

OVERSEAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Overseal held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 11 May 2006

Present: Mrs G Edwards - Chairman
Mr I W Chester, Mr K Clark, Mrs E Evans, Mr M Hart, Mrs C M Knight,
Mr I A Neal and Mr M S Patrick.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G S Knight and Mrs N Lees.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

2 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Edwards thanked Mrs Lauro and Mrs Hall for their help with local problems throughout the last year and added her thanks to the Vice-Chairman and members of the Parish Council for their support. Additionally, she thanked the Clerk for his help.

Among the achievements during the year, the Village Hall car park had been surfaced, thereby improving both safety and appearance, and the metal fencing around the Village Hall and recreation ground had almost been completed. The public toilets had been kept open, dog bins maintained and financial support had been given for the Nature Area and churchyard maintenance. The Third Bridge Group of Parish Councils were working together to advance the views of residents and to seek to protect their interests.

Finally, the Parish Council were looking forward to replacing the children's play equipment as the existing equipment had reached the end of its life.

3 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mrs Hall reported on behalf of Cllr Shaw and herself. She thanked both the Parish Council and Mrs Lauro for the close working relationship during the year and agreed that the proposed third bridge affected all local parishes. The problems with the travel Gold Card were being addressed by the County Council with the bus company and Mrs Hall welcomed this approach.

Mrs Hall had enjoyed looking into a wide range of local matters during the year.

4 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs Lauro also thanked colleagues for constructive working during the past year. She had spoken to officers of the County Council about rectifying the speed humps in Woodville Road and this was to be done shortly. She also reported on proposals with the rail link at Nadines Way, Swadlincote; the company concerned had concluded a S.106 Agreement which enabled them to use the railhead as part of their activities, but it did not compel them to do so.

She confirmed that the County Council were trying to resolve the use of the travel card with the bus company so that people could use the services more widely. Discussion also ensued on the regeneration route, which appeared to terminate in the middle of Swadlincote.

5 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

The Clerk to the Parish Council submitted the accounts for 2004/5, which showed the Parish Council's finances to be in a satisfactory state. The Community Project, consisting of major improvements to the Village Hall, establishment of an IT room and construction of new sports changing rooms, had been completed during the year.

The accounts for 2005/6 had not yet been audited but showed that the financial position remained satisfactory. The reserves included a capital receipt which had arisen from the sale of land at Main Street.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Chairman