

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Overseal on Thursday 5 July 2018.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, 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.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs R O'Brien declared an interest in Minute no. 43 (Planning applications - application no. 0364, demolition of garage and erection of bungalow, 35 Main Street) as a neighbour. Mrs M Elton declared an interest in Minute no. 43 (Planning applications - application no. 0589 extensions and loft conversion, Rose of Tralee, Green Lane) as a neighbour.

38 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr A Dennis, President of Swadlincote Lions Club, thanked the council for their contribution towards the cost of a defibrillator.

A resident suggested that the Pavilion could be used as a coffee shop for a few mornings per week and had identified several volunteers who would take part in running it. This was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Representatives of the Pre-school asked whether they might install a rigid canopy over the paved area at the rear of the Village Hall as Ofsted required that children had the opportunity to be out of doors. While there were some concerns, the Pre-school would be asked to provide further details. Permission was also given for the Pre-school to install a bolt for the main door of the Village Hall.

39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

40 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

40.1 District Council. Attention was drawn to the fact that the developers of the Valley Road estate had not been on site for several weeks, but many key jobs remained incomplete. The Clerk would contact the developers and also refer the matter to the District Council.

An accumulation of rubbish at Forest View would also be referred to the District Council for removal and they would be asked to arrange mowing of the open space at Manor School View.

40.2 Police. The PCSO presented the crime statistics for June, which were lower than the previous month. Concerning the parking difficulties in Edward Street, he advised that anyone whose vehicle was blocked in should telephone the Police. He was also informed of drug paraphernalia at Hallcroft Avenue, Lullington Road and the car park.

40.3 County Council. The proposed surfacing of Hallcroft Avenue had not yet been done and the County Council would be asked when it was to take place. They would be advised of the implications for the village of the proposed development at Chilcote, which would involve manufacturing industry and 5000 jobs. The traffic problems would be significant and their support for a bypass for the village as part of the S.106 contributions would be requested, along with the support of the District Council and the Member of Parliament.

Members also referred to the speeding problems at Moira Road, which involved several minor accidents; the Police would be asked to schedule speed checks in the near future.

41 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

41.3 Bowls Club. After some discussion, the three steel cabins, Ransomes mower and three cupboards were acquired but the Council's bid for the Dennis mower was well short of other bids received. The club had been asked to remove all the other materials from the premises as soon as practicable.

41.4 Future uses of the Pavilion. In addition to the Pavilion being used for Council meetings in future, a number of other possible uses were listed at the last meeting.

- Junior Football Club HQ
- Cafe - regular or occasional
- Library
- Brownies, guides & Rainbows
- After-school club
- Children's parties
- Healthy eating courses
- Museum
- Other bowls clubs
- Uses ancillary to the Gala
- Lawn tennis and/or croquet
- A request for a breakfast club for school children had been received (hours to be 7.30 - 8.45 am and 3.00 - 6.30 pm , Monday - Thursday during term times). A written proposal with full details would be requested.

While several of these could be accommodated through a normal booking process, it was considered that no monopoly use by a single organisation should be allowed. It was agreed to meet at 6.00 pm prior to the next meeting of the council in order to give more detailed consideration of these matters.

41.5 Weight restriction order. Derbyshire County Council had confirmed that the entire Parish was covered by a weight restriction order, with the exception of A.444. Consequently, issues affecting Shorth Heath and Park Road were a matter for the Police, who would require dates, times and identification of the vehicles in question. The most effective way was to telephone them quickly after observing contraventions.

- 41.6 Flooding Woodville Road/Spring Cottage.** The County Council's Flood Risk Management Team was now satisfied that the cause of the flooding which occurred earlier in the year had now been overcome; they were to notify the responsible bodies of the precarious fence posts and the swamp area, so that these problems could be dealt with.
- 41.7 Valley Road development.** The Developers had confirmed that they would complete the outstanding works and would be 'progressing the site through to adoption'.
- 41.8 Speeding, Lullington Road.** The County Council said that there had been no injury collisions during the last three years and therefore they would not be taking any action, but had advised that the speeding etc were matters for the Police. The Police had therefore been asked to deal with the speeding and driving on the path and they had advised that they would undertake some speed checks and discuss the result with the County Council Highways Officers.
- 41.9 Parking near the chip shop.** The County Council said that limited resources meant that they must concentrate on those roads where there was a history of injury collisions, or where obstruction of the highway occurred daily or very frequently, or where commerce was seriously affected by parking. They referred the Council to the Safer Neighbourhood Team or Civil Parking Enforcement Officers from the County Council.
- 41.10 Potholes, Overseal-Netherseal road.** The County Council said that potholes opposite the entrance to Gunby Farm on both sides of the road had been repaired and further repairs were scheduled for 14 others, as well as others on Gunby Hill.
- 41.11 Community Involvement Scheme.** The County Council were inviting a representative to attend a focus group later in the year. They were inviting Parish Councils to take part in this new scheme, aimed at identifying areas where improvements to the local area could be made. Examples included:
- Identifying a Highway Warden to report defects to the County Council;
 - Sharing information about planned highway works;
 - Promoting resilience by assisting with flood risk management and snow;
 - Undertaking low risk projects such as sign cleaning, litter picking, grass cutting and graffiti removal.

The focus groups would concentrate on how councils could take part in carrying out the projects, or developing the ideas further.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman could attend if the focus group were to meet reasonably locally.

- 41.12 Sale of caravans, Squirrel Walk.** The District Council's Enforcement Officer had visited the site unannounced but had not seen evidence of unauthorised activity.
- 41.13 Universal credit roll-out.** The District Council were seeking assistance with IT facilities to enable them to assist applicants for Universal Credit, which must be made online. The Clerk had offered use of the IT facilities at the Village Hall. Confirmed.

41.14 Parking at Edward Street. Residents and allotment holders had each complained about parking difficulties and obstruction of vehicles in Edward Street and they had been advised to contact the Police in such circumstances. However, the lock on the gate at the Burton Road entrance was being replaced with a combination lock and the possible use of the telephone exchange car park would be explored. This would encourage some allotment holders to use the Burton Road entrance and reduce pressure on Edward Street.

41.15 Horse-riding, Bath Lane, Moira. Leicestershire County Council had declined the request to impose a reduced speed limit; they would be asked to provide additional signs relating to horses, the caravan site entrance and pedestrians using the road.

42 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were submitted and required no action. An additional report form for the Pavilion had been provided.

43 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0073 Creation of an attenuation pond, Land at Moira Road

Applications for decision:

0589 Extensions and loft conversion, Rose of Tralee, Green Lane. No objection.

(Mrs M Elton declared an interest in this application as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

0609 Erection of a steel portal agricultural building, Greendown Farm, 150 Burton Road. No objection.

0364 Demolition of existing double garage and erection of a bungalow, with access and parking, 35 Main Street. As this application had only been notified that day, Members would be asked to provide the Chairman with their views and comments would be submitted between meetings.

(Mrs R O'Brien declared an interest in this application as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion thereon)

44 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

45 WEBSITE

None.

46 ACCOUNTS

46.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2572	Overseal Memorial Bowls Club	Purchase of mower, cupboards and outbuildings	785.00		785.00
*2573	P Stone	Mowing of bowling green & Pavilion surrounds	145.00		145.00

2574	S Ruddle	Caretaker	580.05		580.05
2575	E Evans	Litter	134.54		134.54
2576	J M Summerfield	Litter	62.64		62.64
2577	J E White	Salary & Expenses	1226.41	30.15	1256.56
2578	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	714.71		714.71
2579	Mark Harrod Ltd	Goalpost socket caps	43.00	8.60	51.60
2580	ESPO	2 vacuum cleaners	193.00	38.60	231.60
2581	St Matthews Church	Donation towards churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
2582	P Stone	Mowing bowling green etc. & clearing public footpaths	195.00		195.00
2583	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Mowing pitch etc.	720.00		720.00
2584	Kompan Ltd	Play equipment (balance)	5623.58	1124.72	6748.30
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	21.95	4.39	26.34
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	31.16		31.16
D/D	SSE	Gas supplied to Village Hall	171.89	8.59	180.48

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

46.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	1242.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	35.00
K Milburn	Allotment rent	15.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept - second instalment	15038.00

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

47 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

47.1 Parking of HGVs, Burton Road. Members referred to a Company which delivered large plant to a site on Burton Road, involving staff having to cross the main road to deal with the deliveries. While not wishing to discourage the company concerned, the Police would be asked to look into the potential danger of these arrangements.

47.2 Car park. The County Council would be asked for an update on their proposals for the car park and nature area.

47.3 Trimming of trees. The County Council would be asked to trim suckers on the lime trees in Woodville Road and Hallcroft Avenue, and to cut back the bush at the junction of Woodville Road and Hallcroft Avenue.

47.4 Fence at Hooborough Brook. Both Leicestershire and Derbyshire County Councils would be asked to deal with the fence near to the Hooborough Brook which was now in a very dangerous condition.

47.5 Dog bin. The District Council would be asked to supply and install a dog bin near to the entrance to the public footpath at 260/262 Burton Road.

47.6 Bowling green hedge. There were several gaps in the hedge surrounding the bowling green; DSK Engineering would be asked for suggestions and costs of installing a simple fence or other obstructions.

47.7 Play area. The entrance to the children's play area was worn and needed stone to be installed. Ian Stone Gardening Services would be asked to undertake this. Also, the bolts on the rope climber were loose; the District Council would be asked to fix this.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Chairman