

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 7 June 2007

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

In attendance: Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Astle and Mrs E Evans.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A resident referred to his application for planning consent and explained his reasons for the development; he asked for the Council's views. He was informed that, because of the limited timescale for responding to the planning application, the Council's views had been submitted to the District Council who would now make the decision. He was informed that the Parish Council had objected and the reasons for that objection.

Mrs Edwards asked whether the Church could use the trestle tables for a function and this was agreed.

16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17.1 Litter, Burton Road. The District Council had asked the Clean Team to clear the area between Lullington Road and Green Lane (both sides) following the request raised at the last meeting. It was reported that this had apparently not yet been done as the area around the bus stop in particular was in a poor state.

17.2 Land at Lullington Road. The Council had expressed an interest in purchasing one of the two parcels of land in the District Council's ownership when they were conducting a review of their land holdings in the previous year. The review had now been completed and the District Council had decided not to dispose of the land at present. However, if they were to do so in the future, they would advise the Parish Council.

17.3 Bus services, Woodville Road. Arriva said that service 23 was previously operated by MacPherson's on behalf of Leicestershire County Council. The redundant bus stops were the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council.

18 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. The flashing lights near to the school had still not been repaired. The Clerk would chase the County Council over this.

District Council. The Council had asked for a larger bin for plastic bags to be provided at the recycling point on Woodville Road but it was still necessary for the present bin to be emptied several times a week by residents. Cllr Grant was asked to look into this.

Police. PCSO's D MacMillan and Ms M Beeston attended the meeting and provided crime statistics for the past month. They said that reports of anti-social behaviour during the past month had reduced, but were advised of recent events near to the Village Hall.

19 MEMBERSHIP

No expressions of interest had been received for the remaining two vacancies and further consideration was deferred. A Special Meeting of the Council would be held if necessary to co-opt candidates before the deadline.

20 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 20.1 The Clerk reported that Mr Neal did not wish to continue as representative on the Netherseal, Overseal and Lullington Charity and the Ashby Woulds Forum as he advised that the representative(s) needed to have a close connection with the Council.

RESOLVED: That Mrs C M Knight be appointed the Council's representative on the Netherseal, Overseal and Lullington Charity and Mr M A Knight on the Ashby Woulds Forum.

- 20.2 **Standards Committee.** Parish Councils in South Derbyshire had 2 representatives and one substitute on the Standards Committee for the District and DALC were inviting nominations. No action.

- 20.3 **DALC Executive Committee.** Nominations were invited for the Executive Committee for the period 2007-2011. No action.

21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0258 Extension at 205 Burton Road

Applications for decision

0561 Detached garage, 5 Alice Gardens. Following consultations, an objection had been sent on the grounds that the development would require the removal of some trees in front of the houses, which would detract from the pleasant appearance currently enjoyed, especially by neighbours opposite. The turning space available was very limited. The proposal would set a precedent for other residents of Alice Gardens to construct garages on the forecourt, which would detract further from the street scene.

0619 Erection of a 12.5 metre timber monopole including 3 shrouded antennas at Former UAX building, Burton Road. The Parish Council was strongly opposed to this application. The site is very close to houses, including one where two small children live - directly opposite the site. It is generally accepted that nobody knows for sure whether the technology is safe, and any adverse effects could be hidden for many years. The possibility of risk continues to exist. There are already 4 antennae on the building and the present proposal would increase that to 7. Given the problems, the Parish Council is totally opposed to the proposal and suggest that a more remote site, well away from houses, should be identified.

0650 Retention of a dwelling in a revised location with associated access and parking (amended scheme), land adjacent to 49 Valley Road. Supported.

22 CORRESPONDENCE

- 22.1 Training for Councillors.** Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) offered a training day designed mainly for new Councillors to be held at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall, near Ashbourne on Saturday 21 July 2007 from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm, at a cost of £20 per delegate. It was agreed that Mr S C Sharpe would attend and that Mrs C M Knight would attend the course on 4 August designed for Chairmen.
- 22.2 Play areas.** The District Council had published the results of a site audit of play areas and equipment and the two in Overseal were rated 'Excellent' in the case of Woodville Road and 'Good' in the case of Edward Street. Only 5 out of 45 in South Derbyshire were rated excellent and 9 were rated good. Noted.
- 22.3 Swadlincote Regeneration Route.** Ashby Woulds Forum had been informed that Phase 1 of the route between the junction of A511/Butt Lane and Moira Road was likely to start being constructed in July and work should last for about 9 months. Leicestershire County Council intended to introduce changes to weight restrictions when this was completed. The proposals had not yet been finalised, but the Parish Council would be consulted when they were.
- 22.4 Request for donation.** Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living had requested a donation towards their costs. The organisation provided counselling and advice for disabled people and worked 'towards full and equal citizenship'. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.
- 22.5 Community Environmental Action Projects.** This Company offered a presentation to the Council on their work, which related to environmental projects to be carried out in the area. No such projects were contemplated at present, but details of the Company would be kept on file for future reference.
- 22.6 Housing needs survey.** Midlands Rural Housing had completed their survey and recommended that a mixed development of 9 affordable houses should be provided in Overseal. Mr King would be invited to the next meeting and copies of the report on the survey would be circulated to Members beforehand.

23 ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk submitted the Annual Return relating to the accounts for 2006/7, together with a report on the Council's financial position and details of the variances between 2006/7 and 2005/6. The report of the Internal Auditor was satisfactory and no action was required. The Clerk also referred to the review of effectiveness of internal audit, which was a new requirement and had not yet been carried out; he proposed to submit a report to a future meeting and to inform the District Auditor accordingly.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return

24 ACCOUNTS**24.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1213	J Aylett	Replace gutters & downpipes at Village Hall	418.00	73.15	491.15
1214	L Baxter	Caretaker	351.39		351.39
1215	J M Summerfield	Litter	84.25		84.25
1216	T Stewart	Litter	160.50		160.50
1217	Paul Topliss Ltd	Replace cylinder valve at Village Hall	35.00		35.00
1218	Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living	Donation	50.00		50.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	191.00		191.00

24.2 Receipts

The following amount had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£415.83
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24.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were inspected.

24.4 BT accounts – direct debit.

RESOLVED: That a direct debit be set up in respect of BT accounts for the telephone service, as this would be cheaper.

25 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

An invitation for residents to report overgrown public footpaths, or missing signs etc.

26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

26.1 Dog bins. Several residents had requested provision of additional bins and the approximate costs involved were reported. It was agreed in principle that a bin should be provided near to the junction of Woodlands Road and Coronation Street, subject to a suitable site being found. The Chairman agreed to discuss possible sites with a local resident.

26.2 Youth Club – sports provision. The Chairman reported that she and other Members had attended the meeting organised by the Youth Club so that the possibility of providing a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) could be discussed with young people. The meeting had not been well attended but it was understood that an application for grant would be made in due course. As it was anticipated that the Parish Council would be asked to meet subsequent maintenance and insurance costs, the Youth Club would be asked to quantify these before the application for grant was submitted.

- 26.3 Village Hall – tidiness.** Considerable work was needed to improve the appearance of the grounds surrounding the Village Hall by eradication of weeds, removal of debris etc and it was agreed to seek the assistance of Mr M Guest, who had previously carried out similar work elsewhere.
- 26.4 Public footpath.** The path from Woodlands Road was partly blocked by an overhanging hedge and trees and two stiles were badly damaged and required replacement. The County Council would be asked to deal with these matters.
- 26.5 Village Hall - tables.** It was agreed to purchase 6 tables from Viking Ltd
- 26.6 Village Hall - picture rail.** The auctions company had asked whether a picture rail could be provided, with assistance from them, so that pictures for sale could be displayed. This was not agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

Chairman