

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 30 November 2006

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

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr I W Chester, Mrs N Lees and Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Representatives of Hastings Auctions informed the Council that they had suffered considerable disruption and damage by youths and that several cars had been damaged. People wishing to attend Saturday evening viewings had been deterred from doing so because of the atmosphere. They had contacted the Police on several occasions but little or no action had been taken. Additionally, the condition of the Village Hall was deteriorating in both cleanliness and repair and the toilets in particular were shabby. They were reluctantly having to consider moving to an alternative venue as their business was suffering.

Members considered that the problems stemmed from some of the young people using the Youth Shelter, as there had been little trouble in this part of the village before that. This was exacerbated by the fact that the previous Beat Officer had been successful in combating such problems.

It was agreed that the toilets would be completely modernised as an initial step and that tidiness and cleanliness of the Village Hall would also be addressed. A First Aid Box would be provided and anti-vandal paint applied to the roof edge of the public toilets to prevent their being used as a means of accessing the flat roof of the Village Hall. Members attending the forthcoming Safety Partnership meeting would raise these concerns directly with the Police and seek active assistance.

## 83 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

## 84 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**84.1 Fidelity guarantee insurance.** The level of insurance had been increased to £62750 at no additional premium. This level was in accordance with the District Auditor's recommendations.

**84.2 Post Offices.** The representations to the Minister concerning the possible closure of Post Offices were copied to Mr Mark Todd MP. He had pointed out that the closures would relate to small, ill-used Post Offices and that he did not consider Overseal's to be in that category.

**84.3 Diversion of footpath 29, Shortheath.** The District Council had pointed out that the application to divert was at an informal stage and that, if it decided to proceed with making an Order, there would be a further consultation. They maintained that there was little likelihood of flooding as the level of the path would be slightly higher than the present level.

The Definitive Map in Leicestershire showed that the line did not follow the access drive to Barratt Mill but was slightly to the south east. Leicestershire County Council had said that the section of footpath in that county was on the correct line, but this was on the basis of a comparison of the building plans with the OS map rather than the Definitive Map of Rights of Way. They would be asked again to use that source.

**84.4 A.444 – parking near supermarket.** The Police would support road improvements which would improve safety and would attend the site meeting to be held on 5 December at 5.00 pm.

**84.5 BT inspection chamber near 89/91 Woodville Road.** The problems of rusty water emanating from this inspection chamber had recently been rectified.

## **85 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS**

None was raised at this point.

## **86 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Permission had been granted for:**

0984 Alterations and extensions at 145 Moira Road

### **Applications for decision**

1209 Vehicular access to 11 Lullington Road. Supported after consultation with Members.

1259 Conservatory, 34a Main Street. Supported after consultation with Members.

1336 Erection of a dwelling (amended scheme) to include a conservatory and single storey extension on Plot B1, land adjacent to 29 Coronation Street.

1337 Erection of a dwelling (amended scheme) to include a conservatory and single storey extension on Plot B2, land adjacent to 29 Coronation Street.

1338 Erection of a dwelling (amended scheme) to include a conservatory and single storey extension on Plot B3, land adjacent to 29 Coronation Street.

These three applications were considered together.

The Parish Council had objected to the original applications because the density of the proposed development was too great, the height of the buildings would allow severe overlooking of the dwellings at the rear of the site and on traffic grounds. The density was reduced and the design of the dwellings was modified.

The proposed extensions would reduce the distance from the rear of these properties to the dwellings at the rear of the site and create overlooking again. The density of the development of this small site would be increased. It should be noted that the developers have already put in the footings and that they had effectively ignored the planning consent and the approved design. The Parish Council therefore objected to the applications on those grounds.

The District Council's attention would be drawn to the fact that the site was not fenced off as it should be during construction and the way that piles of bricks were stacked was very dangerous. There was also a considerable amount of mud on the road and they would be asked to take steps to improve public safety.

1360 Formation of a vehicular access to 70/72 Burton Road. Supported.

**87 CORRESPONDENCE**

**87.1 Christmas Tree recycling.** The recycling point would be at the car park, Woodville Road from 26 December to 15 January.

**87.2 Derbyshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework.** The Statement of Community Involvement had been approved with only minor wording changes by the Inspector and was likely to be formally adopted by the County Council in December.

**87.3 Adoption of highway.** The County Council had adopted Edward Street from Woodlands Road to a point a few yards short of the gate to the allotments.

**87.4 Swains Park.** The Clerk had circulated a letter from Tapton Estates advising of the storage and ploughing in of sludge.

**87.5 Publication**

South Derbyshire District Council Statement of Accounts 2005/6

**88 WHITE PAPER ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION.**

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). The subsequent legislation was expected early in 2007.

**89 ACCOUNTS****89.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

<b>No</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
1145	L Baxter	Caretaker	469.89		469.89
1146	M Latham	Litter	40.00		40.00
1147	J M Summerfield	Litter	64.20		64.20
1148	South Derbyshire District Council	Sportsmobile etc	334.00	58.45	392.45
1149	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Fence & Gates at allotments	1050.00	183.75	1233.75
1150	South Derbyshire District Council	Litter picker	17.50	3.06	20.56
1151	Paul Topliss Ltd	Repair boiler at Village Hall	40.00		40.00
1152	Linton & District Poppy Appeal	Donation re wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	150.00		150.00
1153	Orion Systems Ltd	Computer repairs	52.50	9.19	61.69
1154	Mrs G Edwards	Reimburse 50% of refreshments for Remembrance Sunday	13.00		13.00
1155	Mark Guest	Cut hedge and remove dead tree from the allotments	170.00		170.00
1156	Autoclenz Ltd	Graffiti removal from play area	128.00	22.40	150.40

D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.36
D/D	SDDC	Rates	191.00		191.00

## 89.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£302.22
SDDC	S.136 & Lengthsman refunds	£7989.05

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

## 90 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

An item regarding vandalism would be considered at the next meeting for possible inclusion.

## 91 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**91.1 Matters for the District Council.** Panels of the car park fence had been damaged.

A new bin or a larger bin than the present one was required for plastic bags at the recycling centre.

Dog fouling was again prevalent at Woodlands Road and Coronation Street. While there was now no Dog Warden, the District Council would be informed of the problem.

**91.2 Matters for the County Council.** The flashing lights at the Spring Cottage end of the section of Woodville Road subject to a 20 mph speed limit appeared not to be working.

The glass at the bus shelter on Burton Road had not yet been replaced.

Hot water, apparently from a washing machine, was escaping onto the public footpath and into the road from a house in Woodville Road.

The drains in the middle of the road near to 92 Woodville Road still caused an odour nuisance.

The flooding problem at Valley Road had not been inspected.

**91.3 Police matters.** Two instances of persistent parking in a dangerous manner were reported in Lullington Road.

## 92 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.

## 93 STAFF

The Clerk reported on a staff matter and it was agreed to advertise the position of Lengthsman, which had become vacant.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

**Chairman**