

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 10 January 2008

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

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

Apologies for absence. Cllr Timms reported apologies from Cllr J Grant, who was in hospital at present.

100 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

101 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

101.1 The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

Affordable Housing. The meeting with Midlands Rural Housing to inspect possible sites had been arranged for 12 January and several potential sites were suggested.

Youth Hostel Licence. The Licensing hearing of North West Leicestershire District Council had modified the hours during which alcohol could be served and limited them to 8 am to 12.30 am. This was welcomed. As regards the speed limit on the section of road adjacent to the Hostel, Leicestershire County Council had said that the road was not an A or B road which were to be the subject of a review, but asked for further details of the problems associated with this road and with Spring Cottage.

Untidy land, Lullington Road. No further information had been received following the reference of this matter to the District Council for investigation.

102 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

102.1 County Council. Mrs Lauro agreed to request the County Council to press Leicestershire County Council to reduce the speed limit at Bath Lane near to the Youth hostel to 40 mph and to reinforce the 30 mph limit at Spring Cottage. These matters would also be raised at the Ashby Woulds Forum, which was to meet shortly.

102.2 District Council. Cllr Timms welcomed the fact that the Parish Council was considering inviting a young person to join in discussions at meetings. He referred to the Government's proposal to site an 'Eco-town' near to Rosliston and understood that approximately 10% of the possible 60 sites could be approved for development. The District Council had opposed this site and considered that such development should be located near to existing towns where the required infrastructure already existed.

Cllr Timms provided copies of a leaflet detailing discussions between residents of Walton-on-Trent and Bullivants regarding the construction of the bridge across the Trent.

The Chairman asked Cllr Timms to pass on congratulations to the Clean Team for the way in which they carried out their work. Shortly after Christmas, they had attended the Woodville Road car park on two occasions to clear the rubbish which had been deposited, and had made an excellent job in difficult circumstances.

Complaints about the lack of service provide by Arriva buses were detailed – services which failed to turn up at all or which were extremely late. Cllr Timms agreed to write to Arriva to express these concerns.

102.3 Police. The Council was extremely concerned about the incidents which had occurred on 30 December, which had led to the Auctions being cancelled. There had been a degree of violence and the extent of the Police action did not seem to be sufficient to deal satisfactorily with the matter. A number of culprits could be identified from the CCTV pictures, but no action had apparently been taken against them. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police about these events and to request the presence of an Officer at the next meeting to enable further discussion to take place. The operators of the Auctions would be informed of the Council's concern and these actions and it was agreed to insert an appropriate item in the *Free for All*.

103 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision

1451 Erection of a triple garage and domestic workshop at rear and extend drop kerb, 179 Burton Road.

The Parish Council supports this application, provided that the workshop is used for domestic purposes only and not commercial use. There are several military vehicles stored at the front of the premises and if these are to be removed to the new garage, that will improve things.

(Mr P Green declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

1467 Erection of a bungalow to the rear of 149 Woodville Road
Notwithstanding the changes which have been made to the application, the Parish Council is concerned at the narrowness of the access and the tandem development, together with the potential adverse effects on neighbouring properties through overlooking.

104 CORRESPONDENCE

104.1 Community Woodland at Shortheath. National Forestry, on behalf of the National Forest, proposed to create a new Community Woodland at Shortheath; the site would be close to the junction with Moira Road and totalled 2.430 hectares, of which about 60% would be planted. Public access would be allowed and the National Forest would be responsible for management. A further site nearby was also to be planted, and Members welcomed the proposals.

104.2 District Council draft Corporate Equality Scheme. The District Council had invited completion of a questionnaire to express comments on this draft document, a response to the requirements of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 to have regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity. There were also new statutory duties relating to disability equality and gender equality which became law in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

The Chairman agreed to examine the document and to draft appropriate comments.

104.3 Community Response Plan. The County Council had launched a revised Plan Template, the aim of which was to provide a framework which could be used to hold information to allow a community response during a local emergency. There was also an offer to send an Emergency Planning Officer to talk to a Council meeting, which was approved.

