

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 10 November 2005

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

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G S Knight, Mrs N Lees and Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

74 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record subject to the correction of Minute No. 63 (Planning Applications) to say that application no.0694 relating to 149 Woodville Road had been refused.

75 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

75.1 Play area – painting of equipment. The District Council had said that the equipment belonged to the Parish Council and that, therefore, the residents' offer to repaint it was a matter for decision by the Parish Council. However, at a meeting with District Council Officers held a few days previously to discuss the replacement of equipment, District Council officers had advised that the swings, which had been removed for safety reasons, could not be replaced as they were not up to present standards. Some remedial work had been carried out to the safety surface.

The officers had suggested that total replacement of the equipment was the best way forward as the remaining existing equipment was old and not in the best condition. A recent new play area at Linton might serve as a model and they undertook to see whether a similar project could be provided at the existing play area at Overseal, with or without a small extension.

Members decided to await this information and to make preliminary enquiries about grant aid towards the project in the meantime. An explanation of the reasons for not replacing the swings would also be included in the *Free for All*.

75.2 Third bridge/A.444 traffic. A meeting of representatives of four Parish Councils had been held on 1 November. It was common ground that the third bridge would almost certainly go ahead and that it would discharge traffic onto A.444 unless an alternative route more directly linking A.38 with A.42 were established. It was likely that these and other interested Parish Councils would set up an Action Group and invite Parish Councils to work through it as well as carrying on their own efforts.

76 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

County Council. Mrs Lauro referred to the plan to implement traffic calming, including a 20 mph zone, in Woodville Road near to the school. Of 130 residents consulted, 56 had supported the scheme and 4 had opposed it; subject to the Parish Council's comments, the County Council were to proceed to make the necessary Order.

Mrs Lauro also referred to the Third Bridge/A.444 traffic matter, which had been discussed at the recent Linton Area Committee. Mr J Seymour of Derbyshire County Council would be making a presentation about this at the next such meeting.

The A.444 Burton Road was to be resurfaced between Coronation Street and just beyond Green Lane, with the work being carried out in February 2006. Work should take no more than a week.

Members asked Mrs Lauro to report diesel spillage on the road near to 86 Woodville Road.

Police. The Clerk reported crime statistics for the month, provided by the Beat Officer.

77 MEMBERSHIP

An invitation would be included in the next edition of the *Free for All* for residents to express an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision

0951/2 Conversion and extension of existing building to form a dwelling, Unit 2, Overseal Manor, Hallcroft Avenue. Supported.

1223 Erection of a terrace of four dwellings, land adjoining 29 Coronation Street. Although there had been some changes since the previous application, the development proposed would be too dense for this small plot and existing traffic problems would be exacerbated. The Parish Council also anticipated that there would still be objections from immediate neighbours on the grounds of overlooking.

The Parish Council considered that, if the principle of development of this plot were conceded, then a smaller number of detached two-storey houses could be built, having less impact on the neighbours and would be more in keeping with the scale and appearance of the surrounding properties. For these reasons, the Parish Council objected to this application.

1224 Detached dwelling, land adjoining 29 Coronation Street.. The development proposed for the whole site, of which this application was part, would be too dense for this small plot and existing traffic problems would be exacerbated.

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1320 Extension at 4 Park Road. Supported.

79 CORRESPONDENCE

79.1 DALC subscription. DALC had notified a subscription for 2006/7 of £341.14, an increase of 13%. 3.13% was a NALC increase and the 10% increase from DALC in part reflected the return to 24 hours per week (from 12) of the Secretary/Treasurer. This should mean greater availability to assist member Councils. It was agreed to include this in the budget for next year.

7.2 Traffic calming, Woodville Road. The County Council had consulted on a scheme for traffic calming, consisting of 5 speed platforms between the residential home and the last property at the bottom of the hill, together with a 20 mph zone for the same length of road. The Council strongly supported the proposals on the basis that it should have a significant effect on both the numbers of HGVs using Woodville Road and traffic speeds generally, thereby improving safety.

79.3 East Midlands Regional Plan. The East Midlands Regional Assembly had prepared a consultation document on options for change to the existing Plan. The content must follow, but not simply repeat, national planning strategy and should not be as detailed as Local Plans. There did not seem to be any change which would affect Overseal other than it would be included in a sub-area based on South Derbyshire, Derby City and Amber Valley. The main thrust of the Plan was to determine house building allocations and the various options are summarised below. The Derby City area would, in fact, be part of an area called The Three Cities, with Leicester and Nottingham being included.

Area	Current annual build	Trend	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	3a	3b	3c
Derby	560	710	570	610	700	710	760	870	860	910	1050
Amber Valley	410	470	380	340	350	470	420	450	560	510	540
South Derbys	698	620	490	470	490	620	590	610	740	700	730

The intention was to concentrate building on the urban areas. Noted.

79.4 Bowls Club. The Club had asked the Council to reconsider re-siting the Youth Shelter, pointing out that they were the only people presently affected. The request was carefully considered but declined in view of the general success of the project.

79.5 Greenwatch Awards. The County Council were inviting nominations for these awards, aimed at people who deserved public recognition for land management, minimising waste and energy conservation. No action.

79.6 Use of the Village Hall. The organisers of the monthly auctions had asked whether they may hold a further 4 events per year. Agreed.

79.7 Roadworks to A.444 Burton Road. The County Council had given notice of major re-surfacing work to be carried out in the early part of 2006. The length of road affected was between Coronation Street and Linton Heath.

80 MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

81 GOVERNANCE

The Council considered the report of the Clerk (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes). The report was approved. It was suggested that a leaflet could be circulated as a supplement to the *Free for All* in April, explaining the services carried out by the Parish Council, to coincide with the issue of the Council Tax bills. This was agreed.

82 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2004/5.

The District Auditor had issued an unqualified report, but had recommended that the fidelity guarantee insurance be increased from £20,000 to an amount equivalent to the year end balance plus 50% of the precept. This totalled £37,500 and the Clerk had asked the Insurance Company for a quotation. Members were please to receive a further unqualified audit report.

83 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**83.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

*1010	Powergen	Electricity to the Village Hall	£461.43
*1011	L Baxter	Caretaker	£413.90
*1012	M Latham	Litter	£80.00
*1013	Mrs J M Summerfield	Litter	£53.03
1014	Powergen	Electricity to old changing rooms	£20.31
1015	Moira Replan	Photocopying & stationery	£143.41
1016	G Edwards	Part reimburse refreshments for Remembrance Sunday	£10.00
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates – Village Hall & changing rooms	£176.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet services	£23.95

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

83.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	£790.00
Overseal Junior Football Club	Use of pitch for 2005/6	£200.00

83.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.**84 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL**

No additional items.

85 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**85.1 Minutes.** A Member enquired why the Minutes were no longer being included in the website; the school had been asked to assist in restoring the facility and the Clerk would pursue this.

- 85.2 Caravan, Lullington Road.** It was reported that a caravan was again sited on land at the edge of the village and may be being used as a dwelling. This would be reported to the District Council for checking.
- 85.3 Street cleaning.** The District Council would be asked to arrange a sweep of Woodville Road after prior notice had been given to residents to move their cars. The gullies also needed cleaning.
- 85.4 Tennis courts.** A recent survey of young people had placed tennis as the most popular additional facility and it was suggested that the Council's land at Main Street could be used in part as a suitable site. Enquiries would be made as to the possibility of grant assistance for such a project.
- 85.5 Bonfire Celebrations.** Mr Patrick extended the Gala Committee's thanks for the use of the recreation ground and Village Hall for the celebrations, which had been very successful. He had been asked whether future such events could include a small fair sited on the Village Hall car park. Members agreed with the principle provided that arrangements could be made to avoid a clash with other users.
- 85.6 Allotments.** The hedge by the track leading to the allotments was still overgrown and the Clerk was asked to press for early attention.
- 85.7 Mrs Susan Bell.** The Chief Executive of the National Forest Company was to retire early in 2006 and the Council agreed to write to thank her for all her work in establishing the Forest and many other improvements to the area.
- 85.8 Planning matters.** Two businesses appeared to be carried on at addresses in Burton Road and a large workshop had been erected. The District Council would be asked to check whether any planning permissions were required.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chairman