

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday
16 February 2006

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Clark, Mr G S Knight and Mrs K
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Mr I W Chester (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Two members of the public expressed concerns about the request that the Parish Council sell its land at Lullington Road for inclusion in a possible golf course or other leisure use. Details of the request were given and the Parish Council's powers in respect of sales and planning applications were explained. The Council agreed to bear the comments in mind when considering the requested sale later in the meeting.

Mrs G Edwards (Chairman) in the Chair

108 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

109 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

109.1 Gully cleaning, Moira Road. South Derbyshire District Council were responsible for cleaning up to the county boundary and did so annually. The next clean was due in the first week in February and had now been carried out. Leicestershire County Council were responsible for the other side of the county boundary and had cleaned that section.

109.1 Footpath signposts, Valley Road. The County Council had included the repair/replacement of the finger posts at Valley Road in their scheduled maintenance, but this was not due to be carried out until Spring 2007. However, there was a possibility that the Parish Council could obtain posts from the County Council and install them themselves under the Minor Maintenance scheme.

The County Council would also supply posts and waymarker signs (the small yellow arrow discs) for installation by the Parish Council where these were needed. It was agreed to obtain a supply of the marker discs.

109.3 Planning matters, Burton Road. The District Council had said that, at the present level of activity, no material change of use had occurred. The owner had been informed that any increase would require a planning application.

109.4 Untidy premises, Burton Road. This property had now been put in good order.

109.5 Third bridge/A.444 Burton on Trent. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Staffordshire County Council but that they had forwarded the correspondence to Derbyshire County Council for a response. He had explained that the Parish Council had already contacted Derbyshire, but that they had advised that Staffordshire was the lead authority and the Clerk had pressed for further information.

110 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. The Clerk reported that the new speed bumps in Woodville Road were to be redesigned and he was asked to press for early action.

It was reported that the Overseal sign at the Acresford Road entrance to the village had been removed and not yet replaced. The County Council would be asked to do so.

The footpath outside 65 Burton Road had been broken up by HGVs parking on it and the County Council would be asked to effect repairs.

The footpath in Woodlands Road also required re-surfacing

District Council. The recycling area had been very well maintained and kept clean, following earlier problems. The Clerk was asked to pass on Members' thanks.

111 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0410/0411 Outline applications for residential development (including means of access), Grotto Farm, Main Street. A S.106 Agreement was also involved.

Permission had been refused for:

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

Applications for decision

0072 Detached house with associated access and forming part of the side garden of 12 Edward Street. Supported after consultation.

0159 Erection of a B8 repository and associated offices, service area, car park and landscaping, land to the south of Park Road, Overseal

The Parish Council supports this application. The most recent building is extremely visible from a distance and therefore the Parish Council request that the upper parts of the proposed building be coloured green, so as to be less obtrusive.

112 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD.

The Council gave further consideration to the approach regarding the land at Lullington Road. Members felt that they required further information from the person who had made the request and from other sources. Consideration was, therefore, deferred until this was available.

113 DISCUSSION PAPER: STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT – THE FUTURE

The report of the Clerk was considered (copies previously circulated and attached to the official copy of the minutes). Noted.

114 CORRESPONDENCE

114.1 Civic Dinner-Dance. The Chairman of the District Council had invited all Members to this event on 25 March. Noted.

114.2 School holiday activities programme. The District Council were offering the following activities during the school summer holidays:

Mobile skate park – 2 hours, £140;

Inflatable laser games - 2 hours, £140;

Sportsmobile – 2 hours, £54.

There was no charge to participant for any of these but the Parish Council was free to make a charge if they wished to do so. A provisional booking for the Sportsmobile had been made for 18 August, which corresponded with the date of last year's event.

RESOLVED: That the Sportsmobile reservation be confirmed and that the other two facilities be booked for separate occasions during the school summer holidays; and that no charge be made for use.

