

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 3 November 2011.

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

In attendance: Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council) and

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Mr R Cox, Mr M A Knight, Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

56 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

57 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

58 CLERK'S REPORT

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

58.2 Daisy Lane meadow. The Chairman reported that Cllr Frost had indicated that the developers currently regarded the land as an asset, but appeared not to have taken into account the liabilities arising under the S.106 Agreement.

58.3 Land at Manor School View. No response had been received from the District Council and the Clerk would press for progress on clearing the brambles, gaining public access and completing the roadworks.

58.4 Young Achievers Award. The County Council had invited nominations for this annual award, which recognised young people under 18 who had shown extraordinary:

- Bravery in fighting an illness or living with a disability;
- Kindness in helping other;
- Commitment to improving their school, community or local environment;
- Sporting, musical, artistic or academic success.

58.5 Electricity supply contract. The present contract with e-on would end in January 2012 and their renewal prices for one year fixed rate represented an increase of around 34%. Following a discussion with them, a slightly reduced figure had been offered, but this was still a significant increase.

The gas supply contract was recently changed to British Gas and they had offered a daily standing charge of 21.94p and a charge for normal units of 9.85p per kWh. These compared to e-on's latest offer of 15.59p and 10.86p per kWh. They had also offered a one-year reduction of £50 as a dual-fuel discount, reducing the increase to 3.3% on the present charges.

RESOLVED: That the electricity supply contract be transferred to British Gas.

58.6 School buses. Derbyshire County Council were ending a subsidy on school buses for children living within a 2 or 3 mile radius of their school which would affect in excess of 2,250 children across the county. The intention was to save around £1 million, but would inevitably increase car journeys.

58.7 Planning consultation process. Because it often took a few days for the relevant documents to be posted on the District Council's website, they had decided to allow three working days for this to happen. Consequently, they had also extended the period for consultations from 21 to 25 days. Noted.

58.8 Goalposts. St Matthews FC had recommended aluminium goalposts, which were cheaper than steel and would be removed after each game. They were supplied complete with ground sockets, caps and socket wedges and the price included delivery. The cost was £941.00 plus VAT and there was a possibility of grant assistance from Cllr C Jones.

It was agreed to purchase the replacement goalposts and make an application for grant towards the cost.

58.9 Police telephone number. The 0345 123 3333 number currently used for non-emergency contact with Derbyshire Police was to change to 101 shortly and the same number was being introduced across the country gradually. The old number would remain operative for some time, but 101 should be used locally from October.

58.10 Lullington Road allotments. The draft lease from the District Council to the Parish Council had been received and the Clerk had discussed its content with Solicitors acting for the Parish Council. Following minor revisions, it accorded with the previously approved Heads of Terms. The Clerk reported that the Association had been inactive for some time and that it was proposed to hold a meeting with everyone interested to ascertain whether there was still sufficient interest to pursue the project.

RESOLVED: (a) That, subject to there being sufficient interest following the meeting, the Council enter into the lease with the District Council;

(b) That the Land Registry fees totalling £54.00 be withheld pending the meeting, but paid if the project proceeds.

54.11 Quotations. Two quotations had been received for alternative treatments to the path to the Play Area; both were considered high and a further quotation from a different supplier would be obtained. It was agreed that to proceed with the most advantageous quotation, to be determined by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

A quotation had been received for the replacement of the windows at the old changing rooms. It was agreed to accept this quotation from Coalville Glass & Glazing Co Ltd in the sum of £212.58 plus VAT

59 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

0590 Erection of 2 detached dwellings, 22 Gorsey Lees

0718 Erection of two dwellings on land adjoining 27 Moira Road.

Application for decision:

0854 Removal of one section of glazing on the north west elevation and 2 sections on the south east elevation and replacement with aluminium weather louvres at the telephone exchange, Burton Road. Supported.

Application withdrawn:

0176 Erection of 2 dwellings on land to the rear of 8 Valley Road

Enforcement Notice appeal

As previously reported, an appeal had been lodged against an Enforcement Notice relating to a change of use to a mixed caravan site for 2 gypsy families and a general site. The Council strongly supported the views expressed by the District Council against the appeal.

60 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

60.1 Police. The Clerk reported recent crime statistics supplied by the PCSO. This included a distraction burglary, and an item would be included in the *Free for All* advising residents to be alert.

60.2 County Council. Cllr Jones reported that the County Council was providing financial support to vulnerable groups via the CVS. Recent controversy about the budget for gritting roads appeared to be unfounded in that, although £1million had been taken out of that budget, £2million had been set aside for contingencies, thereby increasing the overall budget. The Government had been examining fraud in connection with the Blue Badge scheme and new badges were to be issued in 2012, which would be difficult to copy. The cost would increase to £10 to reflect the new arrangements which would be operated by a Company.

The Chairman reported that a meeting concerning possible resumption of Youth Service provision was to be held at 5.30pm on a weekday at County Hall, Matlock. The County Council would be advised that the Parish Council would like to have been represented, but that as Members worked full time and the venue was distant, this would be impossible.

61 ACCOUNTS**61.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

| Cheque | Supplier | Description | Net | VAT | Total |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1756 | L Baxter | Caretaker | 429.77 | | 429.77 |
| 1757 | J M Summerfield | Litter | 58.36 | | 58.36 |
| 1758 | T Stewart | Litter | 194.56 | | 194.56 |
| 1759 | M Guest | Repair steps on Recreation Ground; cut hedge at allotments | 240.00 | | 240.00 |
| 1760 | Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre | Donation towards services | 25.00 | | 25.00 |
| 1761 | A M Norris Ltd | Replace shower in changing rooms | 529.51 | 105.90 | 635.41 |
| 1762 | Timms | Land Registry fees re lease of land at Lullington Road | 54.00 | | 54.00 |
| 1763 | G Bristow | Reimburse purchase of flags | 56.00 | 11.20 | 67.20 |
| D/D | South Derbyshire District Council | Rates | 42.00 | | 42.00 |
| D/D | Plusnet | Internet charges | 16.00 | 3.20 | 19.20 |

61.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

| Name | Description | Amount |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| L Baxter | Village Hall lettings | 550.00 |
| HM Revenue & Customs | VAT refund | 1084.04 |

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

61.4 Quarterly accounts. The Council considered the report of the Clerk containing the quarterly budget statement and Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 September 2011. The report was received.

It was agreed to update the inventory of furniture in the Village Hall and to mark the items with identification as belonging to the Parish Council.

Provision for repairs and renewals had been included in past budgets and it was agreed to obtain advice and quotations for updating the ladies' toilet at the Village Hall.

62 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL.

Grit bins were locked to prevent theft, but keys were available from nearby residents.

Distraction burglary.

The law relating to dog fouling on land adjoining public footpaths.

Dates of future meetings of the Council.

Christmas good wishes.

63 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

63.1 Trees on Recreation Ground. Mr Patrick reported that three apple trees and three lime trees were needed as replacements and that he was seeking a supplier.

63.2 Security lighting. The Supermarket lighting had recently been changed and the rear lights were a nuisance, dazzling residents. The owners would be asked to remedy this.

63.3 Planters. The planters need replanting for the winter; the Clerk would contact the contractors.

63.4 Christmas lights. The Clerk reported that three trees and a lighting string on the Village Hall had been ordered.

63.5 Road repairs. Potholes in Lullington Road near to Spring Meadow Holdings needed repair. The County Council would be asked to deal with this if the contractor working nearby was not already planning repairs.

63.6 Risk Assessment – Pavilion. The Chairman had received a copy of the report on the Pavilion and associated buildings. The remedial actions necessary were minor and would be drawn to the attention of the Bowls Club.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Chairman

