

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 23 March 2006

Present: Mrs G Edwards - Chairman
Mr I W Chester, 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 K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Clark and Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council). Mrs Hall had been unable to attend the previous meeting because of a health-related matter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Two members of the public attended and asked what had been the Parish Council's decision as regards the requested sale of land at Lullington Road. They were advised that a decision was to be taken later in the meeting. They expressed the view that the land should not be sold but retained as a future asset to the village.

118 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

119 MEMBERSHIP

Two expressions of interest had been received from persons who wished to become Parish Councillors.

RESOLVED: That Mr M Hart be co-opted to membership of the Parish Council.

Mr Hart signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

120 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

120.1 School holidays programme. Reservations had been made for the Laser Games on Friday 4 August, Mobile Skate Park on 11 August and Sportsmobile on 18 August, all in the afternoons, probably commencing at 2 pm. The next edition of the Free for All would include this programme as an advance warning, and posters would be supplied nearer the time. The Chairman was arranging for the school to include an item in their Newsletter.

120.2 Land at Lullington Road. The Council's interest in one plot of the District Council's land at Lullington Road had been registered and was to be considered along with any others shortly. The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk had attended a fact-finding meeting with the District Council and had explained the Parish Council's approach. It was agreed to await the District Council's decision on how they intended to proceed.

120.3 Land at Main Street. The Parish Council's land had now been sold in accordance with the previous decision.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to place the net capital receipt as a temporary loan to the District Council in view of the advantageous rate of interest.

120.4 Rights of Way marking. The County Council had agreed to provide two copies of a plan of the rights of way in the Parish so that the finger posts at each junction of the road and the footpath could be checked. A supply of waymarker signs (the yellow arrows) had been obtained.

121 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. Mrs Lauro agreed to press for urgent action as regards the traffic calming at Woodville Road. She had already sounded out the County Council about installing a crash barrier at the corner of Valley Road and Main Street following the collision of a vehicle with the building and had received a positive response.

Mrs Lauro drew attention to the new bus passes, which allowed free travel within the county for pensioners. The third bridge had been excluded from the Plan by the Government Inspector, though it was understood that Staffordshire County Council still favoured such provision. The Feasibility Study report was understood to be in draft form and she would advise Members of the contents when it was published.

Police. There were problems with motorcycles being misused in the village, including on the allotments; this would be reported to the Police. The new Beat Officer was still off sick and the Clerk would enquire how long the village was likely to be without satisfactory cover.

122 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision

0217/8 Erection of a wall, fence and gates at The Elms, 16 Acresford Road (includes Listed Building application). Supported.

0264 Erection of a dwelling with associated garaging, car parking and access, land adjacent to 49 Valley Road. Object. The design of the dwelling is a three storey town house, which is entirely inappropriate to this particularly rural part of the village and will be out of character and sympathy with surrounding dwellings.

123 NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT DRAFT MASTER PLAN

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

124 CORRESPONDENCE

124.1 Police Liaison Meetings. Meetings for the year were to be held on 25 April (Swadlincote Town Hall), 25 July (Etwell Village Hall) and 24 October (Melbourne Leisure Centre).

124.2 Beat Officers. P.Cs D Croxall and S Wakefield had been moved to other Beats as part of a complete change round. The local Beat Officer was now P.C. Staley. It was disappointing that two officers had been replaced with one, especially as the Beat was spread over several villages.

124.3 Request for donation. Rainbows had made a request for a donation towards their work. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

124.4 Sustainable Communities Bill. Leicestershire County Council had invited attendance at a regional public meeting to discuss the Bill. The intention of the Bill was to grant Parish Councils more powers. Noted.

124.5 Street naming. The District Council were now able to give only 14 days in which objections to any suggested street name must be lodged because their time for objecting was limited. The Parish Council would hold an urgent meeting if necessary to comply with the timetable.

125 ACCOUNTS

125.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1048	L Baxter	Caretaker	385.61		385.61
*1049	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
*1050	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1051	Fire Control Ltd	Service fire extinguishers	89.20	15.62	104.82
1052	MACE Security & Electrical (Midlands) Ltd	Service fire alarm systems in Pavilion and Village Hall, and provide 12 months cover	164.00	28.70	192.70
1053	South Derbyshire District Council	Green refuse sacks for litter disposal	195.20	34.16	229.36
1054	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	2.80		2.80
1055	P R Sharpe	Village Hall sundries	11.58		11.58
1056	A R Argyle	Agent's fee re sale of land at Main Street	1050.00	183.75	1233.75

* These accounts had been paid between meetings in view of their urgency and related to wages for February, payable in early March.

The following payments all to be dated after 1 April 2006

1057	L Baxter	Caretaker	385.61		385.61
1058	M Latham	Litter	100.00		100.00
1059	J M Summerfield	Litter	75.75		75.75
1060	Inland Revenue	PAYE (less £250 for filing returns online)	21.51		21.51
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	20.38	3.57	23.95
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	194.00		194.00

125.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	312.00
Various	Allotment rents	210.00
Overseal Brownies	Reimburse wreath	16.50
R Leedham	Rent of land at Lullington Road	600.00

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

126 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

None.

127 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

127.1 Street cleansing. The gully notices had all been delivered in good time and most residents had complied with the request to remove their cars so as to allow access for the machinery. Many of those in Stanleigh Road and in part of Coronation Street had, however, not done so.

127.2 Traffic problem. Parked vehicles at the junction of Woodville Road with Hallcroft Avenue and Woodlands Road were regularly causing problems and on a recent occasion one vehicle was parked at the corner in such a way as to project into Woodville Road. Installation of white lines had been successful elsewhere and the County Council would be asked to install them here.

127.3 Car Park. It was reported that there was broken glass on the car park and the District Council would be asked to clear it.

128 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.

129 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

The Council considered the notes of the meeting held on 7 March 2006 (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the land be not sold but that a lease be offered in principle on terms to be negotiated;
- (b) That a condition to be included in the transaction be that the clubhouse and car park should be as far away from the neighbouring residential properties as possible so as to reduce nuisance to residents.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chairman