

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 4 October 2018.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr A W Cook, Mr R Cox, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight,
and Mr S C Sharpe.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mrs R O'Brien and Mrs S M Ward.

72 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

73 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

74 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

75 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

75.1 District Council. The grass area at Daisy Lane required cutting before Apple Day on 20 October. The land at the rear of Manor School View had not been cut for more than two years and required tidying; there were tree branches on the land at Forest View which should have been removed 15 months ago; the hedge at Edward Street play area was overgrown and required cutting back.

These matters would be reported to the District Council for action.

The hedge adjoining 37 Woodlands Road was overgrown to such an extent that it was extremely difficult to pass along the path. This matter had been raised with the District Council on several occasions as they owned the property, and they would be asked to ensure that the path was kept open for public use. This could mean re-siting the hedge or replacing it with a fence.

75.2 Police. The PCSO's report on crime statistics for September was submitted, showing a considerable increase in reported crimes.

75.3 County Council. The damaged signs on the roundabout at Burton Road/Park Road had still not been replaced and no response had been received to the enquiry about resurfacing Hallcroft Avenue. The County Council would be pressed for information.

Reports of bad behaviour and bullying by pupils on the service bus which went to Pingle school would be referred to the Education Department. Also the hedge in Valley Road, between the junction with Squirrel Walk and the bend, was badly overgrown and obstructing the highway. The County Council would be asked to deal with it.

76 CLERK'S REPORT

76.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Updates would be sought about the stationing of a caravan at Overseal Manor grounds, the possible transfer of the public toilets to the Council and the closure of the recycling centre. This was now being misused as household waste and a

quantity of steak had been dumped there, giving rise to a possible health hazard and attracting vermin.

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

76.3 Proposed industrial development, Stretton en le Field. The Council's representations were sent on 7 September, with copies to the District and County Councils, District and County Councillors and the Leaders of both authorities and the MP. Supportive comments had been received from Cllr Mrs Hall and the District Council was to submit a report to its Planning Committee but was known to be very concerned about the traffic impact on Overseal. The County Council had made very neutral comments, but they included the following:

'As Local Highway Authority, we are mindful of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), in particular Paragraph 109, whenever it prepares its response to any planning application. Significantly, in so far as the Highway Authority is concerned, the NPPF states that 'Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.' Consequently the definitive 'test' when responding to the planning application is whether or not the impact of the development related traffic would be significant enough to warrant a technical recommendation of refusal of planning permission. In order to do this, the Highway Authority would have to be able to demonstrate that not only would the volume of extra traffic be sufficiently large, and it would cause severe harm to highway safety or operations. In conclusion therefore the local Highway Authority does not consider potential increases in cross boundary traffic to be of sufficient severity to warrant objection to this particular Application solely on highway grounds.'

Mrs Heather Wheeler MP was also concerned about the traffic implications and would be taking up the County Council's response with the Director; it was difficult to understand how the increase in traffic could be dealt with by a 'robust traffic management plan'. Mrs R O'Brien had drawn attention to probable additional developments near to the A.444 which would add to the problems.

76.4 Internal audit facilities. The Leicestershire Clerks' Association had been unable to offer facilities for the present, so those offered by DALC had been contacted to determine their availability and terms.

76.5 Acresford Road development. The District Council had provided an opportunity to influence the content of the S.106 agreement and the Council were asked to determine which projects - recreation and sports related - it wished to see included if this could be achieved. Because of the short deadline, the District Council had been asked to try to include netball facilities, development of the Nature Area, wall insulation of the Pavilion and improvements to footpaths.

76.6 Snow warden scheme. Derbyshire County Council has invited participation this scheme again. The scheme had been successful in the past and participation was again agreed.

76.7 Insurance renewal. Came & Co (brokers) had sent renewal terms on a rolling 3 year basis at a cost of £1988.03, including Insurance Premium Tax. This compared to last year's premium of £1961.57. Renewal was agreed.

