

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 4 January 2007

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

In attendance: Mrs M E Hall and Mr C B Shaw (South Derbyshire District Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr I W Chester, Mrs E Evans and Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council)

95 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2006, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

96 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

96.1 Dog fouling. While the District Council no longer employed a Dog Warden, they now employed three Neighbourhood Wardens, who had the power to issue fixed penalty notices. They had carried out a number of patrols in the Overseal area but without names and addresses of alleged offenders it was difficult to take any further action.

They would continue to patrol the Woodlands Road area to try to catch offenders and would issue notices if required to do so. Any information about probable times of offences and any names of persons involved would assist.

96.2 Drain near 92 Woodville Road. Both the County Council and Severn Trent Water had examined the drain but had found no problems.

96.3 Private drain, Woodville Road. The County Council had written to the relevant owner asking them to refrain from discharging water onto the highway.

97 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

District Council. Mrs Hall reported that the high usage of the recycling facilities at Woodville Road was regarded as very good and the District Council agreed that larger containers could be provided. After a period of monitoring, it was probable that some larger containers would be provided. Members asked that a container for plastic carrier bags be provided if possible.

It was reported that the litter bin at the bus stop was not being emptied and Mrs Hall would refer this to the appropriate officer.

Police. A Member reported that HGVs were again using Woodville Road at speed when they were not apparently going to a local address, and that cars had been damaged by passing traffic.

98 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

1091 Extension, 274 Burton Road

1191 Alteration of vehicular access, Overseal House, 12 Acresford Road

1197 Covered drinking area & disabled w.c. at ground level, en-suite bedrooms on 1st floor and partial refurbishment of existing areas, Robin Hood Inn, 1 Burton Road

Applications for decision

1359 Erection of 2 residential units, 21 Gorsey Lees (outline). Supported

1439 Erection of two houses and new access road on land r/o Eaton House, Moira Road. The Parish Council supported the principle of residential development of these sites but have some concerns. The access from Moira Road is narrow and heavily screened so that vehicles exiting from the site would have restricted visibility and would emerge into Moira Road on a bend. Vehicles are regularly parked on the opposite side of Moira Road at this point because the houses have no off-street parking, so the road is narrowed to a single vehicle width.

1425 Reserved matters – residential development of 20 houses and access road, Grotto Farm, Main Street. The Parish Council supported the principle of residential development of these sites but have some concerns. The access from Moira Road is narrow and heavily screened so that vehicles exiting from the site would have restricted visibility and would emerge into Moira Road on a bend. Vehicles are regularly parked on the opposite side of Moira Road at this point because the houses have no off-street parking, so the road is narrowed to a single vehicle width.

There was also some concern about using the narrow access from Main Street to the garage of Plot 8 as there is insufficient width for two vehicles to pass in the driveway and traffic movements from and into A.444 Main Street will be difficult owing to the volume of traffic on the road.

99 CORRESPONDENCE

99.1 S.137 cash limit. The limit for 2007 had been raised to £5.64 per elector - £10434 for Overseal.

99.2 East Midlands Airport Master Plan. Following consultation earlier in the year, the new Master Plan had been published.

The forecasts were for freight increase from 300,000 tonnes in 2006 to 2.5 million tonnes by 2030 and passengers from 5 million to 12-14 million. It was recognised that restrictions on night noise would be essential. Improved access to the airport would rely partly on the new Parkway station, due to be completed in December 2008 and the airport was already linked by direct bus services to the three major cities. A small extension to the runway was planned so as to reduce the power necessary for aircraft to take off, expanding the terminal facilities and car parking spaces as needed by the gradual increase in freight and passenger traffic. There would be reports on implementation of the of the Plan every 2 years and it would be reviewed in 5 years time. Noted.

99.3 Play Strategy consultation. The District Council invited comments on a draft Play Strategy, which included a range of action plans aimed at improving the quality, range and provision for 0-19 year olds over the next three years, including fixed play sites, natural play areas, mobile facilities, play-schemes and workshops, out- of-school clubs etc. The Chairman and Mrs Knight agreed to formulate appropriate responses on behalf of the Council.

99.4 Local Strategic Partnership – consultation. A consultation event concerning the Sustainable Environment Group's work would be held on 25 January.

99.5 Affordable Housing. Midlands Rural Housing Association were to conduct a survey of Overseal to determine whether there was a need for affordable housing, on behalf of the District Council and suggested that a representative should address the Council with a view to obtaining Council support to the survey. A representative had been invited to the next meeting.

100 VILLAGE HALL TOILETS.

The Council considered quotations received for the