

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 June 2013.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick, and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D M Holloway, Mr I Sheppard and Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

15 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Two members of the public attended the meeting and referred to the proposed establishment of a small football pitch for young children. The proposal was detailed in the Clerk's Report and the decision to approve the proposal was made at this time.

16 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2013, (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes) were noted.

17 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

17.1 District Council. Cllr Frost had received a complaint about light from the illuminations in front of the supermarket on Burton Road shining into the windows of a property nearby. It was thought that this might be because urgent works were being carried out at the supermarket, necessitating night working; the situation would be monitored.

The recycling boxes issued to households were of flimsy construction and often, the fasteners could be damaged, resulting in the contents spilling out. This would be brought to the attention of the District Council.

17.2 Police. The Chairman reported crime statistics received from the PCSO, which showed a marked increase locally. A parking problem at Squirrel Walk and Valley Road would be drawn to Mr McMillan's attention.

17.3 County Council. Drain covers in Burrton Road and Main Street had sunk and when lorries passed over them, they made a lot of noise. This would be referred to the County Council for action.

The proposed traffic signals at the Burton Road/Woodville Road/Lullington Road junction were welcomed, though the commencement of the work on 13 July would clash with Gala Day. The County Council would be reminded of this and asked to avoid problems. Mrs Lauro reported that she had contacted officers regarding the height exemption for HGVs in Woodville Road, but as it appeared that officers did not fully understand the concerns, she would ask for a site meeting, at which they could be clarified.

18.7 Proposed traffic signals. The County Council were proposing to install traffic signals at the junction of A.444 and Lullington Road/Woodville Road, the work to be carried out from 13 July. As a pedestrian phase would be included in the lights sequence, the existing pedestrian crossing would be removed, and it may be necessary to alter some of the street lights.

The proposal was warmly welcomed.

18.8 Litter bins and dog bins. The Clerk had obtained prices for the replacement of the damaged dog bin at Hallcroft Avenue and for provision of a litter bin near the bus stop on Burton Road near to the junction with Green Lane. However, as the damage to the dog bin was not sufficient to prevent its use and the need for a litter bin at Burton Road had not been established, no further action would be taken for the time being. The litter bin previously sited near to the church had been removed, and enquiries would be made as to the reason or whether it could be replaced.

19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0287 Extensions, 6 Manor School View

Application for decision

0397 Alterations to driveway and vehicular access, The Old Stables, 18 Acresford Road. Supported.

20 ACCOUNTS

20.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1930	Hewitsons LLP	Legal fees, land at Lullington Road	667.85	133.57	801.42
1931	L Baxter	Caretaker	404.66		404.66
1932	J M Summerfield	Litter	74.25		74.25
1933	T Stewart	Litter	148.56		148.56
1934	J Kirby	Caretaker	77.38		77.38
1935	K Ward	Refund of security deposit for a Village Hall booking	50.00		50.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	36.00		36.00

20.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	410.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	1245.00

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

21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

21.1 Playing of golf on the recreation ground. A person had recently begun to use the ground for this purpose, which was damaging the turf. To be referred to the PCSO.

- 21.2 Public toilets.** A petition had been received expressing concern about the poor state of the toilets, particularly that the wash basins had been removed, the water supply cut off and the lack of cleanliness. The Clerk had been assured by the District Council that the water supply and replacement of the basins were in hand and the Caretaker would be asked to improve cleanliness and to check their condition when they were opened and closed. It was also agreed to arrange for the interior to be painted with a light colour when the works had been completed.
- 21.3 Fly tipping.** A Member reported that Sainsbury's at Swadlincote displayed a brightly coloured sign deterring people from fly tipping, and wondered whether a similar sign at the recycling centre in Woodville Road might have the same result.
- 21.4 Overgrown footpaths.** The County Council had confirmed that they had scheduled clearance of the paths near to the school for late June or early July. Clearance of paths 18/19 (Daisy Lane area) would be referred to Mr M Guest, who would also be asked to deal with the Village Hall grounds.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Chairman