

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 5 March 2020.

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

In attendance: Cllr A Brady (South Derbyshire District Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr D E Patrick, Mrs S M Ward, Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

149 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

150 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

151 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record subject to correction of the first sentence of minute no 137.12 (Use of the Pavilion) to read: *Dancey's Daycare had asked that they be permitted to extend the use of the Pavilion from September 2020 to include Fridays and to increase the numbers of children from 12 to a maximum of 20.*

152 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

152.1 District Council. Flooding information had been provided; no dwellings had been flooded in Overseal, but the school had been flooded twice. A gully near to the school had been cleared and appeared to be working satisfactorily and the County Council had cleared the ditch at New Walk. A flood at Park Road persisted and Cllr Brady agreed to enquire what could be done to deal with the cause.

The bus service to Burton which was scheduled at a similar time to the school bus was always overcrowded and school children needing to travel on it usually had to stand. The bus company would be asked to improve the service.

A redundant bus stop near to the school in Woodville Road prevented parking nearby and removal of the stop would release parking spaces. Cllr Brady would discuss this with the County Council.

The District Council would be asked to remove the sign from the former recycling site as it was no longer required.

Planning permission for the gypsy site near to The Crickets had been refused, but the possibility of an appeal was recognised.

152.2 Police. The crime statistics for February were submitted and showed several ABH reports, which were understood to be mainly domestic in nature. Two PCSO's attended the meeting and outlined the assistance they could give

152.3 County Council. The Clerk summarised actions taken in respect of County Council matters. This included a letter from the Executive Director for Children's Services at Derbyshire County Council indicating that they were in discussions with the Department for Education about long term solutions to the poor facilities at William Allitt School. A master plan had been prepared showing how the school could be re-built either in phases or as a complete replacement and this was with the DfE for consideration.

Matters outstanding were the repair of Hallcroft Avenue and dealing with potholes at Shortheath. The LED light replacement programme was due for completion in 2022 for the tall lights serving major routes.

153 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

153.3 Verge/embankment, Valley Road. The County Council had said that no action would be taken as the criteria were not met.

153.4 Request for donation. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre had requested a donation towards their work of providing holidays for disadvantaged children at their Skegness Centre. It was agreed to make a donation of £75.00

153.5 Pavilion.

153.5.1 Paving. At the last meeting it was agreed to invite all Members to inspect the paving next to the bowling green to see whether it was considered uneven and requiring levelling. No urgent action was deemed necessary.

153.5.2 Boiler replacement. The replacement boiler had been installed during week beginning 24 February.

153.6 Water supply to the Village Hall. South Staffordshire Water had confirmed that was a good pressure at the meter and Mr Cook had advised on ways to overcome the lack of pressure in the building. A meeting was to be held shortly, including technical advice, following which it was hoped that a solution could be identified.

153.7 Nature Area. The County Council had cleared the ditch near to New Walk, were to deal with the railings – probably by their removal – and were reviewing the site which would include woodland management.

153.8 Land at Hallcroft Avenue. The adjoining landowners had agreed to meet the cost of a Licence to formalise their use of the land for access to their fields for agricultural purposes. They had requested 6 months' notice on either side to terminate the agreement as this would give them time to make alternative arrangements if necessary, and this had been agreed.

There was a discrepancy between the original deeds when the property was acquired and the registered title, the former showing more land to belong to the council. It had been established that the Land Registry had marked the area incorrectly when registration had taken place and they were to be asked to correct that.

154 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

No inspection had taken place during February.

155 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been refused:

2019/1375 Extension of existing vehicle crossing, 163 Woodville Road – insufficient space between the front of the dwelling and the highway to accommodate parking a vehicle.

156 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

157 WEBSITE

Mr Cox reported that he had added a page to the website directing users suffering from impaired accessibility issues to relevant assistance.

158 ACCOUNTS**158.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
		Total salaries & wages costs			*
2812	L Morris	Cleaning Pavilion	80.00		80.00
2813	Fire Control UK	Service fire extinguishers at Village Hall	46.70	9.34	56.04
2814	A Hayes	Roof repairs to Village Hall	792.00		792.00
2815	South Derbyshire District Council	Servicing dog bins	1423.98	284.80	1708.78
2816	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	94.34	18.88	113.22
2817	Yee Group Ltd	Service intruder alarms at Pavilion and Village Hall	172.58	34.52	207.10
2818	Moira Replan	Printing	31.89		31.89
2819	S D Hill Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Replace boiler at the sports changing rooms	2369.61	473.92	2843.53
2820	Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre	Donation	75.00		75.00
D/D	British Gas	Gas supplied to Village Hall	1148.58	229.71	1378.29
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	403.31	80.66	483.97
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	Opus Energy	Electricity to public toilets			22.80

* Details of the salaries and wages costs were provided separately for Members.

158.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	212.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	588.00
R Leedham	Rent of land at Lullington Road, 2020/2021	1117.00

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

159 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

159.1 Fire Doors at the Village Hall. The doors had recently been installed; although the construction was of a good standard, installation had been unsatisfactory and the Company were to make good.

159.2 Slackey Lane – damage. Slackey Lane had been used as a diversionary route while roadworks had taken place nearby. The narrow nature of the road meant that when two vehicles passed, they were mounting the verges and this had caused extensive damage, as well as creating potholes. Leicestershire County Council would be asked to effect repairs and Cllr S Sheahan and Ashby Wolds Town Council would also be informed.

159.3 Cameron Homes development at Moira Road. Complaints had been received that workmen were discarding lunch boxes and other containers, which were then blown into people's gardens. The Company would be asked to deal with this.

159.4 Disturbance. Extremely loud noises comparable to explosions had been heard in various parts of the village; the Police would be asked to enquire.

159.5 Cllr John Grant. It was reported that Cllr Grant had recently passed away after an illness. He had been of considerable help to the Parish Council over the years and he would be missed. Members expressed their condolences to his family.

160 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.

161 CLERK'S REPORT

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

161.1 Edward Street allotments. Harvey & Clark Ltd had submitted a quotation for spraying two large plots at the Edward Street end of the site and covering them with black plastic to make the plots useable in due course. The price also included some grading of one of the plots and it was agreed to accept the quotation.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Chairman