

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 19 May 2011.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr D Baldaro, Mr R J Forsyth, 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: Cllr C Jones and Mr D McMillan.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Frost and Mrs M E Hall.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Mrs C M Knight be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Mr M S Patrick be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

5 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by a local resident who had expressed a wish to be considered for the vacancy. As he was not present and was not known to Members, a decision was deferred to the next meeting to enable him to attend.

6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

7 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That the following Committees and membership be appointed as follows:

Disciplinary Committee. (To deal with dismissal of an employee, should the case arise) - Vice-Chairman, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr M A Knight.

Appeals Panel (to hear any appeals on disciplinary matters) – Chairman, Mr D Baldaro and Mr S C Sharpe.

Two members to act as local contacts in the event of a major emergency – Mrs G Edwards (subject to her being willing to continue) and Mrs C M Knight

8 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for the forthcoming year:

Heart of the Forest Forum

Mr M A Knight

Overseal Primary School Governor

Chairman of the Council

Police Liaison Committee	Chairman of the Council, with Mr M S Patrick or Mr S Sharpe acting as deputies
Netherseal, Overseal and Lullington Charity	Mrs C M Knight
New Albion Liaison Committee	Mr M A Knight
Linton Area Committee	Chairman and Vice-Chairman

9 CLERK'S REPORT

- 9.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- 9.2 Land at Lullington Road.** It was reported that this land had recently been sold.
- 9.3 Enforcement Notice appeal.** The District Council's Enforcement Officer had reported that he had visited the site to find out whether the Notice had been complied with, but it had not. However, permission had been granted for the shed to be re-sited, subject to prior approval of certain details which had not yet been submitted. He had pressed for these to be submitted urgently and felt that a prosecution could not be justified in the meantime.
- 9.4 Barratt Mill footpath.** The Clerk was asked to press the County Council to resolve the problems associated with the path and the gates.
- 9.5 Former telephone exchange, Burton Road.** There was still a considerable amount of rubble in front of the building, which was an eyesore. The building was also still advertised for sale as a possible dwelling. The Clerk would press the District Council to take action against the owners.
- 9.6 Use of Village Hall.** Clubs Complete used the Village Hall as agreed for two weeks during the Easter break. In view of the poor attendances and to encourage them to continue to operate, a reduced fee of £100.00 per week was agreed with them. Their next use would be the May half term: 31 May – 3 June.
- 9.7 Insurance.** The renewal of the Council's insurances had been quoted at £1998.03, which was slightly lower than last year. The Company had also offered to maintain the price for a total of three years and to delay future renewals until October, effectively providing 16 months' cover for twelve months' premium this year.
- RESOLVED: That the Council enter into an agreement to this effect.
- 9.8 Request for pedestrian crossing, Burton Road.** The County Council would carry out a further assessment, which would probably take 2 – 3 months to complete.
- 9.9 Widening of access to the play area.** A quotation had been obtained for widening the access; however, it was felt that a partial barrier to deter access by motorcycles would be beneficial and Mr Knight would supply photographs of a suitable barrier to DSK Engineering to enable them to submit a revised quotation.
- 9.10 Temporary speed limit, Park Road.** A temporary limit of 10 mph was to be applied to enable surface dressing of the road to take place.

- 9.11 Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership.** The Council's application for a grant towards the cost of the CCTV equipment was to take place at the meeting on 8 June. Several Members hoped to be present.
- 9.12 Grit bin, Woodville Road.** The County Council were to remove the damaged bin, but would not replace it as Woodville Road was now on the precautionary gritting route. Members pointed out that there was a steep hill at this location which was close to the school, and that the elderly people's residential home was also adjacent. The bin in the car park was primarily for use in the car park and its entrances. The County Council would be asked to reconsider.
- 9.13 Footpaths.** The County Council would be clearing vegetation at New Walk and Green Lane/Burton Road. They also regularly cleared other paths, details of which would be given to Members.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

- 0296 Extension, 344 Burton Road. Supported.
- 0343 Residential development of two dwellings (outline) The Oaks, Green Lane. The Parish Council objects to this application. Although the site may be regarded as infilling, permission was previously refused some years ago for its development. Vehicles based at the site would have to enter and exit the A.444 which is already subject to very heavy traffic. Additionally, development in the village has been curtailed by the possibility of pollution of the River Mease and this would further exacerbate the problems.
- 0123 Pruning of 2 horse chestnut trees, Overseal Manor, Hallcroft Avenue. Supported.
- 0323 Extensions and alterations, 14 Lullington Road. Supported.
- 0362 Extension, 189 Burton Road. Supported.
- 0373 Extension, 177 Burton Road. Supported.

Members referred to the recent experiment by the District Council to use notification of new applications by email and to rely on inspection of the applications on their website, accompanied by prints supplied by the Clerk. It was considered that this was not working, as the details were often very small and difficult to see, and there had been cases where plans had not been placed on the website for several days after the application had been included. They would be urged to return to the former system.

11 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

- 11.1 District Council.** Cllr Jones agreed to contact the District Council regarding the confusion over taking action to enforce the S.106 Agreement relating to the meadow at Daisy Lane.
- 11.2 Police.** The PCSO reported recent crime statistics, which had been generally low. He also reported recent success in attracting interest in Farmwatch, which worked on similar lines to Neighbourhood Watch.
- 11.3 County Council.** A footpath near to the sewage works was blocked. The footpath from Woodlands Road to the Nature Reserve was very narrow and the hedge at the adjoining Council house overhung the path. It needed cutting

back to the boundary rather than just trimming; the Clerk would contact the District Council to deal with this.

A Member enquired whether bus stops and signs were the County Council's responsibility as several signs were now redundant. The Highways Inspectors would be asked to deal with these when next in the area.

12 ACCOUNTS

12.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1691	L Baxter	Caretaker	529.87		529.87
1692	J M Summerfield	Litter	56.96		56.96
1693	T Stewart	Litter	189.76		189.76
1694	J E White	Reimburse Windows 7 licence	103.00		103.00
1695	A&B Roofing Services	Village Hall roof repairs	530.00		530.00
1696	M Guest	Clear footpaths 18/19	250.00		250.00
1697	I Fraser	Internal audit fee	150.00		150.00
1698	T R Steele (revised invoice)	Over-seed football pitch	555.00	61.00	616.00
1699	ESPO	Envelopes & labels	29.20	5.84	35.04
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	26.00		26.00
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20

12.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	455.00
South Derbyshire Computer Group	Use of computer room	100.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	200.00

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

12.4 Report of the Internal Auditor. The Council considered the Report of the Internal Auditor (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The report was accepted as satisfactory and no action was needed.

12.5 Annual Return.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Return be approved for submission to the District Auditor.

13 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Parking cars so that they blocked footpaths.

14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 14.1 Display in the Village Hall.** A collage had been made relating to a function celebrating the recent wedding of HRH Prince William and Catherine Middleton and permission for display in the Village Hall was granted. Also, photographs of old Overseal were available and could be displayed for a period and then replaced with others. This was agreed in principle and Mr Knight agreed to organise this.
- 14.2 Village Hall – hand dryer.** The hand dryer in the male toilets was broken and would be replaced.
- 14.3 Over-seeding football pitch.** The Clerk would arrange for the goalmouths to be protected while the reinstatement took effect.
- 14.4 Use of Village Hall.** The Pre-school had reported that they may not use the hall on Thursday and Friday afternoons from September. However, they had suggested that they continue to pay the necessary fees, but that these be remitted if the hall was let during those times. This arrangement was agreed.
- 14.5 Play area equipment.** A request was made that more equipment for older children be provided when possible; the Clerk would enquire of the District Council what they would recommend as suitable and the approximate cost. It was also suggested that the adjacent Nature Area could prove a useful play facility if paths were made, and the Clerk would enquire of the County Council whether they would allow this.
- 14.6 School.** A Member commented that there had not been enough places to accommodate all applicants last September and enquired whether the Council would support an approach for more accommodation. It was reported that the figures available suggested that next year would not present the same difficulty.
- 14.7 Sculpture Trail.** The Heart of the Forest Forum were considering making a Sculpture Trail, which could include parts of the village. Mr Knight asked for suggestions as to the theme, which could also include a poetry trail, based on plaques with appropriate inscriptions. Members suggested nature or mining heritage as initial possibilities, but would make further suggestions to Mr Knight in due course.
- 14.8 Recreation ground – trees.** Several trees had been damaged beyond saving and needed to be replaced. This would be considered again later in the year.
- 14.9 Hedge r/o Robin Hood public house.** The hedge was badly overgrown. The County Council would be asked to approach the new tenant to secure improvement.
- 14.10 Spinney, Lullington Road.** Members wished to ascertain the ownership of the spinney next to Spring Meadows Holding and suitable enquiries would be made.
- 14.11 Parked cars.** A general problem was recurring in that cars were parked frequently on paths and too close to the fences. The PCSO would be asked to look into this and take action where appropriate.
- 14.12 Request for sign.** A request had been received that a sign be erected in Woodlands Crescent warning that 'children play in this area'. It was considered that this was unnecessary.

14.13 Tables for Village Hall. Members considered that more tables were required as several functions had not had sufficient for their purposes. The Clerk would purchase additional ones.

15 THANKS

Members unanimously expressed their thanks to the Chairman for the way in which she had conducted meetings during the recent term of office and for the extra work which she carried out between meetings.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Chairman