

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 September 2005

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

In attendance: Mrs M E Hall (South Derbyshire District Council).

50 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2005, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

51 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

51.1 Common Land. The Countryside Agency had confirmed that there were no areas of Registered Common Land in Overseal. The area on the map marked AL referred to Access Land, over which the public would presumably have rights of access. However, the Countryside Agency did not deal with that form of access, which was under other legislation.

51.2 Refuse collection from the Village Hall. Arrangements had been made for a larger bin.

51.3 Lengthsman. Mrs Summerfield had accepted the appointment and started work on 15 August 2005. The necessary paperwork had been completed.

51.4 Public footpath, Park Road – Towpath Site. The landowner had now been contacted and had agreed to inspect the path and to arrange for the brambles etc to be cut back so as to make the path useable. He was aware that the path should be surfaced and was considering his approach to this. No action had been taken to date and the owner would be contacted again.

51.5 Tourist caravan site, Park Road. The District Council said that the caravans on this site may be semi-permanent in nature and they may be brought to the site in not more than two sections. The question of prolonged occupancy was currently being considered in relation to this land. The question of waste disposal had been referred on to Derbyshire County Council and the Environment Agency.

Members were extremely concerned about this matter because they had understood that the site was to be for touring caravans only. While it was appreciated that it would be feasible to have a large mobile home and to use it for tourists only, the probability was that they would be used for permanent dwellings unless the planning authority were to ensure that this did not happen. Mrs Hall agreed to check the wording of the permission and to express the Parish Council's concerns to the Planning Officer.

51.6 37 Valley Road. The District Council had originally considered that the building work at this property needed planning permission and Building Regulation approval and had asked the owner either to remove the building or to submit the necessary applications. However, they had subsequently ascertained that the extension occupied part of the site of a previous extension, which had been part of the dwelling. Because of this and size constraints, it was permitted development and required Building Regulations approval only.

51.7 BT inspection chamber, Woodville Road. The County Council had confirmed that they had given instructions to their contractor to connect the BT chamber to a suitable drain. However, they could not break into BT's chamber and were waiting for them to provide a suitable outlet, which should happen shortly. Noted.

52 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

Members reported that the recycling service was working very well, though there was still a problem with waste plastic. Although the container was emptied twice weekly, there was still a surplus and it appeared that a third collection was necessary. This would be referred to the District Council.

Mrs Hall agreed to press for the land at Edward Street over which an unauthorised footpath had been constructed, to be adopted by the District Council and for the path to be blocked. This would ensure that the official right of way (footpath No. 4) was used as intended.

The proposed joint meeting of several Parish Councils to discuss the effects of the third bridge was considered. An initial meeting with representatives from Walton on Trent, Lullington, Coton, Netherseal, Linton and Lullington Parish Councils plus representatives from Drakelow would be organised so as to consider a joint approach to the problem. Mrs Hall would also be invited to attend the meeting.

53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications for decision

0906 Extension at 141 Shortheath. Following consultation with Members, this application has been supported.

0925 Conservatory at 10 Forest View. Supported

0945 Retention of an enlarged garage at The Gate House, Moira Road. Supported.

0994 Extension at 77 Lullington Road. Supported.

Application withdrawn

0789 Erection of one dwelling on land adjoining 300 Burton Road

54 GOVERNANCE

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

Members were content with the present arrangements and considered that any financial risk was either non-existent or minimal. No change to the bank signatory arrangements was considered necessary as it would be possible to recruit a temporary replacement Clerk at short notice if the Clerk suddenly became unavailable, and for revised instructions to be given to the Bank.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and that the Bank be instructed not to honour any cheque made out to cash.

55 CORRESPONDENCE

55.1 Minerals – Statement of Community Involvement. The County Council had now finalised this document, which set out the nature of the documents to be prepared within the Minerals and Waste Development Plan and the timetable for their preparation. The timetable would run until 2007, with waste site allocations being proposed by September 2007.

