

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 3 November 2016.

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mrs T A Rogers and Mr S C Sharpe.

**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council)

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

## 92 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs M Elton declared an interest in minute no. 99 (Planning applications), application no. 1041, Extensions and alterations, 'Sealview', Green Lane, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

## 93 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

## 94 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 95 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported expressions of interest in being co-opted to membership of the Council from three residents.

RESOLVED: That Mr J Howes be co-opted to membership.

Mr Howes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

## 96 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**96.1 District Council.** No matters were reported.

**96.2 Police.** The crime statistics for October showed that Overseal had more reported crimes than any other part of the area. The firearms offence was being treated especially seriously. A previous assault in which a person had been struck with a pellet had resulted in an apology by the offender to the victim.

**96.3 County Council.** The footway in Burton Road had been inspected and, although it did not require immediate action, its condition would be monitored. A lamp post outside 45 Coronation Street had had bulbs replaced several times in quick succession; Cllr Mrs Lauro would report this as there was obviously an underlying cause.

The hedge in Moira Road adjacent to the entrance to footpath no 18 was overgrown and partially blocking the footway. The Clerk would raise this with the owners. He would also contact the County Council concerning trees in Hallcroft Avenue, which were overhanging the road. Large vehicles had recently taken off several substantial branches.

**97 CLERK'S REPORT**

- 97.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- 97.2 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). As no response had been received to a request for details of the S.106 contribution towards play equipment, the developers of the solar farm would be pressed for a reply.
- 97.3 Removal of telephone kiosks.** BT were consulting on the proposed removal of certain kiosks. The nearest to Overseal was opposite The Crickets but there were several throughout South Derbyshire. Noted.
- 97.4 Draft Local Plan - Phase 2.** The second phase of the Plan approval process comprised non-strategic housing allocations, defined settlement boundaries and contained development management policies. The current consultation was about soundness - the plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

The boundary of Overseal was the same as that identified in Phase 1, with the modifications identified by the Parish Council, and the two housing sites of Valley Road and Acresford Road were included. Policies defined such areas as development in the countryside, residential extensions and householder development, agricultural development and local green space.

In the case of Acresford Road site, this would be limited to up to 70 dwellings, provision of a landscape buffer to the east, west and northern edges of the site, access to existing public rights of way and contributions towards mitigating the impact on the River Mease. Valley Road was similar except that the limit of the site was 64 dwellings, alignment of the footpath through the site and an additional contribution (towards management of a grassland habitat.)

Outside the settlement boundaries, land would be considered as countryside and planning permission would be granted where it was appropriate for its location or was infill. Exceptionally, development would be allowed where it did not have an undue impact on the landscape, was well-related to a settlement and was not a valued landscape. There were controls on advertisements and visual pollution, heritage protection and shopfronts. Secondary education sites had been identified at Lowes Farm and Thulston Fields.

Drop-in sessions at the Civic Offices would be held on 3,10, 17 and 24 November between 9.30 am and 2 pm.

Noted.

- 97.5 War memorial.** The District Council had drawn attention to grants for the upkeep of war memorials. The Gala Committee had been maintaining the memorial and its surrounds and would be advised of the details for which grants were available as some work was required..
- 97.6 Changing rooms floor.** An additional company - Uretek - had been asked for a budget quotation and details of their process. The Clerk reported that the budget price provided was competitive but that it did not include certain ancillary work. When the finance needed to carry out the repairs was available, all companies which had submitted quotations would be asked for updated figures to enable comparisons on a like-for-like basis to be made.

- 97.7 Caretaker assistance during holiday periods.** The person who was to deputise had decided not to do so in future absences and an alternative was required. Details would be published on the Council's website.
- 97.8 Footpath improvement.** The Footpaths Group had obtained permission from the County Council to improve footpath 31, which ran from Hallcroft Avenue to the rear of the school, via the recreation ground and the nature reserve. They would welcome some funding to help with tools and equipment. Mr Knight offered to find out what tools and equipment they required.
- 97.9 Councillor Induction Training.** The Clerk gave details of a training course being offered by DALC at Belper and Mr J Howes would attend.
- 97.10 Surplus chairs.** DALC had informed the council that surplus chairs were available free for collection. The Clerk would find out the details, though storage was recognised as a potential problem.

