

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 6 June 2019.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Cllr A Brady (South Derbyshire District Council), Mr K Gillott (Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S M Ward and Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council).

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr A Cook declared an interest in minute no 27 (Village Hall Matters) as a relative of the employee concerned.

19 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Deputy Commissioner gave a brief presentation on the work and financing of the Police Service. The Commissioner was elected every four years and appointed a Deputy to assist him. They prepared a five year plan (2016/2021) containing 7 strategic objectives which the Chief Constable would implement, in addition to his requirements from Government.

There was a high volume of daily work and a reduced number of Officers and support staff. Government grants had been reduced in recent years and the budget – which was largely static – was balanced by increased precept on the Council Tax. This in turn was capped, initially to an increase of £12 p.a. for a Band D property but recently amended to £24 p.a.. That would fund 120 extra Officers and staff but the service also used external civilian specialists where necessary. A rural crime section, based in Melbourne, had recently been established and other Officers were being transferred to South Derbyshire.

In answer to questions from Councillors and the public, it was confirmed that some crimes reported had not been correctly recorded, being listed as incidents or occurrences rather than crimes. However, this had now been rectified. There was co-operation between forces, notably with Leicestershire, and this was illustrated by action being pursued against misuse of 'dirt bikes'. Queries about provision of speed cameras and parking problems should now be referred to Derbyshire County Council as they were responsible as the authority for such enforcement. Cllr Brady agreed to pursue with the County Council the request for speed cameras to cover part of A.444 Burton Road between the supermarket and the Parish boundary.

Members thanked Mr Gillott for the information which he had provided.

20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Public questions had been answered during the discussions with the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner.

21 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 May 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were noted.

22 CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

Following local advertising, two expressions of interest had been received in respect of the two vacancies resulting from there being insufficient candidates elected. Both were present at the meeting and explained the reasons for tier interest.

RESOLVED: That Mr R Cox and Mr D Patrick be co-opted to Membership of the Council.

(Both Members joined the meeting and took part in the remainder.)

23 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

23.1 District Council. Cllr Brady reported on matters which he had pursued on the Council's behalf.

The traffic which would arise from the proposed development at the junction of M42/A42/A444 at Stretton-en-le-Field was quoted at 1116 vehicle movements per day, of which 11 were said to be directed towards Overseal. Plainly this was unlikely and he would discuss the matter further with the Planners. He had not been able to identify a Play Area Survey but was checking the degree of responsibility exercised by the District Council.

The requested removal of the recycling bins from the car park would go to committee on 15 August, but there was a possibility of the District Council ending the lease of the car park if this was approved. While the Council would prefer not to take responsibility for the car park, they would not object to the District Council ending the lease provided it was then included in the lease to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would then become liable for basic maintenance, though the rent would be a peppercorn.

The land at Manor School View was still in the ownership of the developers (Rippon Homes) but should have been transferred to the District Council some time ago. The District Council would now be asked to pursue its adoption.

23.2 Police. The PCSO submitted the May crime statistics, which showed a reduction on recent months. The difficulties involving a 4x4 vehicle parking should be referred to the County Council.

Cllr Brady would support a Community Speedwatch initiative and would take up this with the County Council.

23.3 County Council. Several footpaths were overgrown and would be dealt with under the Minor Maintenance Scheme. A Member enquired about the timing of the resurfacing of Hallcroft Avenue; the Clerk was awaiting a reply to the query raised at the last meeting. The same applied to information about the completion of the LED street lights installation.

It was suggested that, to reduce the danger to traffic emerging from Hallcroft Avenue or Woodlands Road into Woodville Road, white lines could be installed at all four corners – 'no waiting' restrictions had previously been refused. The County Council would be asked to consider this.

24 CLERK'S REPORT

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

- 24.2 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).
- 24.3 Recycling site.** Both District Councillors supported the closure of the recycling centre and advised that a formal application be made to the District Council so that Committee approval could be sought. This had been done. However, it had now been discovered that the lease between the County Council and the District Council was still in existence as no notice to terminate it had been submitted by either party and the District Council had paid the rent recently. The question of removal of the bins was, however, being treated as a separate issue.
- 24.4 Rights of Way maintenance scheme.** The County Council had again invited participation in this scheme and would make £430 available to reimburse maintenance work. The Council agreed to participate.
- 24.5 Lamp Post poppy appeal.** The appeal was being continued this year with poppies at a donation of £3.00. The appeal also included poppy windmills, which could be used to create a display and the suggested donation for these was also £3.00. It was agreed to obtain 35 new lamp-post poppies to replace the present ones, but not to order any poppy windmills
- 24.6 Water-Plus.** The Company had finally accepted that the Church Hall and the Village Hall were two different buildings. However, as South Staffordshire Water supplied the Church Hall with clean water, they had to alter the central database and had agreed to do so. That would then allow Water-Plus to correct their record.
- 24.7 Policy on grants and donations.** Following consideration of the Internal Auditor's report, the Council asked that a simple policy statement covering the awarding of grants be prepared (minute 15.5(b)).

RESOLVED: That the draft Policy Statement be adopted.

- 24.8 DALC Executive Committee.** Nominations were invited for three vacancies to serve South Derbyshire. No names were submitted.
- 23.9 Heart of the National Forest Access Group.** A Member had been requested to seek the Council's nomination to this Group. However, it was considered appropriate to await an invitation to submit a nomination from the Access Group.

25 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

Generally the areas were satisfactory, though there was a potential trip hazard in the passage between the Village Hall and the changing rooms. The Clerk would arrange a repair.

26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0256 Rear extensions, 47 Coronation Street.

The following application had been withdrawn:

1297 Change of use for caravans, lake and parking, The Conifers, Park Road.

Applications for decision:

After consultation of Members between meetings, the District Council was advised that there is no objection to the following applications:

0443 Plant & equipment to the rear and associated screening, 159 Moira Road

0760 Change of use from agricultural building to workshop, Park Farm, Acresford Road

0761 Change of use of agricultural land to a glamping site comprising siting of lodges, shepherd huts and yurts, timber hot tubs and a Swedish BBQ; change of use of residential garage to an ancillary amenity shop; construction of associated wash & toilet facilities along with associated car parking, footpaths & landscaping, Park Farm, Acresford Road.

0760 Reconsultation – Change of use from agricultural building to a workshop, Park Farm (amended description and amended foul water details). No objection.

0490 Felling of cherry tree protected by a TPO, St Matthews Church. No objection.

0571 Rear extension, 29 Manor School View. No objection.

0467 Detached garage/workshop, 217 Burton Road. As this application had been notified that day, it was agreed to consult Members between meetings to settle a response.

27 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Caretaker had recently been asked to clean the public toilets following the Overload Festival, which had been very successful. However, they had been in a poor state and required considerable work. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with the Chairman of the Gala Committee with a view to alternative arrangements being made for future events.

The use of the Village Hall car park had increased and it was suggested that relocation of the three planters would allow more parking spaces to be available. This matter was deferred to the next meeting to allow for suggestions for alternative sites to be identified.

(Mr A Cook declared an interest in this matter as a relative of the employee concerned).

28 WEBSITE

The Policy on grants and donations would be included in the website.

29 ACCOUNTS**29.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2700	Fire Control UK	Servicing fire extinguishers at the Village Hall and Pavilion (replacement for cheque no 2671)	108.70	21.74	130.44
2701	S Ruddle	Caretaker	565.00		565.00
2702	E Evans	Litter	177.53		177.53

2703	J M Summerfield	Litter	98.52		98.52
2704	Leics & Rutland Association of Local Councils	Internal audit fee	250.00		250.00
2705	Broxap	Litter bin	290.00	58.00	348.00
2706	P Stone	Planting, mowing etc at Pavilion	405.00		405.00
2707	Ian Stone Gardening Service	Replanting planters, mowing pitch etc.	1409.44		1409.44
2708	S Fern	Painting milestone and telephone kiosk	480.00		480.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.00	3.80	22.80
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	37.55		37.55
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	289.27	57.85	347.12

29.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	1106.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	371.25
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall & donation towards cupboards	2580.00

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

30 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

30.1 A.444 cable laying. A Member reported being notified that the A.444 would be partially closed for four weeks beginning on 1 July 2019 for cable laying. It would affect Main Street and Acresford Road between Ashley Close and the new development. Members were concerned that this would disrupt traffic even more and could affect the route of the Gala procession. The Gala Committee would be informed so that they could make contingency plans.

30.2 Drain clearance. It was reported that the District Council would not clear the drains outside 17-27 Edward Street as the road was not adopted. This would be checked with the County Council.

30.3 Overseale House. The District Council's Heritage Officer would be asked to inspect the premises which appeared to be deteriorating further.

30.4 WiFi at the Pavilion. Users of the Pavilion had asked that this be provided as they would find it very useful. The equipment suggested had proved to be inadequate and the preferred solution would be a new telephone line or possibly relying on use of the connecting electric cable to the Village Hall. Both would be investigated and costed.

(Mrs R O'Brien left the meeting at 8.50 pm.)

31 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.

32 CLERK'S REPORT

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

- 32.1 Health & Safety Advice.** Following consideration of the Internal Auditor's report at the last meeting, the Chairman and the Clerk discussed with Ellis Whittam Ltd (Ashby Town Council's H&S advisors) the scope and cost of their services. A detailed proposal from them was previously circulated (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

RESOLVED That the proposal of Ellis Whittam Ltd to provide Health & Safety advice and support for three years be accepted.

32.2 Public toilets – quotations.

D Harrington and Harvey & Clark were both asked to provide new quotations based on the approval of the list of works at the last meeting. As the quotation from Harvey & Clark had not yet been received, a decision was deferred.

- 32.3 Plumbing works at the Village Hall.** Further information was sought from D Bowley and he advised on the work necessary to the toilets in the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: That comparative advice and a quotation be sought from D Harrington.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chairman