

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 December 2007

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

In attendance: Mr D MacMillan (PCSO)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick and Cllr J Grant.

87 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

88 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

88.1 A.444 Burton Road – traffic problems. A meeting had been held with representatives of the County Council arranged by Mrs Lauro. While a central refuge was not possible because of the short distance between the two entrances to the supermarket car park, a traffic count would be held, probably in March, to determine the levels of vehicular and pedestrian traffic to see whether a pedestrian crossing could be justified.

88.2 HGV licence. The application to station 4 HGVs at Spring Cottage had been withdrawn.

89 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

Members reported a parking problem in Hallcroft Avenue near to the junction with Woodville Road. Vehicles parked here obstructed the road and as this was now a bus route, problems did occur. Mr MacMillan would look into this. He would also look into the problem of children breaking glass at the car park and children's play area.

Speeding was taking place regularly in Moira Road from the county boundary to Moira and it was agreed to request Leicestershire County Council to impose a suitable speed limit and to inform Ashby Woulds Town Council of these concerns.

There had been incidents of camping on the Recreation Ground; if repeated, the Police could be asked to move people off the land.

90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0985 Retrospective application for amended house types, Plots B1, B2 and B3, land adj 29 Coronation Street

1120 Demolition of existing garage and erection of a granny annexe at 32 Lullington Road.

Permission had been refused for:

0990 Erection of a B8 repository and associated offices, service area, park and landscaping, land south of Park Road (New industrial unit unrelated to existing uses on the adjoining site and therefore the application was contrary to employment policies which protect the countryside).

Appeal

Vehicular access, 30 Main Street. Appeal dismissed – insufficient depth in the front garden to allow vehicles to turn.

Applications for decision

1222 Erection of a dwelling in the garden of 3 Acresford Road. No objection but concerns about the proximity to the dangerous junction.

1258 Retention and extension of a brick building on land to the north west of Park Road. Supported.

1273 Extension to create a first floor at 159 Moira Road. Supported.

1275 Installation of a multiuse games area at the Recreation Ground, Woodville Road. Supported.

1297 Residential development of land to the rear of 123 Woodville Road (outline, including access and layout). While supporting the application, there were concerns that the infrastructure of the village such as school places, medical facilities etc. was becoming inadequate, that this development could lead to further applications of a similar nature on land at the rear of Woodville Road, and yet more traffic using Woodville Road. If permission were granted, a contribution towards provision of local amenities should be made under S.106.

CD9/1107/170 Temporary teaching accommodation, Overseal Primary School, Woodville Road (renewal). Supported.

Application withdrawn

1141 Demolition of single storey extension and garage and erection of a bungalow including access and parking in the rear garden of 149 Woodville Road.

91 CORRESPONDENCE

91.1 Request for donation. Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre had requested a donation towards the provision of holidays to disadvantaged children. Having regard to the potential benefit to children from the village, it was agreed to donate £25.00.

91.2 Healthy lifestyle activities. The District Council were arranging a National Forest Walking Festival in May 2008 and asked whether anyone would lead a walk around the Parish. The Chairman and Mr M A Knight volunteered to lead a walk and several other Members would take part.

91.3 Christmas Tree recycling. The recycling point would be the car park at Woodville Road, from 26 December to 14 January 2008.

91.4 Princes Trust grants. The Community Cash Awards were cash grants of between £250 and £5000 for disadvantaged young people (14-25) who wanted to run community projects; these could range from improving youth facilities to tackling drug misuse.

91.5 Derby & Derbyshire Local Access Forum. The Forum had an advisory role in strategic access and recreation related to rights of way and the countryside. They sought information on issues which mattered most to local communities, though matters affecting individual rights of way should continue to be referred to the relevant local authority.

91.6 Scheme of allowances. The District Council's Independent Remuneration Panel had published a report on their review of allowances which Parish Councils had the power to pay Members in connection with their duties as Parish Councillors, including travelling and subsistence allowances. The relevant Regulations provided that, whether or not the Parish Council intended to implement the allowances, a notice must be published saying that the Panel's recommendations had been received and describing the main features, and that the report was available for inspection. Copies may be provided for a reasonable fee.

The District Council had now said that they would publish a notice for all parishes.

It was pointed out that no Member of the Council had ever claimed any allowances and had no plans to do so.

91.7 Clerk's salary award. The national award had been agreed and amounted to 2.476% from 1 April 2007, an increase of £135 per annum. The Council had also previously agreed that the Caretaker's salary be increased by the same percentage (£92 per annum).

RESOLVED: That the new scale be applied to the Clerk's salary and the Caretaker's salary be increased by the same percentage, both with effect from 1 April 2007.

91.8 Affordable Housing. Midlands Rural Housing had suggested that a walk around the village would help to identify alternative sites. Mr M A Knight and Mr S C Sharpe would attend a walk to be arranged on a Saturday morning.

91.9 Speed checks. The Police intended to re-launch Community Speedwatch, a project which would involve training 6 volunteers to operate speed cameras for up to 6 months. They had asked whether the Council could identify such volunteers and also a road subject to a 30 or 40 mph speed limit, which did not have traffic calming and where speed problems had occurred. Two Members (Mr J Astle and Mrs R O'Brien) agreed and other volunteers could be invited through the Free for All. Burton Road (40 mph section), Acresford Road, Moira Road and Lullington Road would be suggested as possible locations.

91.10 Concessionary Travel Scheme. The Gold Card scheme was to be replaced from 1 April 2008 and cardholders would be able to travel free on local buses throughout England at weekends, bank holidays and between 9.30 am and 11.00 pm on weekdays. Photographs would be needed for the passes and sessions would be held across the District in December; Post Offices could issue the new travelcards.

91.11 Youth Hostel Licence. Concerns were raised that the Youth Hostel at Moira had sought a licence which would allow sales of alcohol, as well as the requirements for operating public premises. These concerns had been forwarded to North West Leicestershire District Council, the licensing

authority. It was understood that the intention was to allow users of the Hostel and the camp site to buy alcohol, but the aim was for consumption on the premises as part of a meal.

The Clerk reported that as a result of the objection, the application could not be determined by officers under delegated powers but there would be a hearing on 19 December before the Licensing Committee. As no Member was available to attend, it was agreed to approach an individual objector from the village to represent the Council.

91.12 Bowls Club – changing accommodation. The Club had requested approval of a revised layout for the two proposed temporary buildings. A different layout was preferred so that there would not be a passageway between the buildings and the Pavilion; this would be referred back to the Club.

91.13 Rights of Way. The Footpaths Officer of South Derbyshire District Council had given an update on actions taken following the discussions some time ago, from which it was apparent that good progress was being made.

91.14 Pre-school Playgroup. The Playgroup had requested permission to site a container at the rear of the Village Hall in which to store equipment which would be used out of doors, as required by Ofsted. There were some reservations about the siting in the recess allowing easier access to the roof, but the request was approved.

92 VILLAGE HALL INSPECTION

Deferred to the next meeting.

93 ACCOUNTS

93.1 Accounts for Payment. Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1271	J Aylett	Replace damaged downpipes	55.00	9.62	64.62
1272	L Baxter	Caretaker	393.85		393.85
1273	J M Summerfield	Litter	82.80		82.80
1274	T Stewart	Litter	99.36		99.36
1275	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet rolls & cleaning materials	58.59	10.26	68.85
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	198.00		198.00

93.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	260.83
Overseal Bowls Club	Use of green and Pavilion	300.00
St Matthews Football Club	Pitch rent (part)	50.00

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

94 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Seeking views on a site where the Millennium Yew could be planted;
Invitation to residents to volunteer to be trained for the Speedwatch initiative.

95 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

95.1 Milepost. The milepost previously located at Burton Road had been retrieved and was being stored pending restoration and installation.

95.2 Almshouses. The Chairman reported on a recent meeting of the Trust and the actions taken and proposed.

95.3 Old changing rooms. Repairs were needed to a door and frame, and a window needed replacing. The Gala Committee had offered to bear the cost of reinforcing the door and this was accepted. The Clerk would arrange the necessary repairs.

95.4 Linton Area Committee. Mr Knight reported on a recent meeting of the Committee at which the main discussions had related to traffic matters. The proposed 'Ecotown' had also been discussed and it was understood that the preferred site was around Rosliston and Drakelow. This would be a very substantial development with implications for traffic on A.444 as well as infrastructure generally. The Council had serious reservations about such a proposal and would await further information.

95.5 Land at Lullington Road. A site at the end of Lullington Road was very untidy, including an overturned caravan, and the District Council would be asked to secure an improvement.

95.6 Traffic survey. A survey had apparently taken place for about an hour on the morning of Remembrance Sunday. Enquiries would be made as to its purpose.

95.7 Roadworks. Traffic controls had partially blocked Main Street near to the junction with Moira Road, but there had been no evidence of any work being carried out. The County Council would be asked to clarify what had occurred.

95.8 Car Park signs. It was pointed out that the barriers were usually left open and that therefore the Exit sign would not be visible from the car park. The District Council would be asked either to resite it or to ensure that the contractors using the exit closed the barriers.

95.9 Public toilets. The District Council would be pressed to replace the glass in the public toilets.

96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 10 January 2008.

97 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.

98 CCTV

The Clerk reported that new cameras had been installed and the results obtained. Further investigations would be carried out.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chairman