## **98 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS**

A number of items requiring attention were identified.

## **99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications had been approved:

0848 Extensions, Mauranda, Green Lane

0856 Extensions, 22 Forest View

### **Applications for decision:**

0680 Variation of conditions 2 and 6 of application no 0680 re. Solar Farm., Shortheath. Condition 2 would now refer to the amended plans and condition 6 would now place the compound next to the site. No objection.

1034 Change of use to gypsy caravan site comprising 5 pitches, amenity building, pumping station, access and landscaping including walling.

Cllr Mrs M E Hall was to meet with the Planning Officers when they had had the opportunity to consider the application. It was noted that some work had been carried out at the site to improve the situation, including the removal of rubble from the site.

The Parish Council objects to this application.

1. The access to the site is totally inadequate for caravans.
2. The development and proposed use would be out of keeping with this densely populated residential area and is situated immediately behind several houses.
3. There are existing parking problems opposite the entrance to the site, which would make access and exit for caravans extremely difficult as well as causing difficulties for people parking legitimately on the road.
4. The earlier permission was for housing, which would have resulted in cars using the entrance to the site and not caravans.
5. The site entrance is opposite the school, which exacerbates the problems of access and potential danger.

- 1041 Extensions and alterations, 'Sealview', Green Lane. No objection.

(Mrs M Elton declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

- 1052 Extensions and alterations, 'Greenacres', Green Lane. No objection.
- 0678 Installation of below ground cable to serve the solar farm (amended location), Land at Shortheath. No objection.

## 100 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Arrangements had been made for the public toilets to be open later than usual when the Bonfire Night event took place.

## 101 WEBSITE

Arrangements for Remembrance Day would be published, as would the need for assistance for the Caretaker during holiday and other absences.

## 102 ACCOUNTS

### 102.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2357	S Ruddle	Caretaker	539.70		539.70
2358	J M Summerfield	Litter	126.00		126.00
2359	E Evans	Litter	111.40		111.40
2360	Overseal Activators Netball Team	50% refund of Village Hall charge	37.50		37.50
2361	South Derbyshire District Council	Summer sports programme	1380.00	276.00	1656.00
2362	A M Norris Ltd	Repairs to boiler in changing rooms	269.00	53.80	322.80
2363	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	81.05	16.21	97.26
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	38.00		38.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.45	3.89	23.34
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42
D/D	Southern Electricity	Electricity to Village Hall	399.43	79.88	479.31
D/D	British Gas	Final gas bill	1241.56	248.31	1489.87

### 102.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	1007.50
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	771.47

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

**102.4 Quarterly Accounts.** The Clerk submitted the Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 September 2016 together with explanatory notes. The report was received.

## 103 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**103.1 Football pitch - final tidying.** The concrete fence post supports were still present and some were being moved around the site. The contractors would be urged to remove them as soon as possible.

- 103.2 Village Hall replacement.** A Member pointed out that the Village Hall was old and would need replacing at some time in the future. It was agreed to include it as a long-term item in the Forward Planning report.
- 103.3 Visibility splay, Valley Road.** The splay at the junction with A.444 Acresford Road was being used regularly for the display of vehicles for sale, reducing visibility. This would be referred to the PCSO, District Council and County Council.
- 103.4 Apple Day.** The event had been very well supported. The Conservation Trust had asked to use the trees for a fruit tree pruning workshop; this was agreed and other sites suggested.
- 103.5 Trees.** The District Council had a supply of trees for planting and the land around the edges of the Daisy Lane land was suggested as a possibility. Mr Knight would discuss this with the District Council.
- 103.6 Veolia landfill site.** The odour from the site was unpleasant; the Clerk would take this matter up with the site operators.
- 103.7 Brambles, Daisy Lane.** Eden Tree Care had asked to meet someone on site to indicate which shrubs required removal. The Chairman would meet them.
- 103.8 Provision of defibrillator.** A gift to fund the provision of a defibrillator was available, but the owners of the suggested location had not responded to the request to locate it on their premises. The Clerk would approach them to seek their co-operation.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**Chairman**