

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 November 2012.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick, Mr S C Sharpe and Mr I Sheppard.

In attendance: Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Baldaro, Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr C Jones (Derbyshire County Council).

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

88 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

89 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2012, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

90 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

(Cllr S Frost arrived at 7.10 pm)

90.1 District Council.

Members referred to the timetable for emptying the brown bins in December and January, which were eight weeks apart, meaning that three collections were omitted. A similar complaint had been made last year, but no change had been introduced. Also, there had been fly-tipping in the public car park, which had been witnessed. Details would be reported to the District Council and the Police.

90.2 Police.

No matters were raised.

90.3 County Council.

The street light in Lullington Road which had been damaged had not been repaired or replaced. The Clerk would enquire when this was to be done.

91 CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had examined several draft and existing Codes of conduct and had recommended that the Code produced by NALC be adopted. Copies had been previously circulated together with a draft Declaration of Interests form, which was based on the South Derbyshire District Council model.

RESOLVED: That the NALC Code of Conduct and the South Derbyshire District Council's Declaration of Interests form be adopted.

92 CLERK'S REPORT

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

92.2 Daisy Lane land. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to ascertain progress on the transfer of this land.

92.3 Land at Manor School View. The District Council would be asked for a progress report on the adoption of this land.

92.4 National Forest long distance trail. The National Forest Company was developing a new long distance walking route across the whole Forest, with the intention of creating a route of national significance and attracting more visitors. It would use minor roads, existing public rights of way and other routes with existing permissive access. There would be no new paths, and the main change would be improved signage, plus repairs to surfaces and furniture to ensure that the route was easy to use. The route proposed within Overseal was from Slackey Lane, along Woodville Road and Main Street to Valley Road, and then along footpath 10 from the corner of Valley Road across the fields.

The National Forest Company was seeking support for the project and hoped that consultees would do everything possible to assist in making this a flagship scheme with benefits to the local economy.

The proposal was welcomed and the Parish Council would do everything it could to assist. In view of the fact that there were no footpaths in Slackey Lane, use of the right of way near to the Youth Hostel would be suggested.

92.5 Request for donation. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre was seeking a grant towards their work; the Council had previously made grants to this organisation. A donation of £25.00 was agreed.

St Giles Hospice had expressed their thanks for the donation approved at the last meeting.

92.6 Preferred growth strategy for South Derbyshire. A consultation relating to proposed land allocations for housing and employment development had been published and was the subject of the recent drop-in events throughout the District. There were no proposals for development in Overseal, but there was an opportunity to comment on the sites which were preferred and those which had been rejected. This was part of an ongoing process which would lead to the Local Development Framework, a replacement for the former Local Plan. A further part of the process would deal with local scale sites later. Noted.

92.7 Junior football team. A newly established team for very young children had asked for permission to mark out a pitch at the rear of the Village Hall and to arrange funding to make the boggy ground suitable for that use. They had been advised to identify funding first and then to discuss the matter further, as the land was unsuitable at present. This was confirmed.

92.8 Derbyshire Gold Cards. Most Derbyshire Gold Cards, the travel, discount and library card for older and some disabled people, would expire in March 2013. Derbyshire County Council wished to minimise the risk of cards being sent out incorrectly or not at all and invited renewals by:

- completing the online form at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/renewyourgoldcard
- visiting any Derbyshire library
- contacting their local district or borough council

- 92.9 Community Right to Build.** Community groups in England were invited to apply for a share of the £17.5m fund which was being made available to provide seed corn funding to help groups to formally establish, build up their development proposals and submit a Community Right to Build Order. The funding was available until the end of March 2015 or until funding was fully committed. Any community group or parish council could seek to access the funding provided that they had constituted a formal organisation that met certain basic standards. Community groups were encouraged to contact Locality in the first instance to discuss their application and development proposals. Noted.
- 92.10 East Midlands Ambulance Service.** Radical plans to change the way East Midlands Ambulance Service operated would be examined at a series of public meetings. Derbyshire's 16 ambulance stations would be closed under the proposals – which came after three years of "poor performance". They would be replaced with two super-centres in Derby and Chesterfield – where vehicles would be cleaned and stocked – and 25 standby points, such as in lay-bys and police or fire service buildings, across the county. Paramedics would also be "freed up" to deal with life-threatening calls, as the trust would send other medical staff to less urgent calls. Some management posts would also be cut.
- The plans were approved by EMAS and the public and staff were now being asked to voice their opinions before they were finalised. Meetings were to be held at Derby, Buxton and High Peak.
- The absence of any meetings in the south of the county was deplored and the proposed service appeared to mean that ambulances would have a considerable distance to travel to attend to patients in Overseal. Further information on coverage for South Derbyshire would be sought.
- 92.11 Overseal Bowls Club.** The Clerk read a letter from the Club complaining about the request to use the car park rather than parking on Woodville Road. The Club would be informed of certain inaccuracies in their letter, including the fact that problems do occur, even when the car park is empty, and many complaints had been received from residents of Forest View about the potential danger from blocked visibility. It was also stated that the football clubs had caused no damage to the changing rooms, rather that the damage was the result of faulty workmanship when the building was constructed.
- 92.12 Christmas Tree recycling.** Facilities would be available at the car park in Woodville Road between 27 December and 10 January.
- 92.13 War Memorials.** The District Council had been approached by a national project seeking to record and protect War Memorials. Photographs would be provided and it was pointed out that the Recreation Ground and trees, both within the grounds and bordering it, were also Memorials.

92.14 PAYE. HM Revenue & Customs was introducing Real Time Information submission from April 2013. This would involve monthly electronic submission of PAYE information and payments, rather than quarterly as at present. BACS transfers would become necessary and the Clerk would obtain further information about the implications.

93 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0645 Creation of a vehicular access, formation of a driveway and erection of a wall, 31 Moira Road.

Applications for decision:

0846 Variation of condition for revised drawings at 13/13a Woodville Road. Supported.

0855 Garage with storage over, 1 Forest View. Supported, but it was noted that the building had been constructed some weeks ago.

0882 Extension, 19 Daisy Lane. Supported.

94 ACCOUNTS

94.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1868	S Robinson Electrical	Replace lights to MUGA & Village Hall	176.00	35.20	211.20
1869	L Baxter	Caretaker	428.92		428.92
1870	J M Summerfield	Litter	59.68		59.68
1871	T Stewart	Litter	247.60		247.60
1872	M Guest	Strimming & hedge cutting	350.00		350.00
1873	ESPO	Paper	13.20	2.64	15.84
1874	RF Gardening Ltd	Maintenance of planters – summer planting	640.00		640.00
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	156.96	31.79	190.75
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	64.15	3.20	67.15
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	35.00		35.00

94.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	480.00
NatWest Bank	Interest	2.89
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	2587.80

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

94.4 Quarterly accounts. The Council considered the report of the Clerk, including the Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 September 2012. The position was noted.

95 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

(Mr S C Sharpe left the meeting at 8.10 pm).

- 95.1 Planters.** In response to a question, the Clerk reported that he had been informed that the planters were to be replanted in the next week or so.
- 95.2 Overgrown hedge, Burton Road.** The hedge was outside no 217, but the premises appeared to be unoccupied. The County Council would be asked to deal with the problem.
- 95.3 Dog fouling.** This was again causing serious problems, especially in Coronation Street and Woodlands Road, and the assistance of the Dog Warden would be sought. Further supplies of marker paint would also be obtained.
- 95.4 Metal Detection Club.** The Club had expressed an interest in using the Recreation Ground and would contact the Clerk shortly. If any valuables were found which appeared to have been lost recently, they could be returned to the owner on proof of ownership.
- 95.5 Almshouses.** The Chairman reported on recent activities of the Almshouse Management Committee.
- RESOLVED: That the Chairman be reappointed as the Council's representative on this body.
- 95.6 Height Restriction notice, Woodville Road.** Mr G S Knight had written to the County Council explaining why the height restriction exemption was no longer relevant and requesting that it be removed.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Chairman