

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 7 August 2008

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr P Green, Mr A R Hart, Mr M A Knight and Mr M S Patrick.

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council) and Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Astle, Mrs R O'Brien and Mr S C Sharpe.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

38 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

40 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

40.1 Clerk's report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

40.2 Untidy site, Lullington Road. Ms G Hague of the District Council had indicated that she would examine the position carefully to see whether there was any way in which this site could be improved.

40.3 Arriva buses. Members reported several service failures, where scheduled services had failed to appear, or were significantly late. Details would be sent to Arriva and to the relevant authorities as considerable inconvenience had been caused to passengers.

40.4 Milepost. The County Council had been asked to meet the cost of installing the milepost in Burton Road, but no response had yet been received. Mrs Lauro agreed to seek information.

40.5 Overhanging tree, Woodlands Crescent. Cllr J Grant agreed to chase this matter.

40.6 Signposting, Country Park. It was reported that barriers had been erected at the entrances at Swains Park which would prevent motorcycles or quad bikes from entering the Park, and no signs were now needed.

40.7 Speeding HGVs, Park Road. The Clerk would seek further information on progress from the Police.

40.8 Gardening. Mr G Bristow had volunteered to help with maintenance of flower beds etc and suggested that improvements could be made to the appearance of various parts of the village by planting beds or containers. Initially, he would inspect the area in company with two Members of the Council and suggest priorities and likely costs. Mr Bristow was thanked for his help. Mr Patrick reported that the Gala Committee had decided to fund the planting of bulbs in highway verges this autumn.

41 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

41.1 District Council. Cllr Grant referred to the Rosliston Forestry Centre, at which a new open air auditorium had recently been opened; a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was scheduled to start the following evening. Officers of the District Council had inspected the shop in Woodville Road and had concluded that there was nothing to encourage vermin; the officers were seeking information about ownership to enable them to get the site tidied up. Members reported that neighbours had already supplied contact details to the District Council. Cllr Grant had succeeded in getting Tetra Paks and plastic recycling containers installed at the car park.

41.2 Police. Speeding HGVs at Park Road had already been mentioned. Young people of 12-15 years of age were regularly drinking alcohol at the play area and one girl had been taken to hospital. Enquiries would be made as to the possibility of declaring an alcohol-free zone in certain parts of the village and the assistance of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team at the District Council would be sought.

41.3 County Council. Mrs Lauro reported that she was pursuing various complaints about poor services from Arriva buses. The resurfacing of Woodlands Crescent had been scheduled recently and the Bowls Club had applied for a Community Leadership Fund grant to enable access to the green by disabled bowlers. Mrs Lauro agreed to find out whether there was any progress concerning the grass verge at Hallcroft Avenue. The public right of way between Woodlands Road and Forrest View was badly overgrown and, as the District Council had previously cleared this route, they would be asked to do so again.

42 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

00693 (NWLDC) Change of use to caravan site to accommodate 17 chalets (subject to conditions). Further details of the conditions would be sought.

Applications for decision:

0525 Extension and detached garage, 217 Burton Road (amended plans). The following representations had been sent after consultation with Members. *The Parish Council support this amended application. It is noted that the detached garage is no longer shown on the plans and it is assumed that this element is no longer to be provided, but that parking will be on the forecourt. Adequate hardstandings will therefore be needed.*

2008/C322/07 (Leicestershire County Council) Veolia Environmental Services – modification of planning obligation to allow a planning application to be made to extend the timescale of the Albion Landfill Site. The original permission was for landfill to take 13 years to complete from November 1999,

but there was a delay until March 2005 when importation of waste actually began. The original permission prevented submission of an application to vary the timescale and this application sought to modify that requirement. No comment was made as to the application, but enquiries would be made to seek representation on the New Albion Liaison Committee.