76.8 DALC AGM. The AGM was to take place on Tuesday 9 October at 11.15 am in the Dave MacKay lounge at Derby County Football Club and the Council were invited to be represented. No representative was appointed.

77 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

These had been submitted and required no actions. However, Kompan would be pressed to supply replacement caps for some of the equipment and replacements for the instruction posters, which had been removed.

78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

0925 Variation of conditions re permission 2015/1092, erection of 6 2-bedroomed houses, Lullington Road. No objection.

0943 Erection of timber framed garage and workshop, Collie Croft, Green Lane. The Parish Council objects to this application. The siting of the building is well in front of the building line of adjoining properties and would look incongruous in the street scene. The building has the appearance of a dwelling and could be turned into a dwelling in the future, which would give rise to tandem development, acting as a precedent for other similar development locally.

0947 Amended application - first floor and rear extension to the main house and erection of a detached garage with accommodation above, 163 Burton Road. The Parish Council objects to this application insofar as it relates to the garage. There is no objection to the proposals for the main house.

The proposed garage has the appearance of a dwelling and could be turned into a dwelling in the future, acting as a precedent for other similar development locally. Its orientation has been turned so that there is now space for a roadway to be constructed, which would lend itself to the building becoming a separate dwelling. The use of the term 'accommodation' also suggests that this could occur. The Parish Council suggests that a condition be attached to prevent use as a dwelling or for living accommodation.

0944 Erection of 10 dwellings with new access and open space area, land at Moira Road. No objection.

0938 Change of use of a sports pavilion/leisure facility (use class D2) to a mix of a nursery/crèche with sports and leisure facilities (use classes D1 and D2). The Parish Council supports this application.

79 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

It was suggested that the padded chairs be disposed of as they were no longer required. This would be included in the next report of the Clerk.

The gap between the public toilets and the adjoining fence had a large step which was potentially dangerous. It was agreed to seek a quotation for lengthening the fence to fill the gap from DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd.

80 WEBSITE

No matters were raised.

81 ACCOUNTS**81.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2610	S Ruddle	Caretaker	579.87		579.87
2611	E Evans	Litter	134.54		134.54
2612	J E White	Salary & expenses	1122.77	16.75	1139.52
2613	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	711.00		711.00
2614	South Derbyshire District Council	Sportsmobile project, summer 2018	1395.00	279.00	1674.00
2615	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Repairs to Village Hall gate	75.00	15.00	90.00
2616	Came & Co	Insurance premium	1988.03		1988.03
2617	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Mowing pitch, Daisy Lane etc, spraying and plants	537.50		537.50
2618	Eden Tree Care	Cutting hedge around bowling green	360.00	72.00	432.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	19.00	3.80	22.80
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	31.16		31.16
D/D	SSE	Gas to Village Hall	273.95	13.69	287.64

81.2 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	60.00

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

82 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

82.1 Valley Road development. A slow start had been made on dealing with outstanding matters.

82.2 Public Right of Way. ~~The footpath at~~ *Footpath no. 10* from the bend in Valley Road was in a poor condition, even though some stone had been put down *in a section in the fields*. It was agreed to monitor the situation, particularly during the winter months.

Corrected at the meeting on 8 November 2018

82.3 Overseal Manor grounds. The Clerk was asked to press the owners to cut back the overhanging vegetation on the paths surrounding the development, especially both sides of footpath no 18.

83 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.

84 PAVILION HEATING.

RESOLVED: That the quotations of A & J Bartlett Ltd for installation of space heaters in the sum of £2403.58 and installation of a flood light at the front of the building in the sum of £215.00 (both items plus VAT) be accepted.

85 VILLAGE HALL FIRE ESCAPE DOORS

Quotations had been invited for new fire escape doors at the front of the Village Hall and would be reported to the next meeting.

86 GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT

The Council confirmed the acceptance of a quotation from British Gas for the supply of gas to the Village Hall from 1 October 2018 for three years. It was noted that attempts would be made to align the electricity supply contract with the gas contract when it expired on 31 December 2018.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Chairman