

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 October 2011.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr D Baldaro, Mr R Cox, 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 S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan , PCSO.

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

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr M S Patrick, Mr S Sharpe and Mrs S Jones declared a personal interest in Minute no 49.6 (Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations) as members of the Gala Committee.

47 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

48 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2011, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to correction of the name of Cllr S Frost in the list of those present at the meeting.

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

49.2 Proposed allotments, Lullington Road. The Clerk reported that, following publication of an item in the Free for All, he had received several expressions of interest from people wishing to be placed on the waiting list. He was asked to press the District Council to make progress with the project and Cllr Frost agreed to enquire when the draft lease would be available.

49.3 Caravan site, Park Road. The Clerk reported that appeals had been lodged against the enforcement notices and that, therefore, the matter was in abeyance.

49.4 Land at Manor School View. The District Council had reported that the land had been cleared and that they had therefore closed their file. It was pointed out that the land had been strimmed, but brambles had not been cleared, the metal fence had not been removed, (thereby preventing public access) and that the grating at the junction with Moira Road needed raising. These matters would be relayed to the District Council.

49.5 Daisy Lane meadow. The Clerk reported that it now seemed possible that a transfer of the land in its present condition could be achieved. There was also a possibility that the land could then be transferred onto the Parish Council.

If this were to take place, the Parish Council would become responsible for putting the land in order for use as a wild flower meadow (its original purpose), future maintenance and other responsibilities as landowner. This could include, for example, securing it against trespass.

If the Council wished to proceed along these lines, an approach to the District Council expressing a willingness to take on a lease or ownership of the land and stating the proposed use would be the next step.

However, Cllr Frost reported that the developers were now in liquidation, which could present an obstacle to further progress. Nevertheless, the Council wished to make the initial approach to the District Council expressing a willingness to take on a lease or ownership of the land.

- 49.6 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.** At the last meeting Mr Patrick outlined the Gala Committee's proposals for these celebrations, including a beacon, and fireworks display. He had also referred to the cost of hiring the climbing wall as part of the Gala Day event. A suggestion had been made that the Council could fund this aspect of the event, for which the cost would be £212 plus VAT for a two-hour session. However, the matter was deferred for the Gala Committee to consider further its programme and requirements for Gala Day.

(Mr M S Patrick, Mr S Sharpe and Mrs S Jones declared personal interests in this matter as members of the Gala Committee).

- 49.7 Churchyard upkeep.** The Council had previously made a grant to St Matthew's Church for the upkeep of the churchyard and had provided £280.00 in the budget for the current year. A further grant of £280.00 was approved.

- 49.8 Bus shelter near 177 Burton Road.** The owners had requested support for their representations that the side panels of the shelter were not sufficiently clear to allow them to see through when they are driving out of their property and said that this was made worse early in the morning when mist added to the problem. The County Council would be informed that this approach had been made and asked to investigate whether any action was required.

- 49.9 Walton bypass.** Work was due to start on this project in September, including the bridge over the Trent. Earthworks would be constructed this autumn and installation of piles and bridge abutments from February, to allow the bridge to open in February 2013.

- 49.10 Trees on the Recreation Ground.** Several trees needed replacing, having died or been vandalised. Mr M S Patrick and Mr M A Knight would determine which trees needed replacement, including some of the lime trees, and identify a source of supply.

- 49.11 Street games programme.** The District Council were offering this programme between 5 and 6 pm on 31 October, 7, 14, 21, 28 November and 5 and 12 December. Sports provided were football, basketball cricket and multisport. There would be no charge to either the Parish Council or the participants and a provisional reservation had been made pending the Council's decision.

Also, the District Council were to provide half term activity on Tuesday 25 October from 1-3 pm consisting of Wheelsmobile, which included KMX Karts, Mountain biking and street surfing. Again, a provisional booking had been made pending Council approval. Both reservations were confirmed.

- 49.12 Requests for donations.**

Ms D Hall, a local resident, requested a donation of £25.00 towards the cost of running a project for this year's The Big Draw. This was a communal event to introduce people to art. It had been running since 2000 and was now an annual month-long festival of over one thousand events across the UK. As the

event would start on 8 October, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had agreed to the Council making a donation of £25.00 and the Council confirmed this action.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre had requested a grant towards its work of providing holidays for disadvantaged children in Derbyshire. 463 holidays were provided last year. It was agreed to make a donation of £25.00 as in previous years.

49.13 Nature Area. The County Council had decided that the land would not be available for disposal or public use but would remain under the control of the school. The Chairman reported that the Prince's Trust had recently cleared some of the ground and would undertake more work in the future.

49.14 Derbyshire Transport Plan. The County Council had published the Local Transport Plan in two parts, a longer-term strategy (2011 to 2026) and a shorter-term Investment Protocol (2011 to 2016). Both of these documents could be viewed on the County Council's website, www.derbyshire.gov.uk/localtransportplan.

The plan was made up of many planned activities covering well maintained roads and rights of way, efficient transport network management, improving local accessibility and achieving healthier travel habits (such as walking and cycling), and the importance of taking a considered approach to new infrastructure. The methods included transport schemes and services, influencing travel behaviour, and land use planning. A list of the Policy Statements included in the Plan is attached to the official copy of the minutes. Noted.

49.15 Citizens Advice Bureau AGM. An invitation had been received to attend the AGM on Thursday 20 October from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm at the YHA National Forest Centre, Bath Lane, Moira. They also invited nominations to the Board of Directors. Noted.

49.16 Recycling collections. The District Council would no longer collect cardboard with effect from mid-October because it could contaminate compost from plastic, staples, dyes etc. However, the use of the recycling centres could continue and the contractors operating these would provide more banks to accommodate the expected additional demand. The Council hoped to recommence kerbside collections in 2013. The Parish Council considered this a backward step.

49.17 Parliamentary Constituencies review. The Boundary Commission had published its proposals for new constituencies and invited responses. The new constituency would be renamed Derby South & Swadlincote and included part of the District of South Derbyshire plus the Chellaston and Boulton Wards from Derby City. The parishes to the west of the A.38 were no longer included and the Mickleover Ward from Derby was also excluded.

The name – Derby South and Swadlincote – was considered inappropriate as very little of Derby was included in the Constituency, and South Derbyshire would be suggested.

49.18 Risk Assessment. The Clerk reported that Mr M Guest had carried out an inspection of the Council's various premises to update the existing Risk Assessment and had produced an initial report. Improved record-keeping and display of notices, together with securing hazardous chemicals, were the main conclusions.

- 49.19 Old changing rooms – windows.** Youths had thrown stones at the windows and caused damage to the glass. They had been identified and the crime reported to the Police with a view to achieving restorative justice. Damage had also been caused to the windows in the public toilets, and the District Council would be informed of this.
- 49.20 Gritting and salt.** The County Council had asked for details of where the allocation of salt and grit would be used on footpaths. Members were asked to inform the Chairman urgently of potential locations.
- 49.21 New changing rooms.** The floor in the 'Away' team changing room had sunk and the Clerk had requested builders to investigate the cause, and had informed the Council's Insurers.
- 49.22 Christmas celebrations.** Provision had been made in the budget for lights etc. It was agreed that these should be hired rather than purchased and proposals and cost would be obtained from a suitable supplier.

50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been approved:

- 0506 Extension, 32 Woodville Road
 0616 Extension and alterations, 18 Valley Road
 0660 Extensions, 31 Coronation Street.

Applications for decision:

The following responses had been sent after consultation with Members between meetings

- 0718 Erection of 2 dwellings, land adj 27 Moira Road.

The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of development of the site. However, it urges the District Council to require submission of access details at this stage and not to treat them as a reserved matter.

The site fronts to Moira Road, which is narrow at this point and is always subject to a line of parked vehicles on the same side of the road as the site. It is also opposite the entrance to the new development at Manor School View, which will generate traffic movements. In order to keep the entrance to the site useable, it will be necessary to lose several on-road parking places.

Traffic to and from Conkers uses this road and there have been many instances when cars towing caravans, and coaches, have been held up because the road is reduced to a single lane by the parked cars.

The Council consider that the question of access is so important that it needs to be dealt with at this stage and not simply treated as a reserved matter.

- 0176 Erection of 2 dwellings, land r/o 8 Valley Road.

The Design and Access Statement states that the "dwellings are designed to reflect a storey and a half" yet the windows on all elevations will be the same height as a two storey dwelling, giving little privacy to the surrounding properties.

The driveway to the plot is very narrow and delivery lorries would not be able to access the site/properties.

The Design and Access Statement states that "there is no need to provide a joint or shared access with any other dwelling" but it has to be shared with number 8, because their garage is at the rear.