114.3 Rights of Way. The District Council undertook some responsibilities under an agency agreement with the County Council. The function was shortly to be transferred to the Policy & Economic Regeneration section and the relevant officers were Mr M Roylance and Mr D Adkins.

114.4 Funday in the Forest. South Derbyshire Sport were organising this event on 1 May at Rosliston Forestry Centre, aimed at enabling groups to raise funds by sponsored runs and other sports activities.

114.5 Calor Village of the Year. An invitation had been received to take part in this competition. No action.

114.6 Heart of the Forest Foundation. The Foundation were to submit a Big Lottery bid for major developments based on the theme 'Living Landscape' and were seeking support. The Parish Council agreed to support this venture.

114.7 District Council land. The District Council were considering disposal of two plots of land at Lullington Road and sought the Parish Council's views.

RESOLVED: That Messrs Argyle be asked to discuss Plot A with the District Council for possible public open space and passive recreational purposes.

114.8 Use of the Village Hall. Following the decisions made in the context of the budget for next year, Hastings Auctions pointed out that they had paid a deposit for the remainder of 2006 on the basis of the present charge.

RESOLVED; That the present charge continue to be levied for 2006 but that the charge for similar use in 2007 be £120 per occasion.

114.9 Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan. A copy of the Plan had been received and the Clerk would submit a report to the next meeting.

114.10 Gala Committee accounts. The Gala Committee had submitted their accounts for information. Noted.

114.11 Allotments. The Clerk reported that all plots except one had been let for 2006/7 but that Plot 18 had not been maintained in a reasonable condition during the preceding year. It was agreed to let the plot to another applicant.

115 ACCOUNTS**115.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1035	K H Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Supplies to Village Hall	34.00	5.96	39.96
*1036	Powergen	Gas to Village Hall	569.54	99.67	669.21
*1037	Powergen	Electricity to old changing rooms	13.68	0.68	14.36
*1038	Powergen	Electricity to Village Hall	69.34	12.14	81.48
*1039	L Baxter	Caretaker	404.75		404.75
*1040	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
*1041	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1042	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Fence repairs, Hallcroft Ave	80.00	14.00	94.00
1043	Sign Craft	Windows to notice board	80.00	14.00	94.00
1044	South Derbyshire District Council	Dog bins & refuse collection from Village Hall	550.36	96.31	646.67
1045	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet tissue dispensers & sundries for Village Hall	83.38	14.60	97.98
1046	A & J Bartlett Ltd	Electrical repairs to Village Hall	123.66	21.64	145.30
1047	P R Sharpe	Village Hall sundries	35.15		35.15
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	20.38	3.57	23.95

* These accounts had been paid between meetings in view of their urgency.

115.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£650.00
HM Customs & Excise	VAT refund	£304.33
Derbyshire County Council	Youth Club	£300.00

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

116 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Promoting responsible dog ownership
Sportsmobile and other events

117 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

117.1 Local Strategic Partnership. Mr I W Chester reported on the annual meeting of the LSP.

Following certain formalities, the meeting had begun with examples of achievement in implementing the Community Strategy. While some of these

had been ongoing for some time, progress was being made. Integration of policies and actions among the various service deliverers was improving.

Group discussion based on the six themes had resulted in suggestions for future actions being made. The paper on changes which could be anticipated over the next five years was rather general and it would have been better if more specific actions could be identified.

The new Local Area Agreement had not allocated any new money for local services but had changed the system of distribution. On balance, the LSP was progressing.

117.2 Recreation Ground. The Gala Committee had enquired whether the lower football pitch might be used on Gala Day as a site for the Caravan Club, who would bring a new dimension to the event. There was some concern as to whether the drainage could be damaged and the Clerk would make suitable enquiries.

117.3 Litter, Valley Road. A special collection would be arranged.

117.4 Woodland Business Advisor. A new appointment had been made and the Advisor was based at Moira Replan.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Chairman