

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 5 October 2017.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council).

## 68 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mrs M Elton declared an interest in minute no. 75, planning application 0398 and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

## 69 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

## 70 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 71 WILLIAM ALLITT SCHOOL

Mr S Frost attended the meeting and outlined recent discussions concerning the operation of the school and the state of its buildings. The school had been placed in Special Measures and as a result it was expected that it would become an Academy. However, the school worked hard to be taken out of special measures and continued to make excellent progress which both Ofsted and the DfE had recognised. There had been a significant turnover of staff but mostly by design and the new team was a vibrant mix of youth, enthusiasm and experience.

Notwithstanding this, discussions with DfE representatives, the local authority and others aimed at this were subsequently terminated, though improvements in the operation of the school had been implemented and were successful.

There was widespread concern about the very poor state of the buildings, which had exceeded their normal lifespan. Constant repairs were draining budgets and there appeared to be no plan in place to replace the school.

Members felt that the children and the staff both deserved better conditions and a long-term solution should be considered as otherwise the situation would only continue to decline.

**RESOLVED:** That representations be made to the County Council concerning the state of the buildings and the urgent need to replace them.

## 72 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**72.1 District Council.** Cllr Mrs Hall referred to the planning and other issues relating to 137-149 Woodville Road and reported that the District Council were waiting for the Enforcement Notice term to be reached, when several actions were required to be completed. A fresh application for a dropped kerb at 36 Lullington Road had been submitted and she would ask that this be

considered by the Planning Committee, with a site visit if possible. Her duties as Vice-Chairman were proving interesting and enjoyable.

The length of verge in Moira Road had still not been trimmed and the Clerk would press the District Council for action.

**72.2 Police.** The PCSO presented the crime statistics for September, which showed a low level of reported crime, and outlined a number of other local issues.

**72.3 County Council.** A depression in the road surface near 48 Coronation Street required repair.

### **73 CLERK'S REPORT**

**73.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The District Council would be asked for an update on their actions concerning the dumped materials on land at Overseal Manor grounds. The blocked footpath at Spring Cottage had been partially cleared.

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

A request had been received from several local children for provision of skateboard facilities. This would be looked into to clarify the implications.

**73.3 Insurance.** The Council's insurance had been renewed, but during the process, it was ascertained that certain items were not covered except for public liability purposes. The brokers advised:

*Public Liability Insurance is provided automatically for any assets that are either owned by the Parish Council or which they are responsible for maintaining. This will therefore apply to the BT Telephone kiosk and it will be covered at any location under the Parish Council's jurisdiction.*

*If the Parish Council wishes to cover the kiosks against loss or damage I will need to know the replacement value in order to confirm the additional premium which, given the replacement value of a traditional version is usually around £3,000, can probably be deferred until the next renewal date if a new schedule isn't needed at present. A £250 excess will apply to any one claim.*

*To increase the sums insured on the policy by £33,900 to cover the items listed in your email dated 22nd August 2017 will increase the annual premium payable by £163.26 including Insurance Premium Tax.*

The items brought to their attention were:

- 9 dog bins or litter bins (total cost around £1500),
- 7 planters (£3000), 2 notice boards (£1600),
- 2 public seats (£300)
- telephone box at Shortheath.

Additional cover would relate to loss or damage. While there is always the possibility that this may occur - indeed the litter bin next to the Youth Shelter has been uprooted twice recently - the excess would seem to reduce the usefulness of the cover.

RESOLVED: That the Council bear the risk themselves.

- 73.4 Litter bin at Shortheath.** The District Council had been monitoring the situation since the removal of the old bin and, as they had received no complaints, would not be providing a replacement. They would, however, continue to monitor. Complaints had been received from local residents and they would be invited to go direct to the District Council.
- 73.5 National Forest 'Grow a tree from seed scheme'.** The National Forest were inviting people to take part in this scheme, which involved collecting and planting acorns for subsequent planting out in the Forest, probably after two years. Noted.
- 73.6 Summer Sports Programme.** The programme had again been successful, with 400 participants locally; across the whole District, there were 97 sessions and 6157 participants. Two sessions at Overseal had to be held inside the Village Hall because of bad weather, whereas in some other areas they had to be cancelled as there were no indoor facilities available.
- 73.7 Strategy for Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation.** The District Council had just published this document, which followed a period of consultation. It covered the period 2017 - 2022 and priority target groups were
- Young people and family activity;
  - Older people, and
  - Under-represented groups, mainly women and girls.
- The Strategy set out a number of key outcomes and measures, including increased physical activity levels, increased volunteering and employment as well as outdoor space. Longer term impacts were aimed at physical and mental well-being, individual development and social, community and economic development. Noted.
- 73.8 Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.** This organisation ran events and supported others who did. The Memorial Day took place on 27 January in each year and attention had been drawn to it and invited the Council to organise a simple event and offered an activity pack to assist. Noted.
- 73.9 Edward Street allotments.** The remaining plot had now been let, free of charge as it is overgrown, in accordance with past practice.
- 73.10 Land r/o 137-149 Woodville Road.** A letter had been received from Solicitors acting from the owner, offering to sell the land to the council and suggesting a purchase price. They would be advised that the council was not in a position to proceed on the lines suggested.
- 73.11 Snow Warden Scheme.** The County Council were inviting participation in this scheme and the council agreed to do so.
- 73.12 Dial-a-Bus shopping service.** Details of the timetable for this new service were reported.
- 73.13 Speeding, Moira Road.** The County Council had indicated that installation of a flashing warning sign was normally considered in the light of the accident record, requiring 6 injury accidents during the preceding 3 years. Consequently, no action would be taken. Details of recent excessive speeding were passed to the PCSO.

