

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 7 November 2019.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, 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 A Brady and Cllr Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr P Murray (Derbyshire County Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Cox.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

91 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

92 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

93 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

93.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Wheelton reported that the Rural Crime Team was in operation the Parish and surrounding areas. The District Council was awaiting submission of the required landscaping scheme for the sub-station at the Acresford Road development and a planning application had been submitted in respect of the Gypsy site near to The Crickets, in Netherseal parish.

The District Council were having difficulties with the developers of Manor School View and it was reported that trees on the open land were damaging the gardens of several properties. The Clerk would write to the Developers concerning this and to press for an early transfer of the land to the District Council.

93.2 Police. No report had been received, due to the continuing absence of the PCSO. However, Cllr Mrs Wheelton had obtained the crime report for September and would forward this to Members; a similar approach would be adopted for the October report.

93.3 County Council. Several matters would be reported to the County Council for action:

- Blocked drains in Moira Road, Main Street and Lullington Road;
- The blocked ditch in Green Lane;
- A fallen tree was blocking the footpath near to the boundary at Acresford;
- The reinstatement of the road after works by British Gas at Acresford Road was not up to standard;

There were also blocked drains in Spring Cottage, resulting in surface water running down the hill into Overseal; this would be reported to Leicestershire County Council, and Ashby Woulds Town Council would be informed. A speed sign near to The Crickets was showing 30mph restriction instead of the actual 40 mph limit, causing vehicles to slow suddenly. This would be

checked with Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council before being reported to Leicestershire County Council.

The fence at the brook at the end of Woodville Road had recently been replaced and this was welcomed.

The car park had several potholes which needed repairing and the County Council would be asked to do so.

Cllr Murray delivered the application form for funding towards the allotments car park project.

(Cllrs A Brady, Mrs M Wheelton and P Murray left the meeting at 7.35 pm)

94 CLERK'S REPORT

94.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). There was concern about the continued deterioration of Overseale House, which would be reported to the Heritage officer.

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

94.3 Churchyard maintenance. No further information was available at present.

94.4 Local Plan – call for sites. As part of the Local Plan process, the District Council had invited the submission of potential sites for development of any kind, especially housing (including gypsy sites) and economic uses.

94.5 Proposed development at J11, Chilcote. The development company, IM Properties, proposed to establish a liaison group and had invited the council to appoint a representative. The Group's aims would be:

- (a) to manage and share information about the programme of works;
- (b) to provide a forum to resolve issues of concern;
- (c) to facilitate a continuing discussion around how communities could benefit from the development, especially from a Community Fund which they intended to set up.

The Group would also include representatives from the company, the site contractor, 10 Parish Councils and the 'Residents Against Project Mercia' group. Site investigation work started in mid-October and building work was likely to start in the Spring.

RESOLVED: That Mrs S M Ward be appointed as the Council's representative, with Mrs R O'Brien acting as deputy.

94.6 Water supply problems at the Village Hall. South Staffordshire Water were asked to find out whether there was an underground leak or other external cause of the supply failing at exceptionally busy times. They had advised that the council should get in touch with them when the failure actually occurred.

It was reported that water shortage had occurred during the recent Bonfire Night celebrations. A Member advised that the water pressure in Woodville Road, was partly regulated by gravity and partly by two pumps, one of which had been out of action for some time, but was being replaced. It was thought that the basic cause may be the size of the supply pipe from the meter being of insufficient size and this would be checked with South Staffordshire Water.

94.7 Grit bin, Shortheath. The bin near to Willow Farm had been demolished, apparently by a vehicle mounting the verge. A replacement had been obtained and filled, complete with a notice identifying it as the Council's property.

94.8 Edward Street Allotments. A local contractor had been asked to provide a quotation for clearing the overgrown plots, which comprise about two thirds of the site, but the cost was prohibitive.

Following an inspection of the car park at the Lullington Road site, the suitable layout for Edward Street would be two car spaces on either side of the entrance, plus the access 'drive'. This would be considered in the draft estimates for next year and in the light of a decision on an application for financial help from Cllr Murray.

The Clerk was asked to write to all the tenants whose plots were overgrown advising them that the plots would be inspected at least four times annually and those found to be overgrown would be warned and then, of there was no improvement within a month, the tenants would be given four weeks' notice. They would be asked whether they wished to continue to use the plots or would prefer to use only a half plot, so that offers could be made to people on the waiting list.

(Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner declared an interest in this matter as a tenant of the allotment and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

94.9 Lullington Road allotments. A request had been received for assistance in providing water storage facilities in the form of containers with a means of collecting rainwater. There was a spare half-plot which would accommodate the containers and the cost of materials for which funding was requested totalled £735. Installation would be by the allotment tenants at no cost to the Council. It was agreed to meet the cost of the materials at £735.

94.10 Enlargement of the MUGA. The draft application for the S.106 funds for this project had been sent to the District Council. The second tranche of the Valley Road funds had been in their accounts for some time and the first tranche for the Acresford Road development had recently been received by them. The quotation for the floodlighting changes had now been received.

The Clerk reported fully on the total probable cost of the project, the timing of S.106 funding and predicted cash flow. Potential difficulties could be avoided by deferring construction until the second tranche of S.106 funds were available, probably in late summer 2020, though this may result in revised quotations if there were changes in the cost of materials. As the two quotations for the electrical works were unsatisfactory, further quotations were being sought and it was also necessary to determine whether planning permission was necessary for all or part of the proposed work.

RESOLVED: That the project be deferred until the second tranche of S.106 funds from the Acresford Road development was available

94.11 Barrier between the Village Hall car parks. Quotations had been obtained from Harvey & Clark for removing the damaged sleeper wall and replacing it with a number of alternatives (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

There were also quotations for renovating the wall adjoining the recreation ground edge of the car park, and for removal of coping stones outside the boiler room, which had become dislodged.

RESOLVED: That the quotations of Harvey and Clark for the following works be accepted;

- (a) Retaining structure for the boundary between the two car parks - £4890;
- (b) Removal of loose coping stones near the boiler room, regarding and turfing the immediate area - £467;
- (c) Repairs to the wall between the car park and the recreation ground - £2580. All plus VAT.

94.12 Swadlincote Christmas Lights. The Chairman of the District Council had invited a representative to attend the switch-on of the lights. No nomination was made.

94.13 Use of Village Hall. The Junior Football Club requested a reduced charge for the use of the Village Hall on 9 November for a photo-shoot. A reduction of 50% was agreed.

95 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

1188 The removal of 1no. existing 15m high lattice tower and 3no existing antennas, the installation of 1no. 25m high monopole tower with 6no. antenna apertures and 2no. new 600mm transmission dishes, the relocation of 2no. existing 600mm transmission dishes to new monopole tower, works within the existing equipment cabin and associated ancillary works within the existing compound on Land off Burton Road. No objection.

0988 The erection of a rear extension and attic conversion at 12 Valley Road. No objection.

0989 Single storey rear extension, 102, Woodville Road. No objection.

The following application had been approved:

0858 Erection of electricity sub-station, Acresford Road (included a condition requiring submission of a landscaping scheme within 2 months).

97 VILLAGE HALL AND PAVILION MATTERS

It was reported that paint was peeling off the rear windows of the Pavilion. There was a need for additional external lights to illuminate the paths to the toilets serving the Pavilion and it was agreed to provide them.

The after school Club organiser had asked for permission to wall-mount a television; this was agreed subject to it being installed by a competent person and the Organiser being fully responsible for the TV. She would also be asked to remove materials stored in the Pavilion.

98 WEBSITE

None.

99 ACCOUNTS**99.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2762/2764	Total salaries & wages costs				*
**2758	Dove Steel Doors & Shutters Ltd	Provision of fire escape doors to Village Hall	1726.29	355.26	21231.55
2759	P Stone	Mowing around Pavilion & maintenance work	704.00		704.00
2760	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	72.48	13.73	86.21
2761	Harvey & Clark Ltd	Renovation of public toilets	20677.80	4135.56	24813.36
2765	Moira Replan	Printing & photocopying	96.59		96.59
2767	Glasdon UK Ltd	Grit bin for Shortheath	202.78	40.55	243.33
2768	Tollgate Garden Supplies (Woodville) Ltd	Grit for bin	120.83	24.17	145.00
2769	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Refill planters, mowing pith, Daisy Lane, church corner, Village Hall	1119.70		1119.70
2770	V Barker	Deputising for Caretaker	156.79		156.79
2771	Robert Lewis Signs Ltd	'No parking' sign for Edward Street allotments	50.00	10.00	60.00
2772	Overseal Allotment Association	Grant towards water storage system	735.00		735.00
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to public toilets (September)	111.97	22.39	134.36
D/D	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to public toilets (October)	9.36	1.87	11.23
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	30.34	1.52	31.86
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	280.09	56.01	336.10

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

**This amount had been paid between meetings as it was urgent.

99.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	462.50
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings	636.00
Community Cafe	Use of Pavilion	577.35
Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	1980.00
V Barker	Use of Village Hall	622.50
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	813.48

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

99.4 Quarterly budget report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). The report was accepted.

100 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

100.1 Metal soldier sculptures. Two sculptures were offered to the Council and it was agreed to accept them for use in connection with Remembrance Day each year. They would need to be stored for the remainder of the year.

100.2 Community Speedwatch. The necessary volunteers had been recruited and a date arranged for training.

100.3 Footpath near to the sewage works. It was reported that part of the path was severely flooded. Severn Trent Water would be asked to add more stone to the path to raise the level sufficiently to avoid this.

100.4 Trees. Mr Knight reported that he had obtained 50 free trees and sought suggestions for planting sites.

100.5 Refuse tip. There had been a smell from the tip until a few days ago, when it had reduced. It was thought that this was due to a concerted effort to landscape the area and the problem would be monitored.

100.6 Holly hedge, Moira Road. The hedge was now badly overgrown and some residents had walked into the overhanging branches in the dark and suffered injury. Also the tallest section was obscuring the street light. This would be reported to Derbyshire County Council.

100.7 Bench at the recreation ground. The Footpaths Group had installed a bench on the lower pitch area.

(Mrs R O'Brien left the meeting at 8.55 pm)

101 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items in pursuance of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

102 CLERK'S REPORT

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Chairman