

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the online Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 1 October 2020.

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

In attendance: Cllrs A Brady and Mrs A Wheelton (South Derbyshire District Council),

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Patrick.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

71 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

72 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

73 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

73.1 District Council. Cllr Mrs Wheelton had sent advance reports, including on the land at Manor School View, on which progress was being made. The Planning White Paper had been discussed at Committee and the draft representations were being finalised; however, there was concern about the likelihood of targets being too high leading to over-development, and that affordable housing should be genuinely affordable and reserved for local residents. It was pointed out that, unlike many other authorities, South Derbyshire District Council had fulfilled its housing target.

While action was still being taken in respect of the traveller's site at Netherseal, concern was expressed that the Environment Agency was apparently accepting the deposit of debris on the site.

The District Council would be asked to arrange for the verge from 66 Moira Road to the county boundary to be mown.

73.2 Police. No list of reported crimes was available. There were reports of a gathering of people, generally aged around forty-plus, on a footpath near to the church, who were drinking alcohol, appeared to be using drugs, and were causing considerable nuisance through noise and these activities. The PCSO would be informed of this.

73.3 County Council. The County Council had now agreed to deal with removal of the stubs of the railings at New Walk and to arrange for the installation of a wooden fence.

(Cllrs A Brady and Mrs A Wheelton left the meeting at 7.15 pm)

74 CLERK'S REPORT

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

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

- 74.3 Planning White Paper.** The Government had issued a White Paper proposing a radical overhaul of the planning system. A paper summarising the proposals and key questions had been circulated (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

Of particular note was Proposal 1 - Local Plans should identify three types of land – Growth areas suitable for substantial development, Renewal areas suitable for development, and areas that are Protected. Growth areas would mean that permission in principle would automatically be granted in those areas i.e. a presumption in favour of development.

Comments may be submitted until 29 October 2020.

Some initial sections of the paper were dealt with, but it was agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday 8 October 2020 to finalise the Council's representations.

- 74.4 Litter bins.** Attention was drawn at the last meeting to the fact that the bin outside the school was in a poor state of repair.

Recent new or replacement bins had been litter bins rather than specifically dog bins, so that they could service both purposes.

Considering the reduced income, it was suggested that provision for replacement bins be considered in the context of the budget for next year. Meanwhile, the bins in need of replacement would be identified.

- 74.5 Small Business Grant.** The application for a grant was successful and £10000 had been received.

- 74.6 Insurance.** The renewal documents had been received and the new premium is £2308.55, which was an increase of £262.38 from £2046.17; however, the public toilets upgrade added a significant amount to the total value of assets insured. It should be noted that the item described as Play Equipment included the gym equipment, but was mainly the MUGA. The District Council insured the children's play equipment. It was agreed to renew on the terms offered.

- 74.7 Steps across the verge, Woodville Road.** The County Council had reconsidered their earlier refusal but had still decided not to grant permission for the construction of steps near to the Pavilion.

- 74.8 Pitch maintenance.** T H Heath were willing to continue to mow and fertilise the pitch via Ian Stone's contract for a further twelve months to December 2021 on the same terms as at present. This arrangement was confirmed.

- 74.9 Bowling green hedge.** Quotations had been obtained for cutting the hedge and it was agreed to accept the quotation of Eden Tree Care in the sum of £560 plus VAT.

75 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

Mrs Ward had carried out the inspection and had noticed nothing major to report.

76 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0761 Single storey extension, 17 Alexandra Road

77 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that a member of staff of the Pre-school had tested positive for coronavirus and that consequently the Pre-school had closed for the time being. He reported further on the steps taken to ascertain the Council's responsibilities in this matter and the Health & Safety Consultants had advised that the premises be deep-cleaned in the areas used by the Pre-school and that the Village Hall remain closed for 48 hours after that had been completed. The Caretaker was to do so and had been asked to take the precautions advised by the Consultants relating to Personal Protective Equipment.

78 WEBSITE

None.

79 ACCOUNTS**79.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
	Total salaries & wages costs				*
**2882	P Stone	Mowing at Pavilion; replace plants Acresford Rd planter	339.00		339.00
2883	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Electrical repairs at Village Hall	82.06	16.41	98.47
2884	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Pitch mowing	390.00		390.00
2885	P Stone	Winter bedding of planters, footpath strimming	920.00		920.00
BACS	Came & Co	Insurance premium	2308.55		2308.55
BACS	Yee Group Ltd	Repairs to CCTV equipment at the Pavilion	96.25	19.25	115.50
BACS	Elton Properties Maintenance Ltd	Mowing verges at Daisy Lane	35.00	7.00	42.00
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet service	18.00	3.60	21.60
D/D	Opus Energy	Electricity to public toilets	6.30	0.32	6.62
D/D	British Gas	Gas supplied to Village Hall	48.29	2.41	50.70
D/D	SSE	Electricity to Village Hall	140.92	7.04	147.99

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

** This invoice had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

79.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
Dancey's Daycare	Use of Pavilion	300.00
Yoga club	Use of Pavilion	48.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Business Support Grant	10000.00

79.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents had been inspected.

80 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

80.1 Village Hall – Zumba classes. It was reported that complaints of noise had been received from neighbours, as the windows and fire escape doors had been open. This was due to the coronavirus regulations requiring ventilation when activities took place, and the classes ended by 8.30pm.

80.2 Remembrance Day Service. It was confirmed that the arrangements for the scaled-down event were complete, with the service taking place on the bowling green and priority given to those laying wreaths.

The flagstaff fitting had been obtained and awaited installation, and the pole needed repainting.

80.3 Elm sapling. A disease-resistant elm sapling was now ready for planting and would be planted on 27 October. Mr Knight agreed to obtain stakes and guards.

80.4 Spring Cottage. An apparent sewage leak from a manhole on the footpath at the entrance to Springfield Farm was reported. Severn Trent Water would be asked to deal with it.

80.5 Car park. The trees bordering the Nature Reserve were overhanging cars on the car park and needed cutting back. It was the responsibility of the school but no funds were available for this work.

80.6 Use of MUGA. A request had been received from BBP Boxing Bootcamp to use the MUGA for one hour on Mondays-Thursdays, and it was understood that the Netball Club also would like to use it for training. While the original concept had been unrestricted use for the community, it was agreed that the proposed enlargement would inevitably lead to such requests. It was therefore agreed to approve a one week trial at a charge of £10 per hour and subject to the organisation displaying a notice warning of the uses.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Chairman

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Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Elton, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

82 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

83 PLANNING WHITE PAPER

The Council discussed the White Paper in depth and formulated its response (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

84 REQUEST FOR GRANT

The Community Speedwatch project had asked for a councillor to join their team but the request had been unsuccessful. However, they now had a team of five awaiting roadside training after which they would be active. The police coordinator would provide equipment initially but suggested the Parish Council may wish to consider funding ongoing equipment so the CSW team could be utilised locally long term. A list of the required equipment was provided at a total cost of £510.

It was agreed to purchase the equipment and for it to remain the Council's property; it could then be loaned to the users when required. It was noted that there would be ongoing costs associated with calibration of the equipment and replacement batteries.

85 CLLR ANDREW BRADY

It was reported that Cllr Brady had resigned from the District Council for personal reasons. Members asked that their good wishes be sent to him and said that he would be missed.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

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