

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 4 September 2014.

**Present:** Mrs C M Knight - Chairman  
Mr A R Hart, Mrs S Jones, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick, Mr S C Sharpe and Mr I Sheppard.

**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs M E Hall and Cllr S Frost (South Derbyshire District Council) and Cllr Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr R Cox and Mr D M Holloway.

## 42 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr S C Sharpe declared interests in planning applications 0431 (59 dwellings, Valley Road) and 0761 (amended plans, extensions, 60 Valley Road) in minute no. 47, as a relative of a near neighbour.

## 43 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident reported a defective street light in Burton Road, which would be referred to the County Council for action. Large lorries were often parked outside the chip shop which caused other traffic to go on the wrong side of the central refuge. This would be referred to the Police for action.

A resident of Forest View had submitted representations to the District Council on planning application 0645 (extensions, 1 Forest View), objecting to the size of the proposed extension, overshadowing and loss of privacy, and that the garage was not being used for storage of cars, which were parked in the street and caused a hazard. The Parish Council had already expressed support for the application as it was primarily a matter for neighbours.

## 44 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 45 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**45.1 District Council.** Cllr Mrs Hall reported that the Enforcement Officer was aware of key dates relating to carrying out of work at the caravan site near to The Cricketts and had the matter in hand. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting about the repair of the changing rooms with the relevant Officers.

There was a high level of concern locally about the proposed development at Valley Road. There was a need to construct the footpaths at Daisy Lane as soon as possible and this would be pursued and a mowing schedule was also to be pursued.

There were several problems concerning footpath 1 (Woodlands Road); the hedge belonging to the Council house had been cut but needed cutting again as it was blocking the right of way; some wood had been put on the path and it was thought to be required for nearby roofing works; the tenant of the Council house had allowed his swimming pool to be emptied onto the path and this cause it to be very muddy. All of these matters would be referred to the District Council for action.

**45.2 Police.** The crime statistics for August were reported. Members expressed their thanks for the Police attendance at the Dreamscheme event. Parking obstructions were reported at 34 Forest View, which would be referred to the Police.

**45.3 County Council.** Cllr Mrs Lauro reported that the trees in Woodville Road had been assessed by an arboriculturalist and he had recommended that several have their crowns lifted and suckers removed, and that a cherry be felled as it was dead. The work had now been ordered.

The tree outside 62 Lullington Road had also been inspected, but no work was considered necessary. Cllr Mrs Lauro had also dealt with a number of local complaints. Regarding the flooding at Acresford Road, there were now new powers available enabling early entry to land if the owner did not carry out essential work promptly. Cllr Mrs Lauro agreed to check progress on damaged kerbs at Shortheath, which had been reported.

#### **46 CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**46.2 CCTV cameras for the Village Hall.** An application for a grant had been made to the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership and had been successful. This would support the installation of HD cameras plus recording equipment to monitor the car park near to the MUGA, where nuisance was being caused, usually by the occupants of cars making noise late into the evening, to the detriment of residents of the elderly people's home. A 25% contribution from the Council, amounting to £309.00 would be required and this was approved.

**46.3 Fitness equipment.** The Council wished to consider the provision of fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground and to see what sort of equipment was available. Examples of such equipment were made available.

It was agreed to consider this in greater depth at the budget meeting.

**46.4 Local Plan.** South Derbyshire's Local Plan Part 1 and accompanying documents had been submitted to the Secretary of State. The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, had appointed Inspector Jill Kingaby to conduct the examination in public to determine whether the Plan was sound.

The Local Plan Part 1 together with all of the submission documents could be found at [www.south-derbys.gov.uk/LPExamination](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/LPExamination).

**46.5 Electricity supply to the Village Hall.** Some time ago, the Council had appointed LSI Utility Brokers to act on the Council's behalf in seeking the best prices for the supply of electricity and gas as and when present contracts expired. The electricity contract with British Gas would expire in January 2015 and LSI recommended seeking new prices now (operative from 15 January 2015) as the market was relatively stable. A quotation from LSI for a new contract was obtained, offering three terms – 2, 3 and 4 years – all of which were from Scottish & Southern Energy, as well as one from British Gas. They recommended accepting the 4 year term involving an increase of 9% p.a., but given that the Council's present prices were for 3 years, that was satisfactory. Under the circumstances and because of the possibility of increases before the Council meeting, the recommendation was accepted and a new contract

entered into. LSI did not make any charge to the Council for their services. This action was confirmed.

- 46.6 Village Hall.** The new curtains and rails had been fitted in the main hall and a quotation had been obtained from the same supplier and accepted for new stage curtains in the sum of £1500. Additional storage space in the kitchen would also be advantageous and two wall cupboards had been ordered
- 46.7 Fire alarm and emergency lighting systems.** As some shortcomings were identified when the safety checks were carried out, a quotation was obtained to bring the systems up to date. However as this was more than expected, a further quotation had been invited based on the legal minimum requirements. As this was still significant, a competitive quotation would be sought.
- 46.8 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.** DALC had moved offices to Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell DE45 1AE, telephone 01629 816338.
- 46.9 Maintenance of planters.** A quotation had been obtained from Ian Stone Gardening Services, who also maintained the displays in the Moira area, in the sum of £1990 for a year's maintenance of the beds and planters. Only part of this expenditure would fall in the current financial year and subsequent years would probably be less. The planter at Acresford Road should also be included and the quotation was accepted.

