

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 8 January 2009

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman

Mr J Astle, Mr J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr R J Forsyth, 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), Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D MacMillan (PCSO).

94 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

95 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None

96 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

97 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

97.1 District Council.

Members reported that dog fouling was prevalent and were advised that new notices had recently been put up. However, enforcement depended upon the offences being witnessed and evidence being made available to the Court. Cllr Grant was asked to enquire of the District Council whether a change in law could make enforcement easier.

The four trees at Forest View which were to be replaced needed doing before the planting season ended. The recycling banks had been over-full during the Christmas period and general rubbish had been deposited in large quantities. This was not recycling and it was suggested that a skip might be placed at the site for a short period next year. It was recognised, however, that this might encourage regular depositing of non-recyclable waste.

Cllr Grant reported that the problems associated with the shop at Woodville Road had been inspected, but that, because officers could only inspect from the front of the premises, everything appeared to be satisfactory. Members reported that improvements in the state of the premises had taken place recently.

Cllr Grant also reported on the carbon footprint initiative, where there was a lack of progress. The Environmental Health Officer intended to involve a charitable organisation which had had success in this field in other areas. Members commented that it would be necessary to start the process again from scratch and the Clerk would write to the Environmental Health Officer to enquire the effects on the finances of this proposal and the disappointment of residents at the lack of progress.

97.2 Police.

Mr MacMillan reported recent crime statistics. The Multi Use Games Area continued to be very well used and there had been a football competition there arranged by the Youth Service between groups of young people from

various villages, which had been very successful. The provision of lighting had helped considerably in this venture.

97.3 County Council.

Various problems in Park Road were reported. The Clerk was asked to contact Veolia about vehicles not being netted on return journeys resulting in litter being deposited on the road. Also, there was considerable mud on the road, which had caused several accidents and blocked gullies. The speeding problem also persisted, which would be referred to the Police. Mrs Lauro agreed to check the position as to installation of the milepost.

Mrs Lauro was asked to report a defective street light in Woodlands Road and she reminded Members of the availability of money for local projects.

RESOLVED: That a sub-committee comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr J Astle, Mr M A Knight and Mrs R O'Brien be appointed to draw up a package of suitable projects and to submit an appropriate bid.

98 CLERK'S REPORT

98.1 Progress report. A progress report on various matters previously raised was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

98.2 Dates of meetings. It was agreed that meetings be held on the following dates:

May 7 - Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

June 11 (5 weeks)

July 9 (4 weeks)

August 6 (4 weeks)

98.3 Burton Road pedestrian survey. The County Council had carried out the survey near to the supermarket on Burton Road in March from 7 am to 7 pm. Traffic flow averaged 892 vehicles per hour (10707 in total) and 17 pedestrians per hour (202 in total) crossed the road between 26 and 80 Burton Road. These were below the Department of Transport criteria for providing a crossing and therefore no further action was being taken.

98.4 Publication of candidates' addresses at Parliamentary elections. The Ministry of Justice was inviting views on whether addresses should be included in ballot papers and other election materials, following a High Court ruling that the addresses of certain MPs under the Freedom of Information Act should be available. Largely for security reasons, legislation was brought in to reverse this position. The withholding of detailed addresses was supported.

98.5 Planning conditions, caravan site, Park Road. The response from the District Council had been that planning conditions were discharged and Building Control had inspected drainage. Members reported that 8 caravans had been brought on to the site in the last few days and that some were parked directly in front of neighbouring residential property. This would be reported to the District Council with a request for urgent action.

98.6 Broadband Internet speeds. BT had tested the exchanges and had concluded that there were no service issues. They intended to improve services across the country by introducing fibre optic cables and the District Council were pressing for South Derbyshire to be in the first tranche.

In villages such as Overseal, no such provision could be expected before 2012 at the earliest.

- 98.7 Arriva buses.** The Clerk reported responses from Arriva about service failures which had taken place in 2008. Members reported recent failures, which would be taken up with Arriva.

99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision:

1170 Thinning of trees, 4 Alexandra Court (covered by TPO 192). The Parish Council strongly objected to the proposed felling of several trees which were covered by the Tree Preservation Order.

100 ACCOUNTS

100.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1399	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	8.10		8.10
*1400	Badagry Computers Ltd	Laptop and desktop	629.13	94.37	723.50
1401	L Baxter	Caretaker	316.23		316.23
1402	J M Summerfield	Litter	85.95		85.95
1403	T Stewart	Litter + protective clothing	184.89		184.89
1404	J E White	Salary & expenses	1360.78		1360.78
1405	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	100.94		100.94
1406	South Derbyshire District Council	Summer sports programme 2008	615.00	107.63	722.63
1407	ESPO	Tables	164.80	24.72	189.52
1408	J Kirby	Caretaker (deputising)	354.39		354.39
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	206.00		206.00
D/D	Information Commissioner	Renewal of Data Protection Registration	35.00		35.00
D/D	British Telecom	Telephone line rental	43.11	6.46	49.57

*These accounts were paid between meetings as they were urgent.

100.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	140.00
St Matthews Football Club	Pitch rental & wreath	170.00
South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 and Lengthsman refunds	8884.53

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

101 BUDGET FOR 2009/2010

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

The quarterly budget report as at 31 December 2008 was noted.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That no changes be made to the hire rates and charges;
- (b) That the Clerk enquire the cost of valuation of land and the likely benefits;
- (c) That the following items be included in the draft budget for 2009/2010:
 - Seat at the rear of the Village Hall - £700
 - Surface two areas near to the public toilets - £3835
 - Replace carpet and repair/replace tiles in the Village Hall foyer and disabled toilets - £1500
 - Approximately 50% of the necessary repairs to the Pavilion - £1800
 - Grants and donations receivable - £200
- (d) That the Council levy a Precept on South Derbyshire District Council of £28,000.

102 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

The Council's budget

The dog fouling problem

The contact details for the Clean Team

103 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

103.1 Woodville Road. The former entrance to the Towpath site was being used as a tip. Also the footpath sign had been displaced and the gullies were blocked, thereby causing flooding.. These matters would be reported to the relevant authorities.

103.2 Litter, Lullington Road. Gas cylinders had been dumped at Lullington Road; the Clean Team would be asked to remove them.

103.3 Concessionary fares. Attention was drawn to the fact that the recent re-scheduling of Arriva services in the village from 9.35 am to 9.28 am meant that the Gold Card could not be used on those services as it came into operation at 9.30. This caused difficulties for some elderly people who would have to pay full fare instead of the concessionary rate. Arriva would be asked to remedy the situation.

103.4 Litter. Considerable amounts of litter were accumulating in front of the supermarket at Burton Road near to the cash machine, and the owners of the property would be asked to keep the area clean.

103.5 Village Hall emergency doors. The damaged paintwork would be repaired.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chairman