

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 November 2007

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), Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council) and Mr I Hutchinson (Crown Surveillance Ltd, for item 76 only).

74 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

75 MEMBERSHIP

No expressions of interest had been received. It was agreed to take no further action for the time being but to consider advertising again early in 2008.

76 CCTV.

Mr I Hutchinson of Crown Surveillance Ltd attended the meeting to discuss the CCTV installation.

He explained that picture quality depended upon the width of the field of view as well as lighting conditions. At present, the cameras were set to cover a relatively wide field of view to include roof areas in some cases and therefore detail might be insufficient. To improve matters, the field of view would have to be narrowed.

Following Mr Hutchinson's departure from the meeting, it was agreed that further adjustments would be made to the cameras to see whether enough improvement could be made. An alternative supplier was believed to have equipment which produced higher quality results and these would also be investigated.

77 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

77.1 Bollards, Burton Road. The County Council had said that no action would be taken to increase the number of bollards near to the junction with Coronation Street. The reflective posts near to the junction were to highlight the edge of the carriageway and the junction for motorists while concrete bollards were to deter parking. When the Highways Technician had called, she had not seen a problem with parking on the footpath opposite the supermarket but suggested that the Police be asked to take action against this on the basis of obstruction.

It was pointed out that the main problem was that the plastic bollards near to Coronation Street had been damaged and that more substantial ones were required; the County Council would be asked to reconsider this aspect. Members also suggested that the owners of the supermarket be asked to designate the two access as 'In ' and 'Out' as this would improve safety.

It was also suggested that photographs be taken to provide evidence of the problems caused by large vehicles being parked on the footpath opposite the supermarket.

- 77.2 Car park signs.** The signs were to be replaced with others mounted on the height restriction barriers.
- 77.3 Public toilets.** The Clerk reported that the toilets would be opened regularly in future and that the lights were timer controlled. The District Council would be asked to replace the wood installed in the broken window with glass or plastic, so as to improve the appearance.
- 77.4 Village Hall – painting.** The Pre-school Playgroup had completed painting the walls etc in the back room and Members expressed their thanks for this help.

78 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

Members asked Mrs Lauro about Derbyshire County Council's position as regards the application to divert part of footpath 29 at Shortheath. She had been informed that both the District Council and the Parish Council had been consulted by Derbyshire County Council about the diversion whereas both Councils had said that they had not received such communications. Mrs Lauro had also contacted the Chair of the relevant committee about the process. Mr Grant would contact the Footpaths Officer at South Derbyshire District Council and seek clarification about the lack of consultation.

79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission has been granted for:

0732 Change of use from private domestic swimming pool to dual use to private/commercial in order to provide swimming lessons at 22 Gorseley Lees. (Conditions restricting times to 9.30/9.30pm Mondays – Fridays, 9.30/5.30 Saturdays and not on Sundays or public holidays; also reduce height of boundary hedge at access and widen access)

Applications for decision

1141 Demolition of single storey extension and garage and erection of a bungalow including access and parking in the rear garden of 149 Woodville Road. The Council was concerned at the narrowness of the access and the tandem development, together with the potential adverse effects on neighbouring properties through overlooking.

1173 Dormer bungalow and garage, land r/o 106 Woodville Road. The plans appear to relate to a bungalow which had already been erected and sold. (Application no 9/2006/452 – previously withdrawn). If the application was correct, the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, though permission should have been obtained well before this. If it related to another bungalow to be built between the original property and that shown on the plan, the Parish Council would object strongly as this would create three dwellings on the original site and would be over-intensive.

80 RIGHTS OF WAY

The Chairman reported that the Footpaths Officer had been very helpful and that he would be dealing with all of the obstructions and other matters raised with him. The possibility of a new path from Forest View to the Towpath Site had been explored and a Village Walk, incorporating local history, was also a possibility. A walk on New Year's Day to 'Beat the Bounds' of the parish, during which paths on the parish boundary would be walked, was to be arranged.

81 VILLAGE HALL INSPECTION

The Clerk reported on progress towards dealing with the items identified during the previous inspection. A further inspection would be scheduled for the next meeting, but a good start had been made.

82 CORRESPONDENCE

82.1 Linton Area Committee. The next meeting of the Committee would be held at Coton-in-the-Elms on Tuesday 4 December 2007. The Clerk reported that meetings from April 2008 would be based on the County Divisions.

83 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council considered draft Financial Regulations (copies previously circulated). These were in accordance with the model submitted to the previous meeting, to which certain amendments had been made to suit local circumstances.

RESOLVED: That the draft be approved as submitted (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

84 ACCOUNTS**84.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1261	Powergen	Gas to Village Hall	94.76	4.74	99.50
1262	Audit Commission	Audit fee for 2006/7 accounts	400.00	70.00	470.00
1263	L Baxter	Caretaker	382.35		382.35
1264	J M Summerfield	Litter	66.24		66.24
1265	T Stewart	Litter	132.48		132.48
1266	South Derbyshire District Council	Summer sports provision	515.00		515.00
1267	Powergen	Electricity to Village Hall	467.96	81.89	549.85
1268	M Bright	Seal Village Hall floor	1800.00		1800.00
1269	R O'Brien	Reimburse paint for Village Hall	134.46		134.46
1270	Central Doors Ltd	Replace roller shutter	747.00	130.73	877.73
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	198.00		198.00

84.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	371.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Interest on deposit (balance)	599.16
NatWest Bank	Interest	98.48
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	1303.08

South Derbyshire District Council	S.136 and refunds	Lengthsman	8427.60
St Matthew's Football Club	Wreath refund		16.00

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

85 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

The telephone number of South Derbyshire District Council's Clean Team would be published (0800 587 2349).

86 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

86.1 MUGA. Attention was drawn to the revised siting of the MUGA and the Clerk was asked to ensure that there was sufficient room for vehicles to drive between the MUGA and the top of the embankment.

86.2 Milepost. The person who had removed the milepost from Burton Road for safe keeping would pass it on to the Council upon receipt of an appropriate letter. Members wished to arrange for the milepost to be refurbished and reinstated and the necessary finance would be included in next year's draft budget.

86.3 Village History. Mr Knight drew attention to a number of projects which could together form part of a visual history of the village.

- The gas lamp near to Magnaseal could be restored and its significance referred to in a plaque;
- There were several stones bearing the names of local people associated with the former Methodist Chapel and these had been stored for some time; they could be incorporated in a memorial or similar structure near to the school, again with a suitable explanation;
- Trees could be planted along the boundary between the two football pitches, taken from cuttings from ancient trees, as was done with the Millennium Yews;

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman