall created by these changes and it was confirmed that it could be met from the Environmental Improvements budget (£3000), the contingency budget (£1200) and from a generally healthy state of reserves.

Accordingly, it was agreed that, subject to confirmation from the District Council that the S.106 funds were available for draw-down, the quotation of Harvey & Clarke would be accepted and Structural Design Associates would provide the necessary documentation and supervise the contract on behalf of the council.

- 34.8 Planning consultations.** The District Council was consulting on aspects of the Development Framework, namely Local green spaces, affordable housing and a design guide. Drop-in events are to take place during June and July, including at the Civic Offices on 13 and 22 June (9.30 - 2.00), Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall on 12 July (3.30 - 7.15) as well as at the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting at Walton Village Hall on 28 June. Comments were invited up to 7 August and a report would be submitted to the meeting on 3 August.

- 34.9 Use of marquees at the recreation ground.** In March, an application was received for use of the Village Hall for a wedding and stationing a marquee on the ground to the rear (minute no. 149.10). The Council gave permission subject to the applicant indemnifying the council against damage to the drainage system or the surface. The event had now been cancelled but it had given rise to a re-think about stationing a marquee on the land in view of the potential damage to drains or the surface, as well as the possibility that the marquee would be in place for several days.

RESOLVED: (a) That if such applications were to be received in future, they be refused because of the possibility of damage to the surface and/or drainage systems but the underlying booking for the Village Hall would be allowed to proceed.

(b) That applications including the use of a bouncy castle would be permitted subject to the arrangements being made to avoid such damage, the applicants indemnifying the council against all costs and claims arising from the use and a time limit for use of the bouncy castle set at 9 pm to avoid nuisance to neighbours.

## **35 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS**

A gutter at the rear of the Village Hall needed repair.

**36 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**The following applications had been approved:**

0258 Garage, 2 Dawn Field

0399 First floor extension, 4 Lullington Mews

**The following application had been refused:**

0389 Vehicular access and hardstanding, 36 Lullington Road

**Applications for decision:**

0537 Extensions, 133 Shortheath. Following consultation between meetings, the District Council had been informed that the council had no objection to this application.

0651 Replacement workshop and garage, 70 Woodville Road. Object - the building would be out of keeping with its surroundings, would be too large and too high, and there were concerns that its design could lead to conversion into a dwelling in the future. Additionally, the District Council should consider whether a material change of use to a mixed residential and business use requiring planning permission would exist.

0652 Changes to condition, land r/o 137 - 149 Woodville Road. The condition related to the required sight lines and the application was for its deletion on the grounds that the applicant did not have control over the relevant land. The council strongly objected to the application. The sight lines were needed because of the restricted visibility from this narrow exit from the site, where vehicles were parked regularly close to the exit. While the applicant may not have total control over the public footway, there is also the land forming parts of the neighbouring front gardens to be taken into account. The fact that the applicant may not have control over this land is no reason to abandon the condition and allow a totally sub-standard access. Additionally, the council considers that building should not commence until the access sight lines have been provided and secured.

**37 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

None.

**38 WEBSITE**

The availability of the Pavilion for meetings and small functions would be advertised.

**39 ACCOUNTS****39.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
**2439	Ian Stone Gardening Services (May invoice)	Mowing pitch, renew planters, clear footpaths	1404.84		1404.84
2440	L Edwards	Caretaker assistance	69.05		69.05
2441	S Ruddle	Caretaker	537.92		537.92
2442	E Evans	Litter	159.04		159.04

2443	J M Summerfield	Litter	67.50		67.50
2444	J E White	Salary & expenses	1057.48	1.95	1059.43
2445	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	658.40		658.40
2446	A W Cook	Reimburse locks for height restriction barriers	33.16	6.64	39.80
2447	St Matthew's Church	Grant towards churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
2448	Hornsby Ltd	Repair potholes at Village Hall car park	600.00	120.00	720.0
2449	Ian Stone Gardening Services (June invoice)	Mowing pitch, Daisy Lane paths, church corner & Village Hall grounds	480.00		480.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.95	3.99	23.94
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42

### 39.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
South Derbyshire District Council	Toilets refund	1149.90
Surgery	Wreath refund	25.00

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

## 40 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**40.1 Football goal sockets.** The club would be asked to ensure that the socket covers were replaced after all games.

**40.2 Overseal Gala.** The Gala Committee had arranged for the church bells to ring a full peal on the day of the Gala. This entailed 500 changes from memory and would last around 3 hours. It was to be dedicated to the memory of Mel Patrick, the former Vice-Chairman of the Council, who had also been involved with the organisation of the Gala for many years.

**40.3 History Group.** The Group were to hold their next meeting on 24 July.

**40.4 Apple Day.** Preparations for Apple Day to be held on 21 October were under way.

**40.5 Overgrown grass verge.** The length of Moira Road between no 66 and the county boundary was affected. The County Council would be asked to deal with this.

**40.6 Footway obstruction, Moira Road.** Contractors' vehicles were parked frequently on the path opposite the showroom under construction and in two recent cases, the path was so obstructed that riders of mobility scooters had had to go into the road. There was no path on the other side of the road. This would be taken up with the company concerned.

**40.7 Slackey Lane.** Dropped kerbs to assist disabled people were required at the junction of Slackey Lane with Moira Road. This would be referred to Leicestershire County Council.

**40.8 Fisheries.** The footpath access from Spring Cottage had a chicane and created difficulties for users of mobility scooters or people with pushchairs. To be referred to Leicestershire County Council.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm