

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 8 December 2005

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr I W Chester, Mr K Clark and Mrs N Lees.

89 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 16 November 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

90 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

90.1 Fidelity Guarantee Insurance. Following consideration of the report on Governance at the last meeting, the Council's Insurers had agreed to increase the cover from £20,000 to £37,500 as suggested by the District Auditor. There was no increase in the premium.

90.2 37 Valley Road. The owner had written a further letter of complaint about the way in which the Parish Council had expressed their views about the property and this was read to the meeting.

Members pointed out that, when a matter was brought to their attention, they had a responsibility to forward it to the appropriate authority; this did not imply that they were passing judgement on the matter raised.

90.3 Untidy properties. The District Council had said that the garden of on property in Burton Road had been cleared, but they had as yet been unable to contact the owner of the other

90.4 Air Ambulance service. Following a request that the Air Ambulance should be funded by the Government, Mr Mark Todd MP had said that, while he did not support that approach as it would make the service less flexible, he did advocate Government support.

90.5 Street Cleaning. Members noted that Woodville Road had been re-swept and that the regular sweep was due in February 2006. It was reported that Lullington Road was currently in need of attention.

90.6 Planning matters, Burton Road. The Clerk reported details of complaints raised by the owners of two properties in Burton Road where information about possible planning contraventions had been forwarded to the District Council for investigation. Members pointed out that, when a matter was brought to their attention, they had a responsibility to forward it to the appropriate authority; this did not imply that they were passing judgement on the matter raised.

- 90.7 S.136 financial support.** A meeting had been held with a representative of the District Council's Consultants who were examining the grants made by the District Council to Parish Councils in respect of concurrent functions. There had been a useful exchange of information and the consultants had pointed out that Overseal at present received slightly less than the District average and that there was no intention to reduce the overall amount, merely to redistribute it in a fairer manner.

91 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

The details of planning matters discussed at Minute Nos. 90.2 and 90.6 were given to Mrs Hall for information. She was also informed of the timescales involved in the felling of the tree (Minute No.93,application no.1325, below).

There was a need for either a larger litter bin or a second one at the bus stop near to the Church.

The Liaison Committee relating to the proposed third bridge was discussed and DALC would be requested to press colleagues in other Parishes, Districts and Counties to involve all relevant authorities, particularly the three County Councils of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire.

P.C. D Croxall reported recent crime statistics and Members reported two other incidents.

92 MEMBERSHIP

No expressions of interest in the vacancy had yet been received and it was agreed to defer further consideration until the next meeting.

93 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

1093 Erection of an extension at 346 Burton Road.

1108 Erection of an extension at 1 Sealwood Farm, Sealwood Lane.

Applications for decision

1325 Felling a beech tree protected by TPO 79, the roundabout, Park Road/Burton Road. The tree had been felled within a few days of the application having been received.

The Council were disappointed that the tree had been felled when it had proved to be sound, insofar as it could be inspected. Additionally, the County Council appeared not to have followed its own procedures in a satisfactory manner prior to the felling, whereas the consultation by the District Council had been prompt. The Clerk would write to both the County Council and the District Council expressing these views.

1353 Loft conversion including alterations to roof and installation of a rear dormer, 159 Burton Road. Supported.

(Mrs E Evans declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

1223 (Amended plans). Terrace of three dwellings adjoining 29 Coronation Street. Because of the restricted time for a response, the following comments had been submitted: *The Parish Council welcome the reduction in the numbers of dwellings proposed to be built on the site and the fact that the terrace is no longer three storeys in height. However, the traffic problems remain. Coronation Street is full of*

parked vehicles and a busy road and the danger from vehicle movements into and out of the site remains unchanged. Therefore, the Parish Council objects to the revised proposal.

1224 Erection of a detached dwelling on land adjacent to 29 Coronation Street. (amended design). The Council did not object to the design changes.

94 CORRESPONDENCE

94.1 Public entertainments licence. The Council's application to convert the licence to the new system had been granted.

94.2 Statement of Community Involvement and Planning framework Issues and Options. These documents from North West Leicestershire District Council would be open for comment until 23 December 2005. The Statement was the version submitted to the Secretary of State following earlier consultation and some amendments and the others were the strategy and development options which replaced the former Local Plan process. Development, for both housing and industry, was to be largely concentrated on Coalville and Ashby de la Zouch and there was nothing apparent which would affect Overseal except that there was support for the National Forest and the railway line re-opening.

94.3 South Derbyshire Greenway Strategy. The County Council were consulting on the final version of the Strategy. 'Greenways' were largely off-road routes over which walkers, horse riders and vehicles may pass. The only one in Overseal was a new primary route along the railway between Park Road and Spring Cottage, which would join an existing route and provide a route from Church Gresley to Donisthorpe and beyond. The proposal was welcomed.

It was also suggested that there should be a cycle route from the centre of the village to the Towpath site, in view of the danger of using Woodville Road. While a route could not be immediately identified, it was thought worth examining the possibilities further.

94.4 One Acre Woods. The National Forest were offering to provide trees for a hundred One Acre Woods and invited Parish Councils to participate. The Council did not have to own the land, but must have the written agreement of the landowner. Alternatively, the owner may apply directly; work must start by 31 March 2006. It was agreed to include an item in the next *Free for All*.

94.5 Meetings with the District Council. Meetings for the forthcoming year had been set at 18 January, 19 April, 19 July and 18 October.

94.6 Play area equipment. The District Council asked whether the play area at Linton should be replicated at Overseal. It was felt that this would be an excellent facility for the village, but that it should be supplemented with one or two pieces of equipment designed for older children. The District Council would be asked to prepare a scheme based on that.

94.7 District Council support for Voluntary Organisations. The District Council invited comments on its review. Noted.

94.8 Refuse Collection arrangements at Christmas. Details of the collection days were made available.

95 GOVERNANCE

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The report was received and no action considered necessary.

96 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**96.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

1017	L Baxter	Caretaker	£385.61
1018	M Latham	Litter	£100.00
1019	Mrs J M Summerfield	Litter	£75.75
1020	Paul Topliss Ltd	Central Heating repair	£35.00
1021	Linton & District Poppy Appeal	Donation re wreaths	£150.00
1022	A & J Bartlett Ltd	Electrical repairs to new changing rooms	£1770.67
1023	P R Sharpe	Village Hall sundries	£30.20
1024	LB Gardening Services	Cut back hedge at allotments	£50.00
1025	AW & MR Abbott	Reposition central heating programmer & associated rewiring	£176.44
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates – Village Hall & changing rooms	£176.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet services	£23.95

96.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£236.00
HM Customs & Excise	VAT refund	£309.65

96.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.

97 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Felling of the tree at Park Road roundabout - details of the Parish Council's concerns.

One Acre Woods

98 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The Council considered tenders for the repair and resurfacing of the car park (schedule attached to the official copy of the minutes).

RESOLVED: That the lowest tender of Hornsby Plant Hire for repair and resurfacing the car park together with patching the drive in the sum of £12370.00 be accepted subject to agreement that the work can be carried out in early April 2006.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chairman