43 CORRESPONDENCE

- 43.1 Public footpath maintenance.** A resident sought clarification of the Parish Council's responsibilities and policies regarding clearing overgrown rights of way as he had been advised by the Clerk that this was the responsibility of the landowner, but that the Council and the Highway Authority could clear the paths and if necessary recharge the cost to the owner. He had received contradictory information from the District Council's Footpaths Officer. The Clerk agreed to check the position and to inform the resident accordingly.
- 43.2 Chairs at the Village Hall.** The disposal of 40 plastic chairs to the residential home was confirmed. The remaining chairs would be retained for use on Gala Day and similar occasions.
- 43.3 Audit of Accounts for 2007-2008.** The District Auditor had completed the audit and had confirmed that the information in the Annual Return complied with the Audit Commission's requirements i.e. that the accounts were satisfactory.
- 43.4 DALC President.** Elections were to be held for the posts of President and Vice-President of DALC and nominations were invited. The current President (Councillor Mrs Tracy Critchlow – Derbyshire Dales) and the current Vice Presidents Councillors D Adams, (South Derbyshire) and Miss S Fowler (Amber Valley) had indicated that they would be willing to continue in office. The date of the 2008 Annual General Meeting would be Saturday 6 September 2008 at County Hall, Matlock. Therefore any nominations must be received at DALC office by Friday 29 August 2008. Noted.
- 43.5 Quotations.** The Council considered a report on quotations received for asbestos surveys of the Pavilion and the Village Hall (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).
- RESOLVED: (a) That the quotation of CSS Asbestos Surveys in the sum of £463 plus £20 for collection and analysis of each sample be accepted.
- (b) That the Clerk arrange for Legionella surveys of the various buildings.
- 43.6 Election dates.** The Government was consulting on a proposal to change the date of English local government elections in 2009 to coincide with the European elections. This would affect 34 principal authorities and a small number of parishes. The elections would be moved from Thursday 7 May to Thursday 4 June 2009. Noted.
- 43.7 Payphones – consultation on removal.** The District Council had been consulted on the proposed removal of 18 payphones from various parts of the District and had objected, mainly on the grounds that some were the only remaining payphones in certain rural areas and that they were relied upon by the most vulnerable people in society. None was situated in Overseal but the District Council sought support for their objection. It was agreed to support the District Council's objections.

43.8 Request for donation. Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living asked for a donation towards their work to support disabled people. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

43.9 District Council Annual Report 2007/8. The report was received.

44 ACCOUNTS

44.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1351	e-on	Electricity to Village Hall	311.79	54.56	366.35
*1352	M Guest	Ground maintenance at Village Hall	400.00		400.00
*1353	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet Supplies	67.72	11.84	79.56
*1354	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	302.29	15.11	317.40
1355	L Baxter	Caretaker	389.94		389.94
1356	J M Summerfield	Litter	82.80		82.80
1357	T Stewart	Litter	165.60		165.60
1358	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Safety check & repairs at Village Hall	178.30	31.20	209.50
1359	ESPO	81 plastic chairs & 30 padded chairs	2004.75	350.83	2355.58
1360	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Noticeboard	780.00	136.50	916.50
1361	M Aylett	Repairs to the changing rooms and Village Hall	95.00		95.00
1362	M Guest	Clearance of rights of way	230.00		230.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	206.00		206.00

* These accounts had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

44.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	178.00
Gresley Under-16 football team	Use of football pitch	150.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	1190.76

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

44.4 Quarterly Accounts. The Council considered the Receipts & Payments Account as at 30 June 2008 together with notes to the accounts (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Noted.

45 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

The involvement of the voluntary gardener would be referred to and donations of plants or containers sought.

46 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

46.1 Village Hall grounds. The weed suppressing membrane around the toilets had surfaced through the bark chips and needed securing.

46.2 Ashby Woulds Regeneration Forum. Mr Knight reported on a recent meeting of the Forum. The National Forest Company had been focussing their attentions on the area adjoining Conkers, with installation of paths and cycle routes, but were to expand their area of involvement. It was agreed to encourage them to do so locally.

Members agreed to support the campaign of Ashby Woulds Town Council for installation of crossings in Spring Cottage; three points warranted attention, namely near to the Navigation Inn, adjacent to Bridge House and at Reservoir Corner, near to the junction with the Moira-Albert Village road. These all linked with public rights of way. The support of the District Council and the Spring Cottage Action Group would also be obtained.

46.3 Gala Day. Mr Patrick passed on the thanks of the Gala Committee for the use of the facilities on Gala Day.

46.4 Sunday Football. The attention of teams would be drawn to the fact that fixtures could not be played when the bonfire night celebrations took place.

46.5 Old changing rooms. The Gala Committee had installed a security grille in the changing rooms. This was approved and a key would be provided for the Caretaker.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman