

# OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 6 September 2007

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

**In attendance:** Cllr J Grant (South Derbyshire District Council), PCSO's D MacMillan and Ms M Beeston.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr S C Sharpe.

## 49 MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk reported that he had received the resignation of Mrs E Evans because of ill health. Members asked that a letter be sent to Mrs Evans thanking her for her public service and wishing her a return to good health.

## 50 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record, subject to Minute 40 (District Council matters) being corrected to refer to twice weekly collections of litter rather than plastic bags. It was noted that a container for plastic bags was still required.

## 51 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**51.1 Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).** The grant application to the Community Partnership had been submitted in the Parish Council's name on Monday 6 August and had been approved by the Panel. Subject to confirmation by the relevant Committee, all funding for the project appeared to be in place.

**51.2 DALC Executive Committee.** Following the recent postal ballot, Cllr D Adams (Hartshorne), Cllr Mrs C Barker (Barrow upon Trent) and Cllr Mrs S Jackson (Castle Gresley) were elected to the Executive Committee for the period 2007 – 2011.

**51.3 South Derbyshire District Council Standards Committee.** Cllr Mrs C Barker (Barrow upon Trent ) and Cllr Mrs H M Scott-South (Melbourne) were elected as representatives to this Committee, with Cllr K J Fairbrother (Castle Gresley) and Cllr K Overton (Willington) as substitutes.

**51.4 CCTV equipment.** The equipment had been installed and final adjustments were being made. The security lights for the front of the building had recently been fitted. The Clerk would be checking with the Police that the picture quality was adequate to support a prosecution if necessary before paying the final account.

## 52 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

**County Council.** A Member requested that the County Council be asked to replace the plastic bollards on Burton Road near to the junction with Coronation Street with concrete ones and that more be provided. The existing bollards were constantly damaged and large vehicles still parked on the path further along Burton Road opposite the supermarket.

**District Council.** It was reported that car repairs were being carried out at premises in Woodville Road and this would be referred to the Planning Authority for investigation as complaints of noise had been received. Car sales were evidently being made from premises in Acresford Road, including use of the grass verge for display.

Damage was being caused to four newly planted trees at Bailey Avenue by thorough strimming the adjacent grass area; Cllr Grant agreed to press for more care to be taken.

The empty shop in Woodville Road had an untidy frontage and the rear of the premises was badly overgrown. Cllr Grant agreed to see what could be done to improve the position.

**Police.** HGVs were using Woodville Road and Lullington Road regularly and it appeared that most were flouting the weight restrictions. Mr MacMillan would refer this to the Traffic Division for investigation.

Members expressed their thanks to Mr MacMillan for setting up the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Woodlands Crescent.

## 53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Permission had been granted for:

0635 Erection of a garage r/o Eaton House, Moira Road

0648 Erection of a shed/barn 219a Burton Road

0650 Retention of a dwelling in a revised location, with associated access and parking, land adjacent to 49 Valley Road

0676 Conservatory, 16 Edward Street

### Permission had been refused for:

0561 Detached garage, 5 Alice Gardens (Trees protected by a TPO)

0619 12.5m high timber monopole including 3 antennas, Former UAX building adjoining 70 Burton Road (given the close proximity to neighbouring properties, the mast would have an overbearing impact)

### Applications for decision

0905 Extensions at 2 Burton Road. Supported after consultation.

0990 Erection of a B8 repository and associated offices, service area, park and landscaping, land to the south of Park Road. Supported. It was pointed out that the original permission had been accompanied by a S.106 Agreement requiring the adjoining public right of way to be metalled and that this had not been done.

0985 Retrospective application for amended house types for Plots B1, B2 and B3, land adjoining 29 Coronation Street. Supported.

## 54 CORRESPONDENCE

**54.1 Bowls Club.** Neighbours had been consulted about the Club's proposal to site a building adjacent to the Pavilion and two comments were reported to the meeting. Written confirmation had been received that no planning permission was required.

Both neighbours were concerned about the loss of view because the building would be sited parallel to the road and one suggested that it be sited elsewhere to minimise the loss. It was agreed to discuss siting further with the Bowls Club before making a final decision.

**54.2 HGVs, Spring Cottage.** An application had been made to the Traffic Commissioners to station 4 heavy goods vehicles on the former Suttons Offices site at Spring Cottage. North West Leicestershire District Council had been consulted but objections made on planning grounds were generally not successful. As the comments period had ended on 22 August, an objection had been made unless a condition was imposed preventing the vehicles from travelling through the village. The grounds were based on Woodville Road being a narrow residential street with many parked vehicles, a primary school, play area, recreation ground, Village Hall and a 20 mph speed limit during school hours, as well as speed bumps and a weight restriction.

The Traffic Commissioners had responded that Parish Councils may not make representations but that 'local authorities' may. The Clerk had therefore contacted both SDDC and NWLDC seeking their support. Also, representations from people or organisations with property in the vicinity of the site were taken into account, and the proximity of the site to the Recreation Ground and Village Hall had been put forward.

**54.3 DALC AGM.** All Members were invited to the AGM to be held at County Hall, Matlock on Saturday 15 September at 11.00 am. Noted.

**54.4 Request for donation.** Victim Support Derbyshire had requested a donation towards their work. It was based in Derby and Derby & South Derbyshire was one of their four branches. A donation of £50 was agreed.

**54.5 Street naming.**

**54.5.1 Grotto Farm development.** The District Council had asked for views on suggestions for the development at Grotto Farm and because of the short response time, Members had been consulted. One suggestion was almost universally unpopular, but names based on either Manor School View or something incorporating Grotto were supported.

**54.5.2 Coronation Street.** The suggested name of Johns Court for the development at the rear of 29 Coronation Street had been discounted at the last meeting and Victoria Close or Victoria Court had been suggested to the District Council. The Developer had subsequently requested Deans Court, and apparently the connection was that a Dean is involved in coronations. This seemed rather tenuous so the Council's original preferences were re-stated.

The District Council had now agreed to name the development Victoria Court.

**54.6 Minerals Preferred Sites.** A publication had been received from the County Council setting out their preferences for minerals extraction sites, the nearest being at Willington. Noted.

**55 CODE OF CONDUCT.**

The Council considered the Model Code of Conduct (copies previously circulated). The Clerk reported that, if no action were taken, the new Code would come into effect automatically on 1 October. There was conflicting advice from various sources with some advocating that Parish Councils should adopt the Code without amendment and others that the non-mandatory sections should be omitted, particularly paragraph 12(2).

After detailed consideration, the view was taken that sections which appeared to be irrelevant to Parish Councils should nevertheless be retained as they

would not have any impact in any event. However, paragraph 12(2) was not mandatory and would require considerable changes to procedure.

RESOLVED:

That the Code of Conduct be adopted with immediate effect subject to omission of paragraph 12(2) and other minor deletions from paragraphs 1(4)(c), 11(a) and 11(b) which referred to executive and area committees.

The Clerk issued revised Registration of Interests forms to all members present.

## 56 ALLOTMENTS.

The Clerk reported that the holder of Plot 18 had given up the allotment as she was unable to maintain it to a reasonable standard and it had been re-let to a resident of Moira Road. As the plot was overgrown and in accordance with the Council's previous practice, no rent was being charged for the remainder of this year.

## 57 VILLAGE HALL FLOOR.

Quotations for sanding and sealing the floor had been received.

RESOLVED: That the lower quotation from Bright Wood Flooring of Gedling in the sum of £1800 be accepted.

## 58 ACCOUNTS

### 58.1 Accounts for payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1242	Powergen	Gas to Village Hall	55.10	2.76	57.86
1243	L Baxter	Caretaker	372.79		372.79
1244	J M Summerfield	Litter	80.25		80.25
1245	T Stewart	Litter	160.50		160.50
1246	St Matthews PCC	Additional grant towards churchyard mowing	30.00		30.00
1247	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	Repairs to Rec'n Ground fence and Village Hall gate	80.00	14.00	94.00
1248	Crown Surveillance Ltd	CCTV and security lights	5876.68	1028.41	6905.09
1249	M Guest	Clearance of rights of way	250.00		250.00
1250	Victim Support Derbyshire	Donation	50.00		50.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	South Derbyshire District Council	Rates	198.00		198.00

\* This account was paid between meetings as it was urgent.

**58.2 Receipts**

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	134.00
Derbyshire County Council	Youth Club – use of Village Hall	330.00
Overseal Junior Football Team	Part rent 2007/8	18.75
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT refund	2748.70

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

**59 INSPECTION OF THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Members undertook a thorough inspection of the Village Hall and its surroundings to identify any shortcomings and a list of repairs, cleaning etc. was prepared, including items for consideration for next year's budget.

**60 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL**

The CCTV system and Multi-Use Games Area would both be the subject of short items.

**61 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**61.1 Multi-Use Games Area.** Residents had suggested that the MUGA should be provided with flood-lighting as this would enable its use during the evenings, especially in winter. This would be suggested to the facilitators, who would be asked to investigate the costs of provision and the possibility of grants if the work were to be done at the same time as construction of the MUGA.

**61.2 Grotto Farm development.** It was reported that the problems with work starting on this site very early in the morning had largely been overcome.

**61.3 Notice-board at the Village Hall.** It was agreed to establish the likely cost of a public notice-board for consideration for next year's budget.

**61.4 Footpaths map.** Mr Knight had produced large scale maps of public rights of way in the Parish and these would be used as the basis for ensuring that the paths were kept accessible and properly signed. Members each agreed to walk some paths and prepare reports.

**61.5 Milepost, Burton Road.** An original milepost had been removed some time ago when work was carried out which might have caused damage. It was agreed to try to obtain the post and to take steps to secure its restoration.

**61.6 Youth Shelter.** The Youth Shelter was badly marked with graffiti and it was suggested that the Youth Service might encourage users to repaint it if the Parish Council were to provide the materials.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm

**Chairman**