

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 2 October 2008

Present: Mrs C M Knight - Chairman
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: Mr D MacMillan (PCSO)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Astle and Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council).

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

58 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

None was raised.

59 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

60 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

60.2 Land at Lullington Road. The request to the District Council for permission to use either or both pieces of land as wildflower meadows had resulted in the following response:

'The District Council is continuing to review the future options for the above land and is therefore not currently in a position to permit the Parish Council to commence use as a wildflower meadow. However when all potential uses have been appraised and options are reported to Committee I will ensure that the Parish's request is reported along with others received.'

60.3 Carbon Footprint project. The following information had been obtained from the District Council:

We have now received approximately 80 footprint calculations. They have been trickling in over the past few months so we wanted to wait until we have a reasonable amount in order to calculate the starting carbon footprint. We are hoping to calculate & announce the starting footprint at the beginning of October. The residents that have completed and submitted a carbon footprint questionnaire along with a Home Energy Calculation form will be advised of their footprint by post over the next two weeks.

We are also offering free loft and cavity wall insulation to residents of Overseal who are over 60 or in receipt of a qualifying benefit. Anyone not qualifying for the free insulation will be offered a £50 discount off each insulation measure. Vouchers will be sent to all the residents who have

completed a carbon footprint questionnaire and details of the discount/offers will also be included in the announcement of the starting footprint.

Members commented that the information pack had been ambiguous as regards eligibility for financial assistance towards the cost of insulation measures, and that some people had considered themselves not to be eligible as they were not in receipt of benefits. In fact, some assistance could be given to everybody.

60.4 Multi-use games area (MUGA). The Clerk reported that a certificate of practical completion had been issued by Groundwork, though some very minor works remained to be done. This meant that the MUGA now belonged to the Parish Council and the Clerk was arranging the necessary insurance cover. Members pointed out that the standard of some aspects was not satisfactory and an inspection would be carried out in the next few days to identify those things requiring attention by the contractors.

60.5 Tree planting on the Recreation Ground. Mr Knight reported that he had been promised a grant towards the cost of supplying and planting trees on the Recreation Ground and Members considered the type and location. It was agreed to plant a row of fruit trees along the bank between the two football pitches. Mr Patrick agreed to obtain quotations for the supply of the necessary trees, stakes, planting compost etc.

61 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

61.1 District Council. Overhanging branches at the car park in Woodville Road would be reported to the District Council for action.

61.2 Police. Mr MacMillan reported that crime statistics were very low and gave an outline of incidents which had occurred recently.

62 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

0438 Demolition and rebuilding of existing dwellinghouse, 159 Moira Road

0544 Residential development, land r/o 137-147 Woodville Road

0667 Repair of 3 ground floor windows and replacement of 3 first floor windows, The Elms, 16 Acresford Road (also Listed Building consent)

Applications for decision:

0945 Conversion of a garage into living accommodation at Holmes Cottage, 47 Valley Road. Supported.

0959 Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 4 bedrooed detached house with basement and new front wall and railings, 157 Moira Road. Supported.

0960 Demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of new house (revised plans) 159 Moira Road. Supported.

63 CORRESPONDENCE

63.1 Young Achievers Award 2008. The County Council had invited nominations by 17 October. Criteria were that youngsters should have shown extraordinary:

- Bravery in fighting an illness or living with a disability;
- Kindness in helping others;
- Commitment to improving their school, community or local environment;
- Sporting, musical, artistic or academic success.

Noted.

63.2 Half term holiday sports provision. The District Council were arranging for the Sportsmobile and Playmobile to visit the Village Hall grounds on Friday 31 October from 11 am to 3 pm. There would be no charge to either the Council or participants.

63.3 Asbestos surveys. The Clerk reported on surveys of the Village Hall, Pavilion and Changing Rooms. The report was received and, as the 3 items identified by the inspectors were considered to pose no risk unless disturbed, it was agreed to take no action but to monitor them from time to time.

63.4 Meeting with Arriva. Mr M A Knight and Mr M S Patrick would represent the Council at a meeting to attend a meeting with Arriva.

63.5 Funding for minor improvements to the village. Mrs Lauro had previously reported that small grants could be available for projects which would improve the village and a list had been prepared. Mr Knight would summarise these in a suitable package.

64 ACCOUNTS**64.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1372	L Baxter	Caretaker	442.65		442.65
1373	J M Summerfield	Litter	66.24		66.24
1374	T Stewart	Litter	132.48		132.48
1375	J E White	Salary & expenses	1229.58		1229.58
1376	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	299.89		299.89
1377	M Aylett	Repairs to changing rooms roof	55.00		55.00
1378	KH Packaging & Disposables Ltd	Toilet supplies	46.52	8.14	54.66
1379	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	12.54		12.54
1380	CSS	Asbestos surveys	723.00	126.53	849.53
1381	St Matthew's PCC	Grant towards churchyard maintenance	280.00		280.00

D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	206.00		206.00
D/D	BT	Telephone bill	41.61	7.28	48.89

64.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	377.83
Pre-school Playgroup	Use of Village Hall	1020.00
Overseal Bowls Club	Use of Pavilion & green	300.00
Gresley Rovers Junior Football Club	Use of pitch and changing rooms	250.00

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

65 ITEMS FOR *FREE FOR ALL*

None was identified.

66 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

66.1 Bonfire night. It was agreed to extend the opening of the public toilets on Sunday 2 November to 7 p.m.

66.2 Street nameplate. The sign on Acresford Road opposite the former Post Office was leaning and would be reported to the District Council.

66.3 Parking, Valley Road. A problem had recurred at the junction with Lullington Road; the PCSO would be asked to investigate and take appropriate action.

66.4 Use of Village Hall. The school had sought permission to use the Village Hall for their production in June 2009, free of charge. This was agreed and the school would notify the Pre-school Playgroup of the date to avoid a double booking.

66.5 National Forest meeting. The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with the National Forest Company. Their intentions included increasing the sporting and recreational opportunities available locally.

66.6 Almshouses. A long-standing vacancy was likely to be filled in the near future.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

Chairman