

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 12 January 2006

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

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E Evans.

98 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

99 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

99.1 Litter bin. The request for a larger or second bin had been refused by the District Council as the budget for that service was very limited. However, Mrs Hall reported that the Council's request had been included in a list of possible future provisions and that there was a possibility that additional money might be made available.

99.2 New changing rooms. The electrical contractors who had recently completed wiring alterations to the new changing rooms had issued a certificate that the installation now complied with legal requirements and was in a satisfactory condition.

99.3 Tree felling, Burton Road/Park Road. The County Council had said that their procedures had been conducted correctly as the tree had been assessed to be in a potentially dangerous condition. Consultation on the application to fell it was therefore not required. They were proposing to plant a London Plane tree during the current planting season. Mrs Lauro would find out more of the background and send information to the next Linton Area Committee Meeting.

99.4 Third bridge. DALC had suggested that the Parish Council should contact Staffordshire County Council as the lead authority for this project and stated that a feasibility study had been commissioned to determine whether or not any highway development was required. The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Parish Councils affected by the proposal was to be held on 17 January, when this response would be discussed.

It was agreed to write to Staffordshire County Council to press the need for a study of the probable impact on the A.444 and communities close to it before any decision was taken.

99.5 Planning matters, Burton Road. The District Council required further information to enable them to assess whether any material change of use requiring planning permission had occurred.

99.6 Untidy property, Burton Road. The District Council were to take further steps to ascertain the ownership of the property concerned.

100 MEMBERSHIP

No nominations had been received and the matter was deferred for the time being.

101 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. Mrs Lauro was asked to report that gravel from a driveway in Valley Road constructed some time ago was spilling on to the public footpath and to enquire whether there was any assistance available for sports provision at the primary school.

District Council. Mrs Hall referred to the difficulties which had occurred with the recycling site at Woodville Road during the Christmas period, when there had been considerable dumping, leading to an untidy site. This had occurred throughout the District, as had fly tipping, and the District Council would be publicising its advice on this matter. There was also the possibility that offenders could be fined.

A Member referred to a planning permission which had been granted for a bungalow at the rear of Woodville Road, which had now been sold to a third party. It was confirmed that there was no personal restriction on the permission which could have affected the sale.

Police. P.C Croxall detailed recent crime statistics, many of which centred on crimes related to vehicles. Members advised of certain unacceptable actions taking place at the rear of the Village Hall, and near to the school, which would be looked into by the Police.

102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Permission had been granted for:**

1325 Felling of beech tree protected by TPO 79, Burton Road roundabout.

1320 Extension at 4 Park Road

0951/0952L Conversion and extension of existing building to form a dwelling, Unit 2, Overseal Manor, Hallcroft Avenue (several conditions relating to the external appearance of the dwelling were attached)

Application for decision

1508 Erection of a barn/store, land at Lullington Road. Object - the size of the barn is too large to serve a relatively small site of only 13.5 acres.

103 CORRESPONDENCE

103.1 Linton Area Meeting. The next meeting would be held on 25 January at Overseal.

103.2 Police Liaison Meeting. A single meeting for all Parish Councils in South Derbyshire was to be held at Repton Village Hall on 16 January at 7.30 pm. This would replace the smaller meetings which had been poorly attended.

103.3 Village Hall users. A dispute had arisen between two users and the Clerk reported details of correspondence relating to this matter. It was agreed that all regular users of the Village Hall would be asked to refer any future problems to the Caretaker or to the Clerk, rather than taking up the matter with the other group concerned.

103.4 Bowls Club changing accommodation. The Club had asked for permission to site a second container at the Hallcroft Avenue side of the Pavilion for use as a changing rooms.

RESOLVED: That the Club be advised that this is not acceptable and that the sports changing rooms were still available.

103.5 Nottingham East Midland Airport – exhibition. The Draft Master Plan for future development of the airport would be on display during February – May, including the Greenbank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote on 23 March from 3 – 7 pm.

103.6 Land at Lullington Road. An approach regarding the Council's land had been received.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the next meeting to enable Members to consider the approach in depth.

104 BUDGET 2006/2007

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

RESOLVED:

(a) That the rent payable by the Bowls Club be increased to £300 to cover some of the costs incurred by the Council;

(b) That the charge for use of the Village Hall for the auctions be increased to £120.00 per occasion;

(c) That the Caretaker's salary be increased by 2.95% from 1 April 2006, based on the national increase in the Clerk's salary scale;

(d) That the Nature Area contribution be increased to £300;

(e) That the following growth items be included in the budget:

- Replacement of the fence fronting to the recreation ground/bowling green at Hallcroft Avenue and around part of the War Memorial with metal railings - £5960
- Sealing the Village Hall floor - £2000;
- Replace one set of steps between the football pitches - £1000 (the other to be done next year)

(f) That the revised budget as set out in the official copy of the Minutes be approved;

(g) That a Precept of £22360 be levied for 2006/2007.

105 ACCOUNTS

105.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

*1026	South Staffs Water	Supply to old Changing Rooms	£8.04
*1027	South Staffs Water	Supply to Village Hall	£135.76
*1028	L Baxter	Caretaker	£385.61
*1029	M Latham	Litter	£80.00
*1030	J M Summerfield	Litter	£60.60
1031	J E White	Salary & Expenses (inc SLCC subscription)	£1129.43

1032	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£271.51
*1033	BT	Telephone rental	£48.35
1034	Premier Services	Drain clearance at the Village Hall	£205.63
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	£176.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	£23.95
D/D	Data Protection Registrar	Annual registration fee	£35.00

* These accounts were paid between meetings to avoid delay.

105.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£388.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Lengthsman refund (part)	£1018.00
South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 refund (full)	£6390.00

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

106 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

The sale of the Council's land at Main Street.

107 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

107.1 Notice board near to the Church. The plastic 'glass' at the front of the notice board had been ordered some time ago, but had not been installed. It was agreed that the suppliers would be given a week to complete the job, failing which another supplier would be approached.

107.2 Blueberry Fields. It appeared that the open space and play area had now been adopted. The Clerk would check this and enquire as to the District Council's intentions regarding the unauthorised footpath.

107.3 Signposts. Signposts needed to be provided for two public footpaths off Valley Road.

107.4 Moira Road – gully cleansing. The gullies on both sides of the county boundary near to the brook at Moira Road had not been cleaned for a very long time. Both County Councils would be asked to give this attention.

107.5 Dog fouling. Considerable fouling was taking place in Hallcroft Avenue and the assistance of the Dog Warden would be sought.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman