

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 4 July 2019.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr D E Patrick, Mr S C Sharpe and Mrs S M Ward.

In attendance: Cllr A Brady and Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council).

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

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

34 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident asked whether the council could consider allowing roadside wildflower beds to encourage butterflies and other wild life rather than the present cutting and mowing campaign. Advice on this matter would be taken from the District Council and specific sites would need to be identified. The Council favoured the suggestion in principle.

35 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

36 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

36.1 District Council. The transfer of the land at Manor School View to the District Council was in hand. Play area inspections were carried out on behalf of the District Council by Zurich Insurance and it was believed that the play area at Edward Street was included in these. It was also reported that the decision on the recycling facility would be taken at the next Committee meeting in August. However, it was reported that the recycling rate in South Derbyshire was unacceptably low.

36.2 Police. Members reported that there was a persistent offender riding a moped type vehicle at high speed on Coronation Street, though it was understood that this may now have been resolved. However, anti-social behaviour by groups of young people, some of whom were quite young, was increasing. The District Councillors reported that Community Protection orders were a way of controlling antisocial behaviour and they had been assured that the Police always prosecuted following continued breaches of these orders.

36.3 County Council. Speeding and Parking causing an obstruction can be reported on www.crestderbyshire.org and 10 complaints should trigger a response. The fence repair at Woodville Road was still awaited. The traffic predictions relating to the proposed development at Junction 11 were challenged; the replacement of the LED street lamps was now the responsibility of two teams and details would be made available.

37 CLERK'S REPORT

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

- 37.2 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).
- 37.3 Relocation of planters at the Village Hall car park.** The Council deferred consideration on re-siting the three planters to allow more parking until the next meeting.
- 37.4 WiFi for the Pavilion.** As the range extenders did not work, alternative methods of making WiFi available in the Pavilion were explored. It was agreed that powerline adaptors be installed and the work be allocated to A & J Bartlett Ltd.
- 37.5 Training course for new councillors.** Mr D Patrick had expressed an interest in attending this course but was now unable to do so. The p[rovisional reservation would, therefore, be cancelled.
- 37.6 Land at Manor School View.** Following the report that the land was still in the ownership of the Developers, South Derbyshire District Council had commenced the process for its transfer to them.
- 37.7 District Council Civic Service.** Advance notice had been received of the Civic service on 6 September. Noted.
- 37.8 Resurfacing of Hallcroft Avenue.** The County Council had now said that the work was part of a 3-year programme and was 'subject to change'. Meanwhile, the Highway Inspector had said that they were reacting to reports for repairs only. Consequently, the Clerk had asked that all the potholes between the junctions with Daisy Lane and Moira Road be properly repaired, and that the surfacing be more than just surface dressing. However, It had now been confirmed that the resurfacing of Hallcroft Avenue would only be patching and top dressing.

38 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

There were no issues reported and it was remarked that the flower beds were looking very good.

39 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0187 Two-storey rear extension, 223 Burton Road

0443 Retention of plant and equipment to the rear and erection of associated screening, 159 Moira Road

Applications for decision:

0467 Erection of a detached garage/workshop, 217 Burton Road

Following consultation with Members between meetings, the District Council was informed that the Council has no objection to this application.

0490 Amended application – felling of 2 cherry trees protected by a TPO, St Matthews Church (the original application was for felling one tree). No objection

40 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

41 WEBSITE

The details of the new District Council members would be added and it was requested that the site be made more colourful.

42 ACCOUNTS

42.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2710	S Ruddle	Caretaker	565.00		565.00
2711	E Evans	Litter	147.38		147.38
2713	J E White	Salary & expenses	1431.30		1430.30
2714	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	329.60		329.60
2715	RBL Poppy Appeal	Donation re. Lamp post poppies	105.00		105.00
2716	Ellis Whittam	Health & Safety advice contract	1503.68	298.20	1801.88
2717	St Matthews Church	Donation towards churchyard maintenance	300.00		300.00
2718	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	125.05	25.01	150.06
**2719	SSE	Gas to Village Hall (final account to October 2018)	1228.39	117.67	1346.06
2720	P Stone	Mowing at Pavilion, footpath maintenance	287.00		287.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	21.25	4.25	25.50
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	37.55		37.55

** This adjusted account was more than covered by a credit received from British Gas

42.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	942.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	361.25
Community Cafe	Use of Pavilion	550.00
British Gas	Refund of gas charges	1408.15

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

43 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

43.1 Civic Award. A nominee was identified and the arrangements for presentation would be considered.

43.2 War Memorial maintenance. The Gala Committee had funded the work and would continue to do so. The Council was advised that the Gala Committee could have some funds available for a project and it was suggested that a stone sculpture would be suitable and provide a destination point on a village walk route.

43.3 Church Roof. It was reported that the Church was raising funds for roof repairs as this would attract match funding from the Church of England and consideration was given to the possibility of assistance from the council. The Council was indeed to make a grant and to purchase 4 plants from a resident who was raising funds for this purpose, subject to confirming that it complied with the policy recently adopted.

43.4 Leaflet holder. It was suggested that a suitable holder be provided at the Pavilion and efforts to obtain a suitable one would be pursued.

44 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in pursuance of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

45 CLERK'S REPORT

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

45.1 Public toilets. Complaints had been raised at the last meeting that the Caretaker had had to clean the toilets after the Overload event and that they were in a bad condition. The Gala Committee had agreed that, if there was a recurrence, the toilets be closed for a few days after the event to allow a suitable arrangements to be made and advance notice of the closure to be given.

45.2 Public toilets renovation. At the last meeting, a quotation was received from Harrington BMC Ltd on the revised basis i.e. walls not to be boarded, but painted with a durable paint, but otherwise unchanged. A comparative quotation had been requested from Harvey & Clark Ltd and had now been received.

The principle of the transfer had been agreed at the February meeting subject to satisfactory financial arrangements and the offer from the District Council was considered to be satisfactory.

RESOLVED: (a) That the quotation of Harvey & Clark Ltd for the work be accepted:

(b) That the offer of the District Council on the terms of the transfer be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chairman