#### **74 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS**

The reports were received.

**75 PLANNING APPLICATIONS****The following applications had been approved:**

0371 Two storey side extension, 251 Burton Road

0537 Two storey and single storey side and rear extensions with 2 dormer windows to the rear, and erection of a front extension, 133 Shortheath.

0766 Single storey rear extension, 101 Lullington Road

**The following application had been withdrawn:**

0682 Variation of condition 10 (which relates to sight lines), land r/o 137 - 149 Woodville Road.

**Applications for decision:**

0398 Dormer bungalow r/o 9 Coronation Street (re-consultation because of revised location and amended ownership certificate). No objection.

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

0599 Reconsultation because of additional information and amended plans - change of use from a cow shed to camping facilities and installation of 2 camping pods, Shortheath Farm, Shortheath. No objection.

**76 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

The need for a relief Caretaker was discussed and a number of alternative solutions would be investigated.

**77 WEBSITE**

Local advertising for a relief Caretaker would be included.

**78 ACCOUNTS****78.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

| <b>Cheque</b> | <b>Supplier</b>                   | <b>Description</b>                        | <b>Net</b> | <b>VAT</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2469          | RBL Poppy Appeal                  | Poppies for lamp posts                    | 93.00      |            | 93.00        |
| 2470          | South Derbyshire District Council | Summer Sports Programme                   | 1310.00    | 262.00     | 1572.00      |
| 2471          | S Ruddle                          | Caretaker                                 | 546.06     |            | 546.06       |
| 2472          | E Evans                           | Litter                                    | 128.20     |            | 128.20       |
| 2473          | J M Summerfield                   | Litter                                    | 63.75      |            | 63.75        |
| 2474          | J E White                         | Salary & expenses                         | 1041.04    | 2.75       | 1043.79      |
| 2475          | H M Revenue & Customs             | PAYE                                      | 678.80     |            | 678.80       |
| 2476          | KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd    | Cleaning materials                        | 82.63      | 16.52      | 99.15        |
| 2477          | South Derbyshire District Council | Trade refuse collection from Village Hall | 535.60     |            | 535.60       |
| 2478          | Ian Stone Gardening Services      | Mowing pitch etc.                         | 480.00     |            | 480.00       |
| 2479          | Broxap                            | Litter bin                                | 290.00     | 58.00      | 348.00       |
| 2480          | C M Knight                        | Reimburse cost of 2 flags                 | 49.98      | 10.00      | 59.98        |
| 2481          | A Cook                            | Reimburse cost of keys for litter bins    | 4.92       | 0.98       | 5.90         |

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|-----|----------|-----------------------------|--------|------|--------|
| D/D | TalkTalk | Internet charges            | 21.95  | 4.39 | 26.34  |
| D/D | NEST     | Pension contributions       | 25.42  |      | 25.42  |
| D/D | SSE      | Water to Village Hall       | 470.64 |      | 470.64 |
| D/D | SSE      | Water to old changing rooms | 35.66  |      | 35.66  |

## 78.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

| Name                          | Description           | Amount  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| S Ruddle                      | Village Hall lettings | 170.00  |
| Overseal Pre-school           | Use of Village Hall   | 1880.00 |
| Overseal Junior Football Club | Use of lower pitch    | 550.00  |

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

## 79 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**79.1 Lime trees.** Two trees had suffered damage and required replacement; it was suggested that one should be in Hallcroft Avenue and the other in Woodville Road where the cherry tree had been removed.

**79.2 War Memorial.** The Gala Committee were undertaking improvements to the surrounds of the Memorial.

**79.3 Defibrillator.** A defibrillator had now been installed at the Co-op superstore.

**79.4 Daisy Lane.** The mowing had not been done and the District Council would be pressed to do this as soon as possible. The brambles should be removed and Eden Tree Care would be pressed to do so shortly.

**79.5 Hedges and footpaths.** The hedge at the Burton Road allotments needed trimming. Footpaths 18 and 19 needed strimming and the Footpaths Group would be invited to do this work. The bowling green hedge needed trimming and the Clerk would obtain a quotation from Eden Tree Care.

**79.6 Lower football pitch.** Bark chips would be applied at the bottom of the steps and on the slope at the far end of the pitch.

**79.7 Pavilion.** A name sign would be installed at the Pavilion.

## 80 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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.

**81 CLERK'S REPORT**

**81.1 Land at Lullington Road.** The Clerk reported on the Farm Business Tenancy, and certain matters would be clarified.

**81.2 Pitch Maintenance contract.** The Clerk reported details of a quotation for the maintenance of the top pitch and surrounding areas for the three year period from 1 December 2017.

RESOLVED: That the quotation of Ian Stone Gardening Services for this work be accepted.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

**Chairman**