

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 11 May 2006

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

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council) and Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G S Knight and Mrs N Lees.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Five members of the public attended the meeting.

Questions were raised about disorder since the lack of a regular Beat Police Officer. The Clerk reported that the new Officer had now returned from sick leave and was to establish a base at the Village Hall. He had been made aware of concerns, as the Parish Council had written to the Police recently, and he intended to address those matters.

Residents of Woodville Road were concerned about the poor design of the speed humps, and Mrs Lauro advised that they were to be rectified shortly. The planning process which had allowed approval of a dormer bungalow on land at the rear of Woodville Road was discussed at length. Residents were informed that the Parish Council could only comment on planning applications and the District Council took the final decisions. Residents were also worried about the possibility of the narrow access track being blocked during construction and it was suggested that they establish a good relationship with the builder and also contact the planning department to acquaint them with the problem.

A resident who ran a dog grooming business had had his planning application and appeal refused on the grounds of probable noise nuisance. In fact, he had been running the business for some time, including from former premises two doors away, and there had never been such nuisance. Additionally, he was aware of other similar businesses which operated elsewhere in the District without infringing planning restrictions. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the District Council to support the concerns in this case.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs G Edwards was elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr I W Chester was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Traffic problems, Hallcroft Avenue/Woodville Road. The County Council had inspected the junction and had decided that there was no problem and they would therefore not be taking any action. Members pointed out that the biggest problems occurred out of office hours and the Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to seek reconsideration. Supporting evidence in the form of photographs would also be used.

4.2 Play area. The Clerk reported that, in order to minimise the delay caused by the District Council’s change of staff, he had submitted the application for grant to Onyx Environmental. Members were concerned that the state of most of the equipment had become potentially dangerous and it was agreed to ask the District Council to remove it as soon as possible.

5 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

The signs at Acresford Road had not yet been replaced and Mrs Lauro agreed to pursue this.

6 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolved: That the following Committees be appointed.

Disciplinary Committee. (To deal with dismissal of an employee, should the case arise) - Vice-Chairman, Mr K Clark and Mr M Patrick.

Appeals Panel (to hear any appeals on disciplinary matters) – Chairman, Mrs C M Knight and Mr G S Knight.

Two members to act as local contacts in the event of a major emergency – Mrs G Edwards and Mrs C M Knight.

7 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Resolved: That the following appointments be made to outside bodies.

Towpath Liaison Committee	Mr G S Knight and one local resident
Ashby Woulds Forum	Mr I A Neal
Overseal Primary School Governor	Mrs G Edwards
Police Liaison Committee	Chairman of the Council
Netherseal, Overseal and Lullington Charity	Mr I A Neal.
New Albion Liaison Committee	Mr G S Knight
Linton Area Committee	Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Third Bridge Group	Chairman and Vice-Chairman

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0217/0218L Erection of a wall, fence and gates at The Elms, 16 Acresford Road

1223 Erection of a terrace of three dwellings on land adjoining 29 Coronation Street

Application withdrawn

0264 Erection of a dwelling with associated garaging, car parking and access, land adjacent to 49 Valley Road

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 New Albion refuse disposal site. The operators sought extended hours to enable them to operate on bank holidays, excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day. There was no objection.

9.2 Play area. The Mother and Toddler Group had expressed concerns about the poor state of the play area, with its equipment being in a bad condition, glass being broken on the ground and the lack of a decent facility. These matters had been dealt with earlier in the meeting and the Clerk would inform the Group of the position. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to pay regular attention to the play area to ensure that any glass was removed promptly.

10 ACCOUNTS

10.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1081	L Baxter	Caretaker	394.44		394.44
*1082	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
*1083	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1084	J Aylett	Replace downpipe & repair wall at the Village Hall	103.00	18.02	121.02

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

10.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£282.00
Playgroup	Use of Village Hall	£684.00

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

11 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

The decision to remove the play equipment and the reasons for doing so

The availability of safety checks for the homes of people over 65, by contact with the Fire Brigade

The availability of joinery services via the CVS

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

12.1 Disorder. It was reported that fields at Common Hills, near to the border with Netherseal, were being used by young people for camping, but that they lit fires, caused damage and generally misbehaved. The Chairman would report the details to the Beat Officer.

12.2 Dog fouling. Several areas were reported as needing attention. While additional notices would be displayed, the Clerk was asked to contact the Dog Warden for assistance.

12.3 Rights of way. The public footpath from Woodlands Road was in a poor state of repair. The surface was poor and covered in litter and the stile at the

bottom had been broken for some time. The assistance of the Footpaths Officer at the District Council would be sought.

- 12.4 Land at Lullington Road.** Mr Patrick had looked at the land currently owned by the District Council and suggested a number of alternative planting schemes which would make good use of the land. Members favoured planting some half standard forest trees, such as oak and ash, together with some ornamental trees such as cherry. Public access in the form of a short walk could be encouraged later when the trees had become reasonably established but picnic tables etc were not considered a good idea. Some boundary planting to form a screen could be provided next to the neighbouring property and a feature such as a stone, a sculpture or a special tree such as the Millennium Yew could also be incorporated in the scheme.

It was agreed to discuss these suggestions initially with the District Council.

- 12.5 Police.** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to P.C. Debbie Croxall, who had been the previous Beat Officer for several years and who had been transferred to another area recently. She had provided an excellent service to the village and would be missed.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Chairman