

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday
3 August 2006

Present: Mrs G Edwards - Chairman
Mr K Clark, Mr M Hart, Mrs C M Knight, Mr G S Knight.

In attendance: Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council) and P.C. C Staley (Derbyshire Police).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr I W Chester, Mrs E Evans, Mrs N Lees, Mr I A Neal, Mr M S Patrick and Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Approximately 35 people attended the meeting.

Speed bumps, Woodville Road. Several complaints were voiced that the speed bumps installed early in the year were inadequate. The Clerk informed them that the Parish Council had pressed on several occasions for the necessary alterations to be made to their shape to make them effective, and that the County Council had instructed their contractors to carry out this work. However, there had been delays, but Mrs Lauro had now been informed that the work would be carried out before the end of the school holidays.

Vehicles using Woodville Road. Residents complained that Woodville Road was used by cars and lorries travelling at higher speeds than the speed limit, that lorries mounted the pavement and caused serious danger, and that damage had been caused to cars parked at the side of the road, in the form of wing mirrors being ripped off and cars dented. Some of these events had been reported to the Police, with no apparent action. It was said that around 70-80 lorries used the road daily and that many of them must be in breach of the weight limit. The road had become a short cut to A.42. The car park was under-used because of previous vandalism and theft of vehicles and CCTV was requested to encourage wider use.

Resurfacing. The carriageway had been top-dressed recently, but a small area could not be done because of parked vehicles.

Bus services. Notice had been given by Leicestershire County Council that service 23 was to be re-routed directly through Albert Village and would no longer serve Woodville Road. Residents reported that the service was well used by Overseal people. It was thought that an alternative service might be provided by another Company, perhaps as a service direct to Swadlincote.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Beat Officer be requested to use a speed camera in Woodville Road;
- (b) That the County Council be requested to complete the top-dressing of the area which had not been done previously;
- (c) That the District Council be requested to sweep the footpaths to clear the stones resulting from the top-dressing;
- (d) That the Safety Partnership be asked to install CCTV cameras at the car park;

(e) That the Police be asked to check on the parking of vehicles at the junction of Woodlands Road and Woodville Road to see whether an obstruction was caused as there was considerable danger when vehicles emerged from Woodlands Road;

(f) That recent flooding of Woodville Road near to the brook be reported to Leicestershire County Council;

(g) That Leicestershire County Council be requested to cut back the hedges at Spring Cottage which were obscuring the 30/50 mph signs,

(h) That Arriva be asked to provide a bus service to replace the service 23 which was to be re-routed.

37 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

38 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

38.1 Untidy garden, Woodlands Road. The District Council did not consider action to be warranted at present but would keep the premises under review.

39 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

39.1 County Council. Mrs Lauro had informed the Clerk that East Staffordshire Borough Council had withdrawn their opposition to the proposal by Bullivants to construct a bridge over the Trent. She also advised that the studies relating to the third bridge and the Regeneration Route were continuing and that it was probable that a report would be made to Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet in September. It was possible that some information on this would be available at the Linton Area Committee meeting in late August.

39.2 District Council. Mrs Hall congratulated the organisers of this year's Gala on a successful event. She reported that a request for a dropped kerb for a property in Burton Road had been refused but that the owner would be appealing to the County Council. She would also report the request for footpaths in Woodville Road to be swept.

39.3 Police. Most of the matters concerning the Police had been dealt with in the public question and answer session at the beginning of the meeting. However, letters to the operators of lorries using Woodville Road regularly would be sent advising them of vehicle checks which would be carried out shortly. P.C. Staley was also looking at the possibility of Woodville Road and surrounding areas being made an alcohol-free zone, which Members supported. He also reported recent confiscation of mini motorcycles being used illegally and he agreed to write to schools informing them of the legal position and seeking support in stopping misuse of these vehicles.

40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0612 Erection of a barn/store at Spring Meadows Holding, Lullington Road. (Conditions requiring it to be used for agricultural purposes only).

0576 Reserved matters relating to erection of a dwelling on land adjoining 49 Valley Road.

Permission had been refused for:

0608 Vehicular access at 70/72 Burton Road.

Applications for decision

0818 Conversion of a garage into living accommodation, 2 Woodlands Crescent. Supported, subject to sufficient parking space being retained to avoid roadside parking.

0837 Erection of a conservatory, 4 Daisy Lane. Supported.

0849 Extension at 185 Acresford Road. Supported.

Appeal

E2004/536 An appeal had been lodged against an Enforcement Notice requiring cessation of a dog grooming business at 149 Woodville Road. A hearing would be held in due course.

41 DOG BINS.

The report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes) was deferred to the Budget Meeting in January.

42 MEETING WITH DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes) was noted.

43 CORRESPONDENCE

43.1 Request for Donation. The Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre's request for a donation had been deferred for further information. Records were kept only on a postcode basis and 7 children living in DE12 had benefited during the last two years. It was noted that postcode DE12 covered an extensive area, but that it was probable that Overseal children had benefited. It was agreed to make a donation of £25.00.

44.2 Bus service 23. This matter had been dealt with in the public question and answer session.

44.3 Licensing Policy. The District Council were consulting on a new policy statement. Broadly this provided the framework for all licensing matters. Noted.

44.4 Best Value plan. The District Council's publication was received.

44.5 Play Area. The Clerk reported that Onyx had not approved the Parish Council's application for a grant towards the cost of providing replacement play equipment, due to the high numbers of applications being received. Members expressed their disappointment at the decision.

RESOLVED:

(a) That £10,000 of the capital monies on deposit with South Derbyshire District Council be earmarked as the Parish Council's contribution to this project.

(b) That the Clerk write to Onyx expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the decision.

44 ACCOUNTS

44.1 Quarterly accounts. The Council received statement of the position at 30 June 2006, together with notes to the accounts (copies attached to the official copy of the minutes). It was agreed that future reports would identify the receipts from the use of the Village Hall for auctions separately from general receipts.

44.2 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1105	BT	Telephone line rental	41.15	7.20	48.35
*1106	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Sundries for Village Hall & public toilets	36.88	6.46	43.34
*1107	Powergen	Gas to Village Hall	187.19	9.36	196.55
*1108	Powergen	Electricity to Village Hall	346.53	60.64	407.17
*1109	Powergen	Electricity to old changing rooms	24.78	1.24	26.02
1110	L Baxter	Caretaker	374.24		374.24
1111	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
1112	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1113	Moira Replan	Printing & stationery	122.81		122.81
1114	Paul Topliss Ltd	Replace wc pan	90.00		90.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	20.38	3.57	23.95
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	191.00		191.00

* These accounts were paid between meetings as they were urgent.

44.3 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£305.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept 2 nd instalment	11180.00

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

45 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Dates of future Parish Council meetings.

47 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

48 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

The Council considered correspondence relating to this land.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Chairman