#### **47 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **The following applications had been approved:**

0487 Installation of 2 Juliet balconies, 1 Shortheath;

0541 Pitched roof on existing flat roof and conservatory to the rear, and porch to the front, 12 Main Street;

0578 Conservatory, 35 Burton Road

##### **The following application had been withdrawn:**

0526 Erection of 5 detached 2-storey dwellings, land r/o 137-149 Woodville Road

##### **Applications for decision:**

0645 Extension, 1 Forest View. This application was supported after consultation with Members as the consultation period expired before this meeting.

0431 Resubmission, 61 dwellings, Valley Road. The new application was for 59 dwellings, but was in other respects very similar to the earlier application. The previous strong objections would be restated and attention drawn to the high level of concern among village residents.

0761 amended plans - extensions, 60 Valley Road. No objection.

(Mr S C Sharpe declared interests in both of the above planning applications as a relative of a near neighbour.)

0797 Retrospective application, pumping station and discharge pipe, The Ashes, Shortheath. No objection.

**48 ACCOUNTS****48.1 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>
2070	David Edward Plumbing & Heating	Replace defective ball valve in Pavilion	55.00	11.00	66.00
2071	South Derbyshire District Council	Litter bin	218.61	43.72	262.33
2072	CANCELLED				
*2073	R O'Brien	Reimburse cost of topsoil	40.00	8.00	48.00
2074	L Baxter	Caretaker	417.23		417.23
2075	J Kirby	Cleaner	157.75		157.75
2076	J M Summerfield	Litter	75.65		75.65
2077	T Stewart	Litter	151.44		151.44
2078	South Derbyshire District Council	Village Hall refuse collection & empty dog bins 2014/5	1318.74	179.06	1497.80
2079	R Baker	Reimburse cost of 3 monitors	162.48	32.49	194.97
2080	S Kirkland	Replace 2 radiators & pipe repairs (replacement for cheque no. 2072)	360.00		360.00
2081	S Fern	Internal repainting of the Village Hall and sand a stain the stage floor	4654.00		4654.00
2082	John Mills Curtains & Blinds	Curtains and rails	2632.00	526.40	3158.40
D/D	British Gas	Electricity to Village Hall	296.30	59.26	355.56
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	24.50	4.90	29.40
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	37.00		37.00
D/D	British Gas	Gas to Village Hall	214.38	10.71	225.09

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

**48.2 Receipts**

The following amount had been received since the last meeting:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
L Baxter	Village Hall lettings	670.00

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

**49 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**49.1 Old chairs.** Mr Patrick asked whether it was permissible to donate 47 old, plastic chairs to Field Sport UK and for the Gala Committee to replace them with metal new plastic chairs. This was agreed.

**49.2 Bonfire night.** The football teams would be reminded that no games could be allowed on Bonfire Night.

**49.3 Overgrown hedges.** Hedges at 60 and 37 Coronation Street needed to be cut back as they were obstructing the footpath.

- 49.4 Village Hall users.** The regular users would be asked not to put notices etc on the newly painted walls and doors.
- 49.5 Litter.** There appeared to be a lot of litter in the village at present and the attentions of the Lengthsmen would be directed to the worst areas.
- 49.6 Christmas lights.** These would be ordered on a similar basis to last year.
- 49.7 Dreamscheme project.** Members' thanks were passed on to the Chairman, who had undertaken a considerable amount of work to make this a success, and to Mrs R O'Brien who had also been heavily involved. Letters of thanks would be sent to the contractors, who had provided labour and materials free of charge, and to the organisers of the project and the 22 children who had also taken part.
- 49.8 Dropped kerb.** A dropped kerb to assist wheelchair users was needed at the junction of Slackey Lane with Moira Road/Bath Lane. This would be drawn to the attention of Ashby Woulds Town Council.
- 49.9 Footpath 43.** Mr Knight reported that the Footpaths Group ~~had installed~~ were installing a kissing gate on this path and cleared it to enable it to be used again after around 20 years disuse.
- 49.10 Dangerous wall.** The wall adjacent to Moira Road was reported as increasingly dangerous and in need of repair. The owner would be asked to carry out repairs.
- 49.11 Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership.** There were several services available through the Partnership, including free handyman assistance for elderly people.
- 49.12 Village Hall kitchen.** A roller blind was needed for the kitchen window and it was agreed to install one.
- 49.13 'Key service village' designation.** Cllr Frost was asked how and why the Local Development Framework had designated Overseal as a 'key service village' and he agreed to make enquiries.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**Chairman**