

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the online Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 4 March 2021.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, 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 Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr P Murray (Derbyshire County Council).

142 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

143 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

144 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

145 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

145.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Wheelton reported that she would be speaking at the Inquiry regarding the enforcement against the caravan site at Acresford; the Council was seeking a Statement of Common Ground with the Agent for the Appellants. However, a major difficulty was that the site had changed significantly since the Enforcement Notice had been served and had been ignored by the Appellants for over a year.

Members pointed out that there were similarities with the site at the rear of 149 Woodville Road.

145.2 Police. It was reported that the member of staff emptying the litter bin at Stoneyford Road had narrowly avoided being pierced with a needle in the bin; this would be reported to the Police.

Groups of around 30 young people, evidently from outside the immediate area, had been seen congregating in the MUGA and apparently smoking drugs; they also left considerable amounts of litter. This would also be reported to the Police.

145.3 County Council. Members were concerned that the reports of potholes in both Hallcroft Avenue and Coronation Street had not been dealt with promptly. In the case of Coronation Street, some repairs had been carried out but the 'repaired' surface was well below the street surface. Cllr Murray undertook to seek information on the lead time for dealing with reports of potholes and to arrange a survey of Coronation Street so that all repairs could be dealt with.

(Cllr Mrs A Wheelton and Cllr P Murray left the meeting at 7.20 pm)

146 CLERK'S REPORT

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

It was reported that the potholes in Hallcroft Avenue were all to be dealt with in April and that surfacing of the entire road would follow in the summer. Members asked that the potholes be coned off meanwhile, to prevent accidents.

The transfer of Manor Glade to the District Council was well advanced and it had been confirmed by the District Council's Legal Officer that the public had the right to use the entrance from Manor School View as visitors to the site.

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

146.3 Meetings, 2021/2022. The following calendar of meetings was agreed.

2021	2021	2022
June 3	November 4	March 3
July 1	December 9	April 7
August 5	2022	May 5 (Annual Meeting)
September 2	January 6	
October 7	February 3	

146.4 Green Flag Community Awards. An application for a Community Award had been submitted in respect of Croft Orchard, Daisy Lane. Judging was likely to take place in the summer. A number of supporting documents needed to be sent and these were being assembled.

146.5 Caravan site, Acresford Road. The Planning Inspectorate had confirmed 16 March for a virtual hearing of the Appeal.

146.6 Elections. It had been confirmed that the County Council elections would take place on 6 May 2021, along with the election of Police & Crime Commissioners.

146.7 Business Interruption Grant. A further grant of £7573.21 had been received; this was in addition to the Business Support Grant received some months ago and assisted greatly in compensating for the loss of income from the Village Hall and the Pavilion.

146.8 MUGA enlargement. Following continuing pressure via the District Council, the developers had now paid the second tranche of the S.106 money in respect of their development at Acresford Road; consequently, it had been possible to authorise work on the contract to start. Lead-in time for the materials was 10 weeks and work was expected to take around 6 weeks. The only unresolved matter was removal of the existing four lighting columns as neither Wicksteed nor the lighting contractor wished to do this. It was agreed that Harvey & Clark Ltd be invited to quote for this.

146.9 Traffic Regulation Order. The Order to close the verge near to 3 Acresford Road had come into force on 2 March to allow the approved development to take place.

146.10 Census. Census day was 21 March 2021 and, largely because of Covid, it would mainly be conducted online. It was hoped that most people would be able to complete their form themselves online or with the help of a family member.

146.11 Fire escape doors at the Village Hall. The doors were damaged in mid-February, probably by a gust of wind, and the frame became detached from the wall. The opportunity was taken to reinstall them properly rather than just a basic repair, and the work has been carried out by Harvey & Clark Ltd.

146.12 Burton Road/Edward Street allotments. The tenancy of plot 4 had been terminated as the plot-holder had not paid the rent for the current year and had not responded to letters sent on 10 January and 2 February. This action was confirmed.

Members mentioned the recent construction of the car park inside the allotments, designed to reduce congestion by allotment holders having to park on Edward Street. The residents had been given advance notice by the contractors.

146.13 Emergency lighting. The annual safety checks of the Village Hall, the Pavilion and the changing rooms were carried out recently and, while the vast majority of the systems were satisfactory, many emergency lighting units failed. They were of various ages, from 1999 to about 8-10 years old, and a quotation for their replacement was being obtained.

147 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The inspections had been carried out Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner and there was no action to be taken.

148 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

2020/1439 Single storey side extension to form garage, 25 Ferny Close

2020/1452 First floor rear extension, 38 Forest View

Application for decision:

2020/1228 Approval of details required by conditions 3 (Finished Floor Levels), 9 (External Materials), 12 (Landscaping and Surfacing) and 14 (Boundary Treatment) of permission ref: 9/2016/0327 relating to the erection of two storey detached dwelling at land adj.3 Acresford Road. Following consultation between meetings a response of No objection was sent.

149 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

150 WEBSITE

None.

151 ACCOUNTS

151.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Total salaries & wages costs				*
**BACS	PC World Business	Laptop	482.50	96.50	579.00
BACS	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Safety checks at Village Hall, Pavilion and changing rooms	636.27	127.25	763.52
BACS	Yee Group Ltd	Service intruder alarms at the Village Hall and the Pavilion	177.76	35.56	213.32
BACS	Harvey & Clark Ltd	Refit fire escape doors at the Village Hall	366.50	73.30	439.80

BACS	S D Hill Ltd	Service boiler in changing rooms	85.00	17.00	102.00
D/D	British Gas	Gas supplied to Village Hall	468.12	93.62	561.74
D/D	Opus Energy Ltd	Electricity to public toilets	15.00	0.75	15.75
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	231.16	46.23	277.39
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	EE Ltd	Mobile telephone rental	17.03	3.41	20.44

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

** This account had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

151.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
Various	Allotment rent	30.00
C Leafe	Use of Village Hall	96.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Business Grant	7573.21
Derbyshire County Council	Rights of Way refund	325.00
C Hudson	Use of Village Hall	47.50
R Leedham	Rent of land at Lullington Road	1117.00

151.3 **Audit.** The Council's financial documents were inspected.

152 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

152.1 **Hallcroft Avenue resurfacing.** The replacement verge would need protection until established and the County Council had been asked to approve installation of temporary wooden bollards. As no reply had yet been received, Mr Cook would liaise with Cllr Murray to press for approval.

152.2 **Personal Protection.** Recently, reports of dog theft had become prevalent, sometimes involving lone walkers exercising their dogs. This highlighted the potential danger to people on their own and a Member understood that the Safer Neighbourhoods group could provide personal alarms. This idea was supported and enquiries would be made of the group.

152.3 **Lorries, Woodville Road.** Articulated lorries were reported as using Woodville Road contrary to the traffic regulation order. Residents who witnessed this should take the registration numbers and note the date and time and report the matter to Trading Standards.

152.4 **Spring Cottage.** The gullies were now being dealt with.

152.5 **Litter Picker.** The Litter Picker who had been working in a voluntary capacity for several months would now be paid with effect from 1 April.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Chairman