

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 7 September 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 Mrs T A Rogers and Mr S C Sharpe.

Apologies for absence were received from M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council), Cllr P Murray (South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council) and Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Mr A W Cook declared an interest in minute no. 56 as Chairman of the Overseal Pantomime Group.

56 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Representatives of the Overseal Pantomime Group were proposing to use the Pavilion for rehearsals and the Village Hall for final rehearsals and the performances in February 2018 and asked for a discount on the cost of hiring the Village Hall as had been given previously. It was agreed to grant a 50% reduction for the use of the Village Hall.

The Organiser of the Junior FC asked permission to install an Astroturf covering for a manhole in the training area for the short duration of children's football matches to prevent the risk of injury. This was agreed; the covering would be removed after each occasion.

57 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2017, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

58 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

58.1 District Council. A campervan which was parked at the garages in Bailey Avenue was understood to be without either tax or insurance and this had been reported to the District Council.

The replacement litter bin at Shortheath had still not been installed and this would be chased.

58.2 Police. There had recently been an accident on the A.444 south of the village as well as one in Moira Road. The Police had previously promised a mobile speed camera check for the A.444 and this was awaited.

58.3 County Council. There was still a problem with the phasing of the traffic lights and one aspect was that the pedestrian phase was too short. The County Council had been asked to check and adjust as necessary.

The 40 mph sign in Acresford Road which had previously been reported as damaged was now no longer in place, but the mount had a sharp piece of metal and needed urgent attention. This would be reported to the County Council.

The 30 mph signs and the flashing warning sign in Spring Cottage were all obscured by vegetation and this would be reported to Leicestershire County Council.

59 CLERK'S REPORT

- 59.1 Progress report.** A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- 59.2 Blocked footpath, Spring Cottage.** The Chairman had discussed the problems with Leicestershire County Council's Footpaths Officer, who now understood the difficulties and would be writing to the landowner to secure removal of the obstructions.
- 59.3 Forward Planning.** The Council received the report on Forward Planning issues (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).
- 59.4 137-149 Woodville Road.**
- 59.4.1 Police response.** Swadlincote Police had stated that they had been working with South Derbyshire District Council to address the issues affecting this development. This included most of the matters raised by the Parish Council and CCTV was already in place and may be extended. While some of the response was reassuring, it was felt that other aspects could have been dealt with more strongly.
- 59.4.2 District Council response.** The Clerk read a letter from the Chief Executive of the District Council, indicating that several departments were actively co-ordinating their actions and assuring the Parish Council that the requirements of the Enforcement Notice and the conditions attached to the planning permission granted on appeal would be robustly enforced.
- 59.5 Repairs & Renewals Fund.** At the last meeting, it was agreed to bring this up to date and the revised version was submitted (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). Noted.
- 59.6 Insurance renewal.** Came & Co, the agents, were inviting renewal of the council's insurances with Aviva from 12 October at a cost of £1961.57, compared to £1888.77 last year, an increase of 3.85%.
- Street furniture was not covered at present and this would involve 9 dog bins or litter bins, 7 planters, 2 notice boards, 2 public seats and the telephone box at Shortheath. The additional premium for these was being ascertained.
- The play equipment at the recreation ground and the four pieces of fitness equipment which were acquired as part of the pitch project were covered by the District Council's insurances.
- 59.7 Dropped kerbs, Slackey Lane.** Leicestershire County Council had agreed to install dropped kerbs at the Bath Lane end of Slackey Lane to allow motability scooters to cross the junction. However, they now said that such work was dependent on priorities and the numbers of people likely to benefit and that 'no priority applies in this case'. The would consider the request if the Parish Council(s) were to offer to meet the cost.
- 59.8 Litter/dog bin, Hallcroft Avenue/Daisy Lane.** The existing bin was to be transferred to replace the defective one outside the Village Hall and a new litter bin had been ordered. Delivery was provisionally scheduled for 6 October.
- 59.9 Moira Road.** There had been reports of speeding and accidents in Moira Road. The problem was particularly acute at the bend near to the junction with Gorseylees, which was subject to a 30 mph limit. The likelihood of traffic

calming was considered to be low and it was agreed to request the County Council to install a flashing warning sign on the approach to the bend.

59.10 Poppy Appeal. The British Legion were to run the Lamp Post Poppy Appeal, which involved ordering poppies which would be fixed to lamp posts and a suggested donation of £3 per poppy. They suggested that the council could invite 'sponsorship' from the local community or businesses and cover any shortfall. It was agreed to order 20 poppies, to be installed on lamp posts in Woodville Road between the church and the war memorial.

59.11 Car park extension. Derbyshire County Council said that as the District Council leased the car park, any request for an extension would have to come from them. They would presumably become responsible under the lease for management. As to the existing lease, the County Council said that it was 'holding over' and they were happy with that. The District Council would be asked to request the extension.

59.12 Changing rooms floor. The Clerk reported on a pre-contract meeting with the contractors and the Structural Engineers. Work would take about 3-4 weeks and would commence on 18 September. The football clubs and Pre-school had been informed.

59.13 Spring Cottage Fisheries. The Footpaths Officer of Leicestershire County Council had inspected the site and gave advice on the rights of way. Those fenced off were of sufficient width and some remedial works to the surface of some paths could be necessary depending on weather conditions.

59.14 Future recreational projects. The District Council was updating the list of recreational community projects which could be included in a programme and potentially funded from S.106 contributions from developers. The development programme for the recreation ground and the possible replacement of the Village Hall would be suggested, along with the provision of netball facilities.

60 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were received.

61 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

0819 Provision of affordable housing, Valley Road. A condition in the original approval required a scheme for the provision of affordable housing as part of the site to be submitted and this application was to comply with that condition. It provided for 19 dwellings as part of the 64 overall numbers, being eight 1 bed apartments, two 2-bed and three 3 bed houses to rent, and six 2 and 3 bed houses in shared ownership. No objection.

0938 Certificate of Lawfulness relating to the agricultural occupancy condition attached to Willow Bungalow, Shortheath. It was alleged that the condition had not been complied with for more than ten years and was therefore not enforceable and a request for a Certificate had been submitted, along with supporting evidence. No objection.

Appeal:

0389 Creation of a vehicular access and hardstanding. This appeal was to be dealt with by written representations and no further comments may be made. The Council raised no objection when the application was considered in June.

The following applications had been approved:

0651 Replacement workshop and garage, 70 Woodville Road. The approval included a condition requiring the use of the building to be incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse.

0694 Re-pollarding of a poplar tree covered by TPO 125, 14 Lullington Road.

0733 Extension and replacement detached garage, 348 Burton Road

0742 Demolition of garage and conservatory and erection of an extension, 300 Burton Road.

62 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

None.

63 WEBSITE

None.

64 ACCOUNTS**64.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
2462	S Ruddle	Caretaker	537.92		537.92
2463	E Evans	Litter	167.15		167.15
2465	Came & Co	Insurance premium	1961.57		1961.57
2466	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Mowing pitch, church corner etc.	735.00		735.00
2467	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Cleaning materials	10.14	2.03	12.17
2468	Harvey & Clarke Ltd	Changing rooms floor repairs (1st certificate, subject to authorisation from the Structural Engineer)	2077.00	415.40	2492.40
D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	21.95	4.39	26.34
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	25.42		25.42

64.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	505.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Use of Village Hall as Polling Station	120.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept (second instalment)	14600.00

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

65 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

65.1 Litter. The Council was justifiably proud of the work carried out by the two Litter pickers and the volunteer Litter Picker, without which the village would be in a significantly worse condition. However, reports had been received that the staff had been verbally abused by children and adults and that requests to pick up litter which the staff had witnessed being thrown away resulted in further abuse. This behaviour was considered totally unacceptable and it was suggested that body cameras might be used to secure evidence to support prosecutions. However, as an initial step, suitable advice would be added to the village's Facebook page and the school would be invited to design posters.

65.2 Overseale House. The District Council's Conservation Officer was now in post and she would be asked to deal with the deterioration of the property.

65.3 Green bin recycling. There was still confusion about what should and should not be put into the green bins. The District Council would be asked to make this clear when they issued revised leaflets, which was understood to be in the near future.

65.4 Village Hall - External power point. The Gala Committee requested installation of a second socket at the boiler house, and they would meet the cost. Agreed.

65.5 Planning law. Attention was drawn to a recent change in planning law affecting public houses. The Government put forward amendments to the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012) to allow changes in legislation to remove the existing permitted development (PD) rights in relation to the conversion of A4 'drinking establishments'. This includes all operations involving the change of use to other 'A' use classes, demolition, or a change of use to a mixed use with A3. The amended rules will also introduce new 'Class AA' permitted development rights which will allow the change of use from 'drinking establishment' to 'drinking establishments with expanded food provision' and vice versa. Drinking establishments with expanded food provision may not change to a restaurant without applying for planning permission.

65.6 Defibrillators. It was agreed that there was a need for defibrillators in the village - probably at least two. Swadlincote Lions were raising funds to provide one and there was a proposal that the Co-op were to provide another. The Clerk would enquire of the Co-op what progress had been made.

66 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.

67 CLERK'S REPORT

67.1 Land at Lullington Road. The Clerk reported briefly on the content of the Farm Business Tenancy Agreement; this included a rent review which was due in March 2018 and Fisher German would be asked to negotiate with the tenant's agent to agree this. The remainder of the discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

67.2 Pitch maintenance contract. Ian Stone Gardening Services, the current maintenance company, would be asked for quotations for maintenance of the top pitch for each of the next three years.

67.3 137-149 Woodville Road. Details were given of various conversations and correspondence regarding the future of this site. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner to clarify his intentions.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chairman