105 VILLAGE HALL INSPECTION

The report of the Clerk on the current situation was considered and the outstanding matters would be pursued.

106 ACCOUNTS

106.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1276	*South Staffs Water	Supply to old changing rooms	8.34		8.34
1277	*South Staffs Water	Supply to Village Hall	186.32		186.32
1278	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Replace light fitting at Village Hall	68.50	11.99	80.49
1279	*L Baxter	Caretaker	468.80		468.80
1280	*J M Summerfield	Litter	66.24		66.24
1281	*T Stewart	Litter	132.48		132.48
1282	J E White	Salary & Expenses	1336.67		1336.67
1284	Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre	Donation	25.00		25.00
1285	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to bowling green	141.50		141.50
1285	Linton & District Poppy Appeal		125.00		125.00
1286	South Staffs Water	Supply to bowling green	141.50		141.50
1287	J Aylett	Repair changing rooms floor	25.00	4.37	29.37
1288	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	341.93		341.93
1289	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	715.51	125.21	840.72
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96

D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	198.00		198.00
D/D	Information Commissioner	Data Protection renewal	35.00		35.00
D/D	British Telecom	Telephone bill	42.27	7.39	49.66

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

Concern was expressed about the cost of gas to the Village Hall and it was noted that these bills included the changing rooms. The cost of insulating the roof space would be ascertained and the Football Clubs advised of the cost of gas and the possibility that charges would be made if the heat were to be left on unnecessarily.

106.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	316.00
Overseal Brownies	Wreath	20.00
Overseal Junior Football Club	Wreath	16.50
Overseal Gala Committee	Wreath	20.00

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

107 BUDGET FOR 2008/2009

107.1 Predicted outturn for the current year. A request was reported from the Church, which proposed to have the Church clock powered by electricity rather than hand wound, for the Parish Council to make a grant towards the cost. It was agreed to offer £100 subject to the remainder of the necessary money being raised.

107.2 Variances. The report on variances between the budget and the probable outturn was noted.

107.3 Hire rates and wages.

RESOLVED: (a) That hire rates for the Village Hall be raised to £10 per hour for all new bookings with immediate effect and that the concession given to the Darby & Joan Club be increased accordingly;

(b) That charges to the Youth Club for use of the Village Hall be increased to £40 per session from April 2008.

(c) That charges to the Pre-school Playgroup for use of the Village Hall be increased to £15 per session from April 2008.

107.4 Budget for 2008/2009.

RESOLVED.

(a) That the provisions for electricity and gas at the Village Hall be increased to £2000 and £2100 respectively in view of probable price increases;

(b) That the receipts for Village Hall lettings be reduced to £1250 in view of the cancellation of the Auctions;

(c) That the provisions for the Summer Sports Programme (£770), water to the bowling green (£150) and MUGA (£950) be confirmed and that the Bowls Club be invited to consider making a contribution to the cost of water for the bowling green;

(d) That 6 folding tables be purchased for the Village Hall from the current year's budget;

(e) That provision be made for internal and external painting (£3100), the quotation of Mr S Fern be accepted and that the work be carried out as soon as possible;

(f) That provision be made for the following:

- Replacement of chairs at the Village Hall (£2000),
- Noticeboard (£750)
- PA System for the Village Hall (£3000)
- Refurbishment of the milepost (£200)
- Environmental improvements (£2287)
- Provision for replacement/additional IT equipment - £2000

(g) That enquiries be made of the Derbyshire Youth Service as to the possibility of grant aid towards the cost of IT equipment

(h) That the draft budget be approved as modified above:

(i) That the Parish Council levy a Precept of £28,000 for 2008/2009.

108 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Village Hall availability;

The cost of vandalism

109 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

109.1 Street nameplate. A nameplate was required for the new development, Royal Lane, near the junction of Edward Street and Coronation Street. The District Council would be asked to provide it.

109.2 Millennium Yew. It was agreed to approach the District Council for permission to site the Millennium Yew in the open space at Forest View. A self-set yew tree at the Village Hall would also be re-sited.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman