

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 5 October 2006

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

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs N Lees and Mrs M E Hall

61 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

62 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Land at Lullington Road. Contact had been made with the National Forest about possible alternative uses of the Parish Council's land. Members were aware of the Tender Scheme and no other suggestions had yet been received.

63 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

63.1 County Council. Mrs Lauro asked about the re-profiled speed bumps at Woodville Road and was informed that these were effective in slowing traffic. The bus shelter near to the supermarket at Burton Road had a glass panel broken for some time. Mrs Lauro agreed to report this. The Parish Council had previously requested provision of traffic lights at the junction of Lullington Road and Burton Road as the visibility when emerging from Lullington Road was very restricted. While this had been refused, traffic using this junction had increased and Mrs Lauro agreed to ask the County Council to re-examine the position.

A Member pointed out that Burton could be expanded by 12,000 houses under plans issued recently, it was believed, by Staffordshire County Council. If so, this would have a very significant impact on traffic on the A.444.

63.2 District Council. It was reported that weeds were growing through the safety surface of the new play area and that there was graffiti. The Clerk would report this to the District Council for action.

Mrs Hall had informed the Clerk that quotations for link fencing at the car park were being sought. Members considered that, if this referred to chain link fencing, it would be false economy and that the appearance would be unattractive. The District Council would be asked for clarification and, if appropriate, advised of the Parish Council's preference for metal railings, which would be more economical in the long term.

Weed treatment of the gutters in all the roads was due in October, so Coronation Street would be treated as part of this. The proposed diversion of the footpath at Shortheath had resulted in many written objections and the Rights of Way Officer was looking carefully at the implications.

- 63.3 Police.** Members had received several complaints that P.C. Staley could not be contacted and there had been serious incidents recently where local intervention would have been preferable. It had been suggested that he should be present at the Village Hall at specified times so that residents could report matters directly to him. The Inspector at Swadlincote would be asked whether this was feasible.

64 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

- 0724 Toilet and shower block, The Conifers, Park Road
0725 Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a detached dwelling, 11/12 Gorsey Lees
0818 Conversion of garage into living accommodation, 2 Woodlands Road
0837 Conservatory, 4 Daisy Lane
0849 Extension at 185 Acresford Road
0945(2005) Retention of enlarged garage, The Gate House, Moira Road

As regards application no. 0724, Members were concerned that if the original application for a caravan had been for a dwelling, it would have been refused as the site was outside the village boundary. The caravan on the site was in effect a mobile home, though not truly mobile and could be expected to have toilet and bathing facilities. The need for a toilet block could lead to this becoming a touring caravan site or similar. These comments would be relayed to the District Council.

Permission has been refused for:

- 0159 Erection of B8 repository and associated offices, service area, park and landscaping, land south of Park Road. (Countryside policies)
0784 Security fencing and gates together with widening the access at Spring Meadows Holding, Lullington Road. (Unacceptable impact on landscape – contrary to countryside policies)

Application for decision

- 1091 Extension at 274 Burton Road. Supported.

65 ALLOTMENTS

Following the site meeting at the allotments, the report of the Clerk was considered (copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the quotation of DSK Engineering (Midlands) Ltd for provision of gates and a fence in the sum of £1050 be accepted;
(b) That a short length of fence adjacent to the rear boundary of properties in Coronation Street be provided in case the Council wished to provide pedestrian access in the future.

66 CORRESPONDENCE

- 66.1 Meetings.** The next Police Liaison Committee would be held at Melbourne Leisure Centre on Tuesday 17 October from 7.30 and the meeting between South Derbyshire District Council and Parish Councils would be held at the Civic Offices on Wednesday 18 October from 6.30.

- 66.2 CVS services.** A range of leaflets about CVS services had been obtained. They included the Social Car Scheme, children & family services, Community Development etc.
- 66.3 Young Achievers Award.** The County Council had invited nominations for these Awards by 27 October. They were for youngsters who had shown extraordinary bravery in fighting illness, kindness in helping others, commitment to improving their school, community or local environment, or sporting, artistic or academic success.
- 66.4 Pre-school Playgroup.** The Playgroup had asked to use the Village Hall for additional sessions in some afternoons, due to increased demand for their services. The Caretaker had said that Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons could be made available on a regular basis, with each session lasting 2 ½ hours, the same as the morning sessions. It was agreed to allow these extra sessions at the same charge as for the morning sessions (£12.00), subject to the school being given priority for their regular two events per year on reasonable notice being given to the Playgroup.
- 66.5 Play equipment.** Enquiries had been made of the District Council about the possibility of additional equipment suitable for older children. The District Council had recently erected a multi play unit for the older children (aged 8-16) at Arthur Street, Castle Gresley and were about to do the same at Chestnut Avenue. These were outside and not add-ons to the enclosed areas and cost in the region of £12,000. It was possible that the District Council could help to finance such provision with the Parish Council making a contribution.
- Members commented that a current trend was to encourage 'natural play', and it was thought that the Nature Reserve might accommodate this.
- RESOLVED:
- (a) That the District Council be asked to assist with providing an additional multi-play unit at an estimated cost of £12,000;
 - (b) That £4,000 capital be reserved for the Parish Council's contribution to this project;
 - (c) That the possibility of providing a further piece of equipment for those in the 12-18 year range be examined.
- 66.6 Age discrimination.** From 1 October 2006, regulations would preclude discrimination on the grounds of age in employment and vocational training. Among other things, notice must be given to all employees about the Regulations and copies of a DALC circular detailing them had been sent to all employees. The key issues were that the regulations would apply to people of all ages, not just older people (e.g. it would be unlawful to advertise for an 'office junior' or for a 'mature person'); there was a presumed retirement age of 65, though an employee may request continued employment and the employer would have a duty to consider this request; and claims for wrongful dismissal may be made at any age and compensation would be unlimited. The new provisions were noted.
- 66.7 National Minimum Wage.** From 1 October, the National Minimum Wage for adults would be £5.35 per hour.

67 ACCOUNTS**67.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1123	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	263.85		263.85
1124	South Derbyshire District Council	Green sacks for litter	195.20	34.16	229.36
*1125	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	7.73		7.73
1126	L Baxter	Caretaker	374.24		374.24
1127	M Latham	Litter	80.00		80.00
1128	J M Summerfield	Litter	60.60		60.60
1129	J E White	Salary & expenses	1114.64		1114.64
1130	BT	Telephone rental	41.15	7.20	48.35
1131	Inland Revenue	PAYE	295.56		295.56
1132	L Kirby	Caretaker duties	50.50		50.50
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.36
D/D	SDDC	Rates	191.00		191.00

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

67.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	323.00
Pre-school Playgroup	Use of Village Hall	684.00
Junior Football Club	Use of pitch by 2 teams	133.00
NatWest Bank	Interest	56.59

67.3 Audit. The Council's financial documents were available for inspection.

68 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Information that the Parish Council were looking at providing play equipment for older children.

69 LAND AT LULLINGTON ROAD

It was reported that the National Forest had approved a piece of land off Lullington Road for tree planting under their Tender Scheme and that preliminary works had commenced. This was noted.

The District Council would be asked whether they were in a position to progress the sale of the frontage land.

70 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

70.1 Council for Voluntary Service. Mrs Knight would continue her affiliation to the CVS and report as necessary to the Council.

70.2 Matters for the County Council. There were overhanging branches at Moira Road and at Main Street. Also, pavement repairs were needed at the junction of Stanleigh Road and Woodville Road.

70.3 Ashby Woulds Forum. Mr Neal reported on a recent meeting. The National Forest's bid to the Lottery Fund had not been successful but they were still pursuing some parts of the project

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

Chairman