

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 May 2008

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
Mr J Astle, Mr J Cunningham-Gardner, Mr P Green, Mr A R Hart, Mr M A Knight, Mrs R O'Brien, Mr M S Patrick and Mr S C Sharpe.

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council) and Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H Timms (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr D MacMillan (PCSO)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It was pointed out that users of the Bowls Club regularly parked on the road and caused difficulties for drivers turning into or out of Hallcroft Avenue. The Clerk advised that the Club had been invited to use the Village Hall car park and it was agreed to ask them to do so in future.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Mrs C M Knight be re-elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Mr M S Patrick be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Clerk's report. The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

6.2 Milepost. A quotation for the refurbishment of the milepost had been received from a specialist supplier. As this was in excess of the budget provision, it was agreed to arrange for the milepost to be installed outside 8/10 Burton Road, subject to there being no objection from the owners, and to consider refurbishing the plate later in the year.

6.3 Village Hall fence – painting. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Probation Service, who had agreed to provide people doing Community Service to paint the Village Hall fence, subject to the Council providing the necessary materials. This approach was confirmed.

7 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

7.1 District Council. While the recycling arrangements for plastic bottles at the centre at Woodville Road were very successful, there was a need for other plastic materials to be disposed of. Cllr Grant understood that there may be problems for contractors re-using such materials but would make enquiries.

The telephone number for reporting anti-social behaviour was now allocated to the recycling section and Cllr Grant would find out the new number. Entrances to the Country Park from Leicestershire were well signposted that quad-bikes and similar vehicles were prohibited, but no such signs were present on the Derbyshire entrances at Swains Park and Spring Cottage. Again, Cllr Grant would enquire what could be done to improve the situation.

- 7.2 **Police.** Several instances of speeding at Park Road, often by HGVs, were reported and would be referred to the Police for action.
- 7.3 **County Council.** The grass verge in Hallcroft Avenue near to Overseal Manor had been badly damaged by vehicles and need reinstatement. It was thought that the cause was probably vehicles whose occupants were visiting the Surgery. Mrs Lauro agreed to discuss this with colleagues and report back in due course.

8 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 J Astle and Mr M A Knight.

Appeals Panel (to hear any appeals on disciplinary matters) – Chairman, Mr P Green and Mr S C Sharpe.

Two members to act as local contacts in the event of a major emergency – Mrs G Edwards (subject to her being willing to continue) and Mrs C M Knight

9 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED: That the following appointments be made:

Ashby Woulds Forum	Mr M A Knight
Overseal Primary School Governor	Chairman of the Council
Police Liaison Committee	Chairman of the Council, with Mr P Green or Mr M A Knight acting as deputies
Netherseal, Overseal and Lullington Charity	Mrs C M Knight
New Albion Liaison Committee	Mr M A Knight
Linton Area Committee	Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Third Bridge Group	This body had not met for over a year and no appointments were made.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0151 Extension, Seale Lodge Farm, Burton Road, Acresford

Applications for decision:

0402 Bungalow and garage, land r/o 181/183 Burton Road. Supported.

0434 Extensions and insertion of dormer windows, Middle Hayes Farm, Green Lane. Supported.

0438 Demolition and rebuilding of existing dwelling-house at 159 Moira Road. Supported.

11 RECREATION GROUND

The possibility of planting a hedge along the Hallcroft Avenue frontage was discussed, though it was considered that the views of residents should be obtained before doing this. Funding could be available for such a project or an alternative environmental scheme. It was agreed to pursue the idea of planting ornamental trees on the embankment between the two football pitches.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Arriva service no 23. Mr M Todd MP had received a letter from Leicestershire County Council concerning the problems resulting from the changes to this service. The change was implemented as part of their policy of offering an hourly or better service within 800 metres for Leicestershire residents. They considered that the other services available at the time provided alternatives for employment, education and shopping links for Overseal residents.

12.2 Police. Inspector R Cuttell would be leaving Swadlincote in June and would be replaced by Inspector A Sandeman.

12.3 Football Clubs. The Clerk had received approaches from two teams for use of the pitches during the next playing season. One was for an adult team playing on Sundays and the other from an under-16 team. Advice from the District Council indicated that pitches could be shared, as long as arrangements were made that games did not proceed in bad weather conditions, and Members drew attention to the need for conserving energy for heating. It was agreed to offer the adult team the use of the upper pitch on Sundays and the junior team the use of the lower pitch subject to there being no objection from the organisers of the Overseal junior teams.

12.4 District Council meeting with Parish Councils. The Clerk reported on a recent meeting, which had been addressed by Sophie Churchill, Chief Executive of the National Forest Company. A further subject was the distribution of grants towards concurrent expenses, when it had been indicated that there were no guarantees that the total amount would not change, either up or down. The main objective of the review was to be fair as between Parishes and the urban area, and between various Parish Councils. A draft scheme would be the subject of consultation in due course.

13 ACCOUNTS

13.1 Quarterly statement and year end accounts. The Council considered the report of the Responsible Financial Officer (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes). Noted.

13.2 Annual Return. RESOLVED: That the Annual Return be approved for submission to the District Auditor.

13.3 Internal Audit report. The report of the Internal Auditor was noted.

13.4 Accounts for Payment. Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1321	e-on	Gas to Village Hall	869.37	152.14	1021.51
*1322	M Aylett	Repairs to Village Hall and Pavilion	45.00		45.00
1323	L Baxter	Caretaker	454.23		454.23
1324	J M Summerfield	Litter	66.24		66.24
1325	T Stewart	Litter	132.48		132.48
1326	I Fraser	Internal audit fee	140.00		140.00
1327	M Aylett	Replace kitchen drainpipes	40.00		40.00
1328	S Fern	Painting Village Hall interior	2603.00		2603.00
1329	Paul Topliss Ltd	Service gas boilers and safety check	85.00		85.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	202.00		202.00

* These account had been paid between meetings as they were urgent.

13.5 Receipts. The following amounts have been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	197.00
Overseal Pre-school Playgroup	Use of Village Hall	828.00
St Matthews Football Club	Hire of pitch	50.00

13.6 Audit. The Council's bank statements, bills and other financial documents were examined.**14 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL**

There had been distraction burglaries by people posing as Water Board officials and this would be highlighted in the next edition.

15 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

15.1 Overgrown hedges. Hedges on both sides of footpath 18 (Moir Road to Daisy Lane) were overgrown and the Clerk was asked to request the owners to cut them back.

15.2 Play Area at the Village Hall. Mrs O'Brien reported that the awning had now been installed. As the grant for various works had not been forthcoming, the resurfacing of the play area would now be done with flagstones rather than tarmac. The Pre-school Playgroup would be responsible for maintenance and weed-killing.

15.3 Multi-Use Games Area. The bolts supporting the gates had not yet been secured and it was agreed to press for this to be done as soon as possible.

- 15.4 Ashby Woulds Regeneration Forum.** Mr Knight reported on a recent meeting of the Forum. A national award had been made to all concerned with the regeneration of the area, especially from an environmental point of view.
- 15.5 Public footpaths.** It was understood that a new path was to be created from Rawdon, via Conkers to the Youth Hostel and it was suggested that the Parish Council's plans to create a 'Famous Trees Walk' could join with that route. It was agreed to contact the Footpaths Officer at South Derbyshire District Council about funding for the project.
- 15.6 Village Hall grounds.** Parts of the grounds needed tidying and perhaps treatment to prevent their becoming untidy in the future. Consideration was deferred to the next meeting.
- 15.7 Notice-board.** The Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for the supply and erection of a notice-board at the Village Hall for consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chairman