

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 3 July 2008

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr M A Knight, Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council) and Miss C. Howes.

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

28 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None was raised.

29 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

30 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

30.1 Clerk's report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). It was noted that the following matters had been completed – 121.5 Dead tree, Moira Road; 141.1 fence at car park; 15.1 recycling facilities.

30.2 Tree planting. The Council considered what projects should be carried out. Planting of native trees between the two football pitches and possibly at the village gateways had been suggested and Mr Knight was pursuing this matter.

30.3 Village Hall grounds. The possibility of making permanent improvements to some parts of the Village Hall grounds was considered. The Contractor employed to tidy the grounds had cleared the area between the changing rooms and the public toilets and put down black plastic to deter weed growth, and bark chips would be added. The stoned area between the main gate and the recreation ground had been cleared. It was agreed to reinstate the capping stones on the small boundary wall, subject to the cost not being exorbitant. Resurfacing the car park near to the old changing rooms and provision of large planters would be included in the draft estimates for next year for consideration along with other projects.

30.4 Carbon Footprint. Members had volunteered to deliver the packs to each household, but the District Council had sent them by post; additionally, residents who had returned the completed questionnaires had also received 'thank you' letters by post. This was not in the spirit of conserving resources and was very disappointing.

- 30.5 Affordable housing.** Midlands Rural Housing were continuing discussions with a landowner and with the District Council.

It was reported that large numbers of properties in Coronation Street, Burton Road and Lullington Road had been circulated with letters inviting owners to sell the properties at prices higher than the market value, presumably to allow for demolition and redevelopment. Members were concerned that, should this proceed, it was feasible that some houses would be left boarded up until complete blocks were owned by the developers concerned, and that large scale development could adversely affect the nature of the village. The Clerk was asked to find out more information.

- 30.6 Drainage of Recreation Ground.** The work had been carried out successfully, but the surface of the drain runs needed seeding. Mr M Guest would be asked to do this. It was mentioned that the stoned area in front of the Youth Shelter was not very attractive and that bonfires had been lit on it. The position would be monitored.

31 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

- 31.1 Police.** Crime statistics were reported, showing a low level of reported crime.

32 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0300 Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2-storey dwelling, 157 Moira Road

0321 Erection of double garage at 12 Moira Road

0402 Erection of bungalow & garage, land r/o 181/183 Burton Road

0434 Extensions and insertion of dormer windows, Middle Hayes Farm, Green Lane

Application for decision:

0667 Repair of 3 existing ground floor windows and replacement of 3 first floor windows on the side, The Elms, 16 Acresford Road. Supported.

33 CORRESPONDENCE

- 33.1 Summer Holiday Play Scheme.** The District Council had had to modify the programme as the full mobile skate Park provision was no longer available; instead, they would provide a skateboard coaching session at no cost to either the participants or the Parish Council. The programme would therefore be:

Friday 1 August 2-4 pm Sportsmobile & Play Mobile

Friday 8 August 2-4 pm Inflatable laser games

Friday 15 August 1-4 pm Skateboard session

Friday 22 August 2-4 pm Sportsmobile & Play Mobile

Thursday 28 August 6-8 pm Climbing wall

Posters advertising the events would be needed before the school holidays which commenced on 23 July.

- 33.2 Lengthsman scheme.** The allocation for 2008/9 was £2081; the corresponding amount for the previous year was £2021.
- 33.3 Parish web-site.** The Computer Club had offered to create a web-site for the Parish Council and to explain its use. It would be done as a project for Club members over the next few weeks, and would involve the Council in small hosting fees – around £20 per year for a site such as www.overseal.gov.uk. This was strongly supported.
- 33.4 Bowls Pavilion – condition survey.** The District Council's Property Consultant had carried out a survey of the Pavilion and produced a list of essential and desirable works, most of which should be carried out within 2 years. These works were the Parish Council's responsibility under the repairing lease and it was agreed to consider these as part of the draft estimates for next year. However, an asbestos survey had to be done, and it was agreed to include the Village Hall; also the Consultant had suggested that a legionella survey might be needed, but it was thought that this would not be needed as there were no showers. This would be checked.
- 33.5 Excellence in the Community Awards.** No nominations were identified.
- 33.6 Tourism Leaflets.** The District Council offered to supply quarterly leaflets describing tourism events and it was agreed to order 100 copies, most of which could be issued to the Post Office and the Supermarket.

34 ACCOUNTS

34.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1340	South Staffs Water	Supply to old changing rooms	9.32		9.32
*1341	South Staffs Water	Supply to bowling green	71.42		71.42
*1342	South Staffs Water	Supply to Village Hall	206.85		206.85
1343	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Supply & install gatepost for Recreation Ground	130.00	22.75	152.75
1344	L Baxter	Caretaker & replacement vacuum cleaner	451.01	14.89	465.90
1345	J M Summerfield	Litter	66.24		66.24
1346	T Stewart	Litter	132.48		132.48
1347	J E White	Salary & expenses	1228.03		1228.03
1348	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	299.78		299.78
1349	ESPO	8 folding tables	800.00	140.00	940.00
1350	Babb Construction Ltd	Drainage of Recreation Ground	3809.00	666.58	4475.58
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	British Telecom	Telephone bill	41.61	7.28	48.89
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* These accounts were paid between meetings as they were urgent.

34.2 Receipts

The following amount had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	151.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Precept	14000.00

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

35 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

Volunteers to look after planted areas around the village would be sought.

Residents would be urged to return their questionnaires in connection with the Carbon Footprint initiative.

36 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

36.1 Allotments. In reply to a question, the Clerk reported that there was a short waiting list for plots and two other people had recently asked for plots. There were no vacancies at present and it was suggested that the District Council's land at Lullington Road might be used for that purpose. The District Council would be asked for their views.

36.2 Postal Address. The Post Office addressed correspondence to the new development on Grotto Farm as Manor School View, whereas it should be Manor View. This would be confirmed and the Post Office advised accordingly.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

Chairman