

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 July 2006

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

In attendance: Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident reported an apparent planning infringement in respect of a property in Woodville Road. It was agreed to refer this to the District Council for investigation.

25 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to inclusion of Cllr Mrs M E Hall's apologies for absence.

26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None was reported.

27 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. Some work had been carried out on the BT inspection chamber outside 89/91 Woodville Road, but the problem of water flowing from the inspection chamber had worsened. The County Council would be asked to remedy this urgently.

Police. There had been no Police presence recently and Members were concerned about the lack of Police support.. Speeding traffic in Woodville Road had resulted in damage to 2 cars, which had been reported to the Police, though use of speed cameras would improve the situation. Alternatively, if the County Council could make use of a peripatetic traffic warden occasionally in the village, problems of this nature should diminish.

28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0378 Felling and pruning of trees protected by a TPO, Barratt Mill, Shortheath. (Condition requiring 2 weeks' notice so that the extent of the work can be agreed).

Applications for decision

0612 Erection of a barn/store, Spring Meadows Holding, Lullington Road. Objection sent following consultation between meetings - the size of the barn is too large to serve this relatively small site.

0724 New toilet and shower block, The Conifers, Park Road. Object – the Parish Council are concerned as to why this development is needed as it could be used to serve mobile caravans on the site, for which no planning permission exists. In addition to the permitted park home, there are 3 caravans stored on the site.

0725 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a detached dwelling, 11/12 Gorsey Lees, Supported.

0784 Erection of security fencing and gates together with the widening of the access, Spring Meadow Holding, Lullington Road. Object – such measures are not required for keeping sheep, which is the purpose of the land and should be considered in the context of proposals for other development.

Applications withdrawn

0452 Erection of a detached bungalow on land r/o 106 Woodville Road.

0430 Reserved matters – erection of 20 houses and new access road, Grotto Farm, Main Street

29 DOG BINS

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

It was agreed to defer further consideration until the next meeting.

30 PLAY AREA.

The District Council had accepted the tender of Wicksteed Ltd for the design of the play area and its equipment.

The artist's impression of the design was welcomed, and it was noted that the equipment to be installed would be mainly for younger children. The view was expressed that teenagers generally preferred simply to have place to meet and sit rather than swings etc. and the Parish Council could install an additional seat in the future.

31 CORRESPONDENCE

31.1 149 Woodville Road. A letter of thanks for the Parish Council's support regarding a planning dispute had been received.

31.2 Summer activities programme. Confirmation of the programme had been received from the District Council. It consisted of:

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Comments
Friday 4 August	1-4pm	Laser Storm	Recreation Ground	For young people 8-19 yrs. Free to participants
Friday 11 August	1-4pm	XtremeSportsMobile	Woodville Road car park	For young people 8-19 yrs. Charge of £1
Friday 18 August	2-4pm	SportsMobile	Recreation Ground	For children 8-12 yrs. Free of charge to participants.

The total cost to the Parish Council was £334. Details of the programme would be included in the next edition of the *Free for All*.

31.3 Request for donation. The Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre had requested a donation towards providing holidays for disadvantaged children.

The Clerk was asked to find out whether any children from Overseal had benefited from the service.

- 31.4 IT Room.** The Computer Club had asked whether they may increase the broadband speed at their own cost. The additional cost would be £4.61 per month (£55.32 per year); while the Parish Council's monthly account would increase by this amount (plus VAT), the amount paid by the Club as quarterly rental would increase by the same amount. This was agreed.

(Mr J E White declared an interest in this matter as a member of the Club concerned and took no part in the discussion).

- 31.5 Leicestershire Statement of Community Involvement.** This document had now been submitted to the Secretary of State and was open for consultation until 28 July 2006. This would be followed by an examination in public, probably in September.

- 31.6 Local Government structure and powers.** The Parish Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). Members considered that unitary authorities created by merging three or more districts could be very remote. As regards Parish Councils taking responsibilities for some services presently delivered by districts and counties, this would appeal more to some parishes than others. It was noted that parishes may select from a defined list of functions, but it was possible that functions could be grouped so that several functions would have to be selected rather than just one or two.

Further consideration would be given to this matter when the White Paper was published.

- 31.7 Sites for waste disposal.** The County Council were consulting on possible sites for waste disposal, either by landfill or by incineration. For the South Derbyshire area, several sites had been identified and, although none was within the parish, there could be traffic implications.

32 ACCOUNTS

- 32.1 Accounts for 2005/2006.** Copies of the Annual Return and Receipts & Payments Account for 2005/2006 were submitted, together with the report of the Internal Auditor (copies attached to the official copy of the minutes).

RESOLVED: That the Annual Return and the Accounts for 2005/6 be approved and the Annual Return signed by the Chairman.

32.2 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1092	South Staffs Water	Supply to old changing rooms	10.03		10.03
*1093	South Staffs Water	Supply to Village Hall	20.96		20.96
1094	L Baxter	Caretaker	399.49		399.49
1095	M Latham	Litter	100.00		100.00
1096	J M Summerfield	Litter	75.75		75.75
1097	J E White	Salary & expenses	1093.41		1093.41

1098	St Matthew's PCC	Contribution towards churchyard mowing	250.00		250.00
1099	I Fraser	Internal audit	135.00		135.00
1100	Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI	295.17		295.17
1101	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Modify gates to Village Hall car park	60.00	10.50	70.50
1102	L Kirby	Caretaker duties	50.50		50.50
1103	Overseal Memorial Bowls Club	Contribution towards cooker	50.00		50.00
1104	J Aylett	Replace downpipe at Village Hall	23.00	4.00	27.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	20.38	3.57	23.95
D/D	SDDC	Rates	191.00		191.00

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

32.3 Receipts

The following amount had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£245.00
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32.4 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.

33 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

33.1 Untidy gardens. A property in Woodlands Road would be reported to the District Council for inspection.

33.2 Car park fence. The side fence to the car park had a gap used by children with bicycles, but recently, someone had tried to drive a Landrover up the bank. A suitable barrier was needed to allow the bicycles to continue to use the gap but to prevent vehicles from doing so. To be referred to the District Council.

33.3 Ashby Woulds Forum. Mr Neal reported that the Forum was pressing for the mineral roadway to be upgraded in due course to a carriageway to link with the possible third bridge via A.444. It was also reported that a planning application had been submitted for a bridge by Bullivants.

33.4 Speed humps. The Clerk was asked to press the County Council to rectify the speed humps in Woodville Road as soon as possible.

33.5 School warning lights. The lights were obscured by a road sign – to be referred to the County Council.

34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

35 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

The Council considered correspondence relating to this land.

RESOLVED: That the land be retained.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Chairman