- 55.2 Youth Shelter.** A quotation had been obtained for a 2 ft extension of the roof with supporting posts. However, a larger extension would cost only a small amount more and would be of more use. It was agreed that the Clerk be authorised to order a larger extension up to a maximum cost of £350.
- 55.3 Allotments.** The Clerk had arranged for the trees on the BT site which overhung the entrance track to be cut back, and for the track to be sprayed and the hedge to be trimmed.
- 55.4 Anti-social behaviour training.** The District Council were offering training in dealing with anti-social behaviour for up to 2 representatives from each Parish. The training would be at Swadlincote on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October at 7 pm. The Parish Council would be represented by the Chairman and the Vice- Chairman.
- 55.5 Sustainable Communities Bill.** A request for support for this Bill to be considered by Parliament had been received from the Campaign Organisers. The aim was to promote thriving local communities by inviting principal councils to define indicators relating to local services and add objectives or targets to achieve these services. Government help would be attached.
- NALC were among the 'national supporters' for the Bill and the Parish Council was invited to pass a lengthy resolution supporting the Bill and its introduction into Parliament, and to ask the MP to support an early day motion which would enable the Bill to be considered.
- Members considered that the best way forward would be for the present co-operation with the District Council and the County Council to continue; Mr M Todd MP would also be advised of the Parish Council's position.
- 55.6 Statement of Community Involvement – North West Leicestershire District Council.** The Statement had been received. Noted.
- 55.7 Street lighting.** The County Council was reviewing the funding for street lighting and the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership had asked whether any bids would be made. The Council considered that the best value for money would be for phased replacement of the street lights with the newer versions which had been installed throughout North West Leicestershire. These gave better illumination and undoubtedly improved safety and it was understood that they were significantly cheaper to run.
- 55.8 DALC AGM.** This would take place on Saturday 17 September at County Hall.

56 ACCOUNTS

56.1 Accounts for Payment

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

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| 987 | Paul Topliss Ltd | Repair leak in disabled toilet at Village Hall | £35.00 |
| 988 | L Baxter | Caretaker | £397.59 |
| 989 | M Latham | Litter | £80.00 |
| 990 | Mrs J Summerfield | Litter | £45.00 |
| 991 | A & J Bartlett Ltd | Repair electrical cable to Bowls Pavilion | £669.49 |

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| 992 | Coalville Glass & Glazing Co Ltd | Replace window at Village Hall | £97.98 |
| 993 | LB Gardening Services | Strimming allotments track | £20.00 |
| D/D | South Derbyshire District Council | Rates | £176.00 |
| D/D | Eclipse Networking Ltd | Internet charges | £23.95 |

56.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

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| L Baxter | Village Hall Lettings | £272.00 |
| Derbyshire County Council | Youth Club | £300.00 |

56.3 Audit

A check was undertaken of accounts paid, receipts and bank statements.

57 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Availability of the Village Hall for events at Christmas and a description of the steps hirers would need to take if they wished to sell alcohol at events would both be included in the next edition.

58 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

58.1 Litter collection. Members commented favourably on the new arrangements, though there were still problems around the supermarket on Burton Road. The District Council would be asked to help on this.

58.2 Gala Day. Mr Patrick reported the Gala Committee's thanks for the use of the facilities on Gala Day.

58.3 Untidy properties. The District Council would be asked to deal with extremely untidy properties in Burton Road and Coronation Street.

Arising from this discussion, it was suggested that the Council could encourage residents to make an effort to tidy the village, perhaps in conjunction with the Gala Day. Further consideration would be given to this at a future meeting.

58.4 Noticeboard. It was reported that the noticeboard near to the Church need the Perspex glazing to be replaced. A quotation would be obtained.

58.5 New Albion Liaison Meeting. Mr Knight reported on the meeting which had taken place recently. The delivery of waste was to start in mid-October and the first contract was with Nottinghamshire County Council. However, importation of waste by rail was planned, probably from more distant areas. Permission for a short term extraction of minerals from the Spring Cottage site had been granted and work would take about 6 months. Restoration of the site would take a further 12 months.

58.6 Declaration of Interest. Mr Knight reported that he had been appointed to the Board of the National Forest Park and that he declared a general interest arising from that.

58.7 Lullington, Netherseal & Overseal United Charities. Mr Neal reported that his term of office had now come to an end and that the Parish Council were entitled to nominate a representative.

RESOLVED: That Mr Neal be reappointed for a further term.

58.8 Parish Paragons. The person nominated for submission to the National Forest had declined the nomination and another person was agreed to be nominated (IN).

58.9 Sports Changing Rooms – running costs. The Clerk was asked what impact there had been on services costs as the new building had now been in operation for some time. The costs had risen, though not as much as had been anticipated. Separate electricity meters had recently been installed for the Village Hall, Sports Changing Rooms and Bowls Pavilion and it would be possible in future to determine the relevant costs.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Chairman