

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held at the Pavilion, Woodville Road, Overseal on Thursday 6 September 2018.

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr R Cox, Mrs M Elton, Mr J Howes, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Mr D McMillan, PCSO.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A W Cook, Mrs J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight and Mrs S M Ward.

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

62 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None.

63 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 August 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

64 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

64.1 District Council and County Council. The Member of Parliament had indicated that Cllr P Murray was in discussions with the proposed developers of land at Hilltop Farm, Stretton-en-le-Field for warehousing and industrial purposes. The Clerk was requested to seek information from him on those discussions, and to seek further information from the Leaders of both the District Council and the County Council, with copies to the Member of Parliament

64.2 Police. The crime statistics for August showed a reduction, but the PCSO reported that 6 crime reports had already been received in September. In several cases, access to properties had been obtained by breaking fences at the rear of properties.

65 CLERK'S REPORT

65.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The sale of caravans from Squirrel Walk had ceased and the matter was now regarded as closed.

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

65.3 Audit of Accounts for 2017/2018. The report on the external audit had been received and no actions by the Council were required. Notices of completion of the audit had been published on Notice boards and the website.

65.4 Bowling green hedge. Eden Tree Care submitted a quotation of £360 plus VAT for trimming the hedges, including cutting the conifer and elder trees down to the level of the top of the hedge. The sycamore tree near to the Hallcroft Avenue boundary was not included. The quotation had been accepted and the work would be done on 1 October. This action was confirmed.

- 65.5 Bowling green mower.** The person who maintained the green and the surrounding grassed areas reported that the mower for the green needed repairs and servicing, estimated to cost in the region of £200. However, a supplier at Melbourne had an almost new, good quality, mower for sale at £400 less a 'trade-in' of the old mower for £100 plus a free service of the new one at the end of the season. After consultation, the latter arrangement had been accepted. The actions were confirmed.
- 65.6 Internal Audit.** The Leicestershire branch of the Association of Local Councils was willing to provide the service to Overseal Parish Council, but were in the process of recruiting additional auditors; they were based in Anstey, just north of Leicester and the cost would be £250. However, they were currently seeking more audit staff to carry out the work.
- 65.7 Gala Committee - storage needs.** The Council considered a request from the Gala Committee for storage and it was agreed to offer the use of the store attached to the changing rooms, for storing chairs. This would release space in the old changing rooms.
- 65.8 Pavilion - planning application.** The planning application for a change of use of the Pavilion to include Use Class D1 (nursery or crèche) had been submitted.
- 65.9 Footpath diversion.** The Council objected to the diversion of footpath 13 (Valley Road estate) on the grounds that the promised bridging of the ditch at the boundary and installation of a suitable barrier had not been carried out. The objection had been ruled inadmissible on the grounds that these works related to a section of the path which was not to be diverted, as it was off the estate.
- 65.10 Burton Road allotments.** The final plot (no 4) had now been let. No charge was being made as the plot was in a poor condition and the growing season was nearing an end.

66 COUNCILLORS' INSPECTION REPORTS

The reports were submitted. The wooden boundary of the car park was in a poor condition and it was agreed to consider whether any repairs should be carried out in the context of the budget discussions for next year. The stone which had been laid at the entrance to the play area had spread into adjoining grass. The caps belonging to some of the new fitness equipment had disappeared and required replacing with more secure ones. The step from the Village Hall car park next to the public toilets would be provided with yellow/black marking tape for safety reasons.

67 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application had been approved:

0589 Extensions and loft conversion, Rose of Tralee, Green Lane.

Applications for decision:

0760 Change of use from agricultural building to general business use (Use class B1) and micro-brewery (Use Class B2), Park Farm, Acresford Road. Supported.

NWLDC 18/1443/FULM Part full/part outline planning application for the development of land, including the demolition of all existing on-site buildings and structures and levelling and re-grading of the site. Full consent sought for the construction of a Distribution Campus (Use Class B8), with ancillary offices (Use Class B1a), associated gatehouse and other ancillary uses, new electricity sub-station and new pumping station, creation of new accesses from the B5493, internal roadways, cycleways and footpaths, yard space, car parking and circulation, associated lighting and security measures, surface water attenuation and landscaping. Outline consent (with all matters reserved except vehicular access from the B5493 and re-grading of site) sought for additional Use Class B1c, B2 and B8 employment, with ancillary offices (Use Class B1a) and associated commercial and amenity uses.

The council strongly objected on a variety of grounds, especially those related to traffic volumes. If, nevertheless, permission were to be granted, the planning authority would be asked to ensure that the S.106 Agreement would include finance for a bypass for Overseal.

0832 Change of Use from dwellinghouse to mixed use dwellinghouse with bed and breakfast use, Keppel Gate, 300 Burton Road. Supported.

NWLDC18/01127/FUL Change of use of land to residential caravan site for 12 caravans, hardstanding, timber decking and fencing, Whitney Park, Shortheath Road. While the council was disappointed that the site, which had originally been for one caravan only, had been allowed to expand without permission, no objection was raised to the application.

68 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

It was noted that bookings for the Pavilion had continued to increase, including for social events. Improvements to the heating arrangements were necessary and advice and a quotation would be obtained.

69 WEBSITE

No matters were raised.

70 ACCOUNTS

70.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

Cheque	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*2597	Ian Stone Gardening Services	Replacement of cheque no 2559 (May 2018)	820.00		820.00
*2598	P Stone	Mower	300.00		300.00
*2601	South Derbyshire District Council	Planning application fee re. Pavilion	192.50	38.50	231.00
2602	S Ruddle	Caretaker	654.05		654.05
2603	E Evans	Litter	162.78		162.78
2604	J M Summerfield	Litter	78.30		78.30
2605	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fee	300.00	60.00	360.00
2606	A Williamson	Deputising for Caretaker	192.00		192.00
2607	Mrs C M Knight	Reimburse fence wire for bowling green fence, & crockery for Village Hall	25.68		25.68

D/D	TalkTalk	Internet charges	17.95	3.59	21.54
D/D	NEST	Pension contributions	31.16		31.16

70.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Name	Description	Amount
S Ruddle	Village Hall lettings	460.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings - July	25.00
Overseal Junior FC	Pitch rental	900.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	1486.22
Pre-school	Use of Village Hall	2320.00
L Hardwidge	Pavilion lettings - August	60.00

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

71 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

71.1 Car park. Residents had enquired whether the car park was also available for public use in addition to school use. This had been confirmed by County Council Officers and the residents concerned would be advised accordingly.

71.2 Land at Burton Road. It appeared that access had been gained to the rear of some properties via this land, and part of the reason was that access barriers had been removed. The landowner would be asked to reinstate them.

71.3 Valley Road development. The Residents' Association were very concerned that the developers had failed to complete outstanding work; an engineer from the developers was due to inspect the site the following day. The Clerk would contact them to ask when the work was to be completed.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman