

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday  
1 June 2006

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

**In attendance:** P.C C Staley (Derbyshire Constabulary)

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs E Evans, Mrs N Lees and Cllr Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

**Beat Officer.** The new Beat Officer, P.C C Staley, introduced himself and outlined his experience and background. He intended to be firm but fair in dealing with local people and problems.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The occupier of the house at the junction of Main Street and Valley Road, which had been severely damaged when a vehicle collided with it, asked whether there was anything which could be done to protect the property from a similar event in the future. The County Council had said that the footpath was too narrow to allow the construction of a crash barrier.

A number of alternatives were considered and the preferred suggestion was to widen the footpath sufficiently to allow the construction of the necessary barrier, or possibly substantial bollards. The road was wide enough to accommodate this. In addition, making the junction more visible by painting solid white lines could improve the situation. It was agreed that the County Council would be asked to consider these and any other alternatives as a safety measure.

## 14 MINUTES

**14.1 Annual Meeting.** The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 May 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

**14.2 Annual Parish Meeting.** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2006 were received.

## 15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**15.1 Land at Lullington Road – tipping.** The District Council were to contact the owner in order to obtain an improvement in the appearance of the site.

**15.2 49 Valley Road – tree.** The District Council said that there was no sign of a recently removed tree stump, though clearance works had been carried out. No tree was subject to a TPO and there was no planning condition requiring retention of any tree.

**15.3 Car park fence.** The District Council would obtain quotations for replacement of the damaged wooden fence with metal railings, similar to those outside the Village Hall etc. If insufficient funds should be available, repairs to the existing fence would be carried out and money included in next year's draft budget for the metal railings.

- 15.4 Dog fouling.** The Dog Warden had placed additional signs at Woodlands Road and Woodlands Crescent and invited information about owners who did not clear up after their dogs.
- 15.5 Play area funding.** Onyx Environmental Trust had confirmed that the Council's application had been cleared technically and that a decision would be taken by their Board late in July.

## **16 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS**

The village boundary sign at Acresford Road had still not been replaced; the Clerk was asked to press for this to be done. Also the street nameplate for Slackey Lane at the junction with Spring Cottage had been vandalised; this would be reported to Leicestershire County Council.

## **17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Applications for decision**

0576 Reserved matters – dwelling on land adjoining 49 Valley Road. Object - The site is elevated and construction of a three-storey house upon it would be out of keeping with the rural nature of this part of the village. A two-storey dwelling would be more in keeping.

(Mr I A Neal declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

0608 Formation of vehicular accesses, 70/72 Burton Road. Supported.

## **18 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 18.1 Request for donation.** Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living had requested a donation of £50 towards their running costs. The organisation had helped 18 Overseal people during the past year. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 towards the work of the organisation.
- 18.2 Lengthsman scheme.** The Clerk reported that the allocation for 2006/7 was £1968 compared with £1916 last year. This would cover staff costs, but the cost of the green sacks for disposal would amount to about £350 in addition and there was sufficient provision in the budget. Members were concerned about the cost of the green sacks and also that complaints had been received about the amount of litter in the village. Further information would be sought on the work carried out by the Council's staff.
- 18.3 Insurances.** A renewal quotation had been received from Zurich Municipal amounting to £2443.93, an increase of £96.60 (4.1%) over last year. A comparative quotation had been obtained, but this exceeded the Quotation from Zurich Municipal. It was agreed that the quotation from Zurich Municipal be accepted.
- 18.4 Dog bins.** A request had been received that a bin be provided at the junction of public footpaths from Main Street and Moira Road. Members highlighted the difficulty in the District Council gaining access for emptying such a bin. Discussion then ensued on the need for bins in other parts of the village and this would be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

**19 ACCOUNTS****19.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

1085	L Baxter	Caretaker	514.37		514.37
1086	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
1087	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1088	Zurich Municipal	Insurances	2443.93		2443.93
1089	Coalville Glass & Glazing Co Ltd	Replace window at Village Hall	108.99	19.07	128.06
1090	P R Sharpe	Village Hall sundries	72.48		72.48
1091	Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living	Donation	50.00		50.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	20.38	3.57	23.95
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	191.00		191.00

**19.2 Receipts**

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

Derbyshire County Council	Youth Club	£300.00
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	£2781.13

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

**19.4 Accounts for 2005/2006.** The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been completed and would be submitted to the next meeting, together with the year-end accounts, for approval. The accounts were currently with the Internal Auditor.

**20 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL**

Information about the new Police Beat Officer

**21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**21.1 BT inspection chamber, Woodville Road.** It was reported that the inspection chamber was again leaking considerable amounts of rusty water, which was unsightly and would become dangerous in winter conditions, The Clerk reported that the County Council were pursuing this through legal channels but he would press for urgent action.

**21.2 Ashby Canal.** It was understood that the eventual aim was that the former canal would be restored only as far as Conkers, whereas the original canal had ended at Overseal near to Spring Cottage. However, work on restoration of the section to Measham would soon begin and the main obstruction to further progress was the A.42.

**21.3 District Council's land at Lullington Road.** The District Council would be informed by their officers of the Parish Council's proposals for the land and this would be discussed in June.

**21.4 Litter, Ashley Close.** The Lengthsman would be asked to remove litter from Ashley Close.

**21.5 Traffic roundabout, Albert Village.** Mr I A Neal as the Parish Council's representative on the Ashby Woulds Forum, reported that Ashby Woulds Town Council were objecting to the proposal to site a roundabout at Albert Village, but that their suggested alternative was to construct a new road using the road through the former Towpath site terminating at the junction of Park Road with A.444. This would have the effect of discharging traffic onto A.444, which was contrary to local needs. The District Council had said recently that their proposed Regeneration Route should link A.38 with A.42 via the Ashby Bypass rather than terminating either in the centre of Swadlincote or at the A.444 because of the impact of traffic on the locality.

**22 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.

**23 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD**

The Parish Council considered a letter from a person interested in acquiring the Parish Council's land.

RESOLVED: That the previous decision not to sell any of the land but to offer a long lease be adhered to.

(Mr M Hart declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

**Chairman**