

OVERSEAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Overseal held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 10 May 2007.

Present: Mrs G Edwards - Chairman
Mrs E Evans, Mrs C M Knight, Mr M A Knight and Mr M S Patrick.

In attendance: 7 members of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Seven members of the public attended the meeting and representations were made about the proposed erection of a 12.5 metre high monopole telephone mast at the Telephone Exchange on Burton Road. This would be topped by 3 antennae and residents were extremely concerned about the possible effects of radiation.

The site was very close to houses, including one where two small children lived, which was directly opposite the site. It was generally accepted that nobody knew for sure whether the technology was safe, and any adverse effects could be hidden for many years. The possibility of risk continued to exist.

There were already 4 antennae on the building and the present proposal would increase that to 7. Given the problems, the Parish Meeting was totally opposed to the proposal and suggested that a more remote site, well away from houses, should be identified. The Parish Council would be asked to adopt this view in its response.

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2006 were approved as a true record.

2 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Edwards referred to some of the achievements during the year, including provision of replacement play equipment at the Play Area on Woodville Road and a new piece of equipment designed for older children. Representations to the Planning Authority on applications were not always accepted and there seemed to be no consistency of approach. The Litter Pickers employed by the Parish Council did an excellent job. There had been severe youth problems during the year, though these had mitigated somewhat recently.

Mrs Edwards thanked Members for their help and support and wished them well in the future. She also thanked the Clerk.

Members unanimously thanked Mrs Edwards for her hard work over the 17 years during which she had been a member of the Parish Council, 14 of which had seen her as Chairman.

3 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Neither Mrs Hall nor Mr Shaw had sought re-election because of pressure of work and neither was able to attend the meeting. The help given by Mrs Hall following her regular attendance at Parish Council meetings was much appreciated.

4 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs Lauro was also unable to attend the meeting.

5 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

The Clerk to the Parish Council submitted the accounts for 2005/6 which showed the Parish Council's finances to be in a satisfactory state. At the end of the year, a capital receipt had been received arising from the sale of land at Main Street and this had subsequently been placed on deposit with South Derbyshire District Council.

The accounts for 2006/7 had not yet been audited externally, but showed that the financial position remained satisfactory. Provision had been made in the 2007/8 budget for refurbishment of the toilets at the Village Hall but this work had been carried out in 2006/7, thereby temporarily depressing the year-end balance.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Chairman