There does not appear to be any room for turning vehicles belonging to number 8, or enough sweep off the new drive into the existing garage, unless number 8 are forfeiting all their garden for the development.

There is no mention of the parking, but it could be extremely difficult, as plot 1 has five bedrooms and plot 2 has four bedrooms plus the vehicles kept at number 8. It is not unusual these days for properties to have several cars, plus any visitors, tradesmen, service engineers or delivery drivers etc, so it is likely that parking will spill out onto Valley Road near the junctions of Squirrel Walk and the A444.

The two exits from Valley Road on to the A.444 both have very poor visibility.

51 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

51.1 District Council. Cllr Frost referred to the requirement that all Councils buy their housing stock from the Government in place of the annual levy currently paid to them. To fund this, a substantial loan would be necessary, and it was likely that interim funding would be obtained by borrowing from the Government pending examination of other sources later. The Government would also set or recommend rent levels. He referred to the developers of the land at Daisy Lane being in liquidation and agreed to enquire as to progress with the draft lease of the proposed allotments at Lullington Road.

51.2 Police. Mr McMillan reported recent crime statistics which included several instances of anti-social behaviour. In regard to other crimes, several people had been charged and were awaiting Court appearances. Members advised that a petition and several letters were to be submitted regarding the high numbers of HGVs using Woodville Road.

51.3 County Council. Pipes had been laid in Main Street as part of the development of Manor School View and the trenches had sunk; this resulted in noise nuisance when lorries passed over them, The County Council would be asked to deal with this. They would also be reminded about the broken road surface at the roundabout at Park Road/Burton Road.

52 ACCOUNTS

52.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1737	L Baxter	Caretaker	408.34		408.34
*1738	J M Summerfield	Litter	56.96		56.96
*1739	T Stewart	Litter	237.20		237.20
*1740	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	62.30	12.46	74.76
*1741	RF Gardening Ltd	Maintenance of planters	550.00		550.00
1742	St Matthews Church	Grant towards churchyard maintenance	280.00		280.00
*1743	D Hall	Registration fee – ‘The Big Draw’	25.00		25.00
1744	L Baxter	Caretaker	366.83		366.83
1745	J M Summerfield	Litter	71.15		71.15
1746	T Stewart	Litter	194.56		194.56

1747	J E White	Salary & expenses	1272.40		1272.40
1748	HMRC	PAYE	346.00		346.00
1749	M Guest	Clear around trees on Recreation Ground	100.00		100.00
1750	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	129.86		129.86
1751	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	14.81		14.81
1752	South Derbyshire District Council	New dog bin, Lullington Road	251.53	50.31	301.84
1753	South Derbyshire District Council	Summer sports programme	1285.00	257.00	1542.00
1754	Mrs J Kirby	Deputising for Caretaker	148.25		148.25
1755	Moira Replan	Photocopying	100.28		100.28
D/D	e-on	Electricity supply to Village Hall	292.27	58.45	350.72
D/D	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	86.57	4.33	90.90
D/D	Plusnet	Internet charges	16.00	3.20	19.20
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	42.00		42.00
D/D	BT	Telephone bill	47.68	9.53	57.21

52.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	380.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	300.00
Overseal Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	1320.00
Clubs Complete	Use of Village Hall	100.00

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

53 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

Cessation of kerbside cardboard collections and use of the recycling facilities instead;

Bad parking.

54 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

54.1 Dog fouling. A concentration of dog fouling was reported in Lullington Road, which would be sprayed. There were also problems at the stile on the public right of way from Edward Street, and the Dog Warden would be asked to supply a suitable notice for display at this point.

54.2 Paint flecks on road. Large amounts of paint flecks were on Woodville Road; if they have not been cleared up in a week, the neighbouring company would be contacted.

54.3 Users of the Village Hall. It was suggested that a notice be displayed on the notice board and the village website listing the regular classes and other users of the Village Hall and their contact numbers.

54.4 Goalposts. It was reported that there were some old goalposts in the hedge near to the lower football pitch. The teams would be invited to see if these were useable.

It was also reported that children were jumping on the goalposts used by the junior team and the Clerk was asked to contact the organisers to ensure that they were removed when not in use.

54.5 Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership. The Partnership had linked with three senior schools and arranged for pupils to clear elderly people's gardens and undertake other community projects.

54.6 Civic Awards. A further nomination had been received and it was agreed to consider all nominations in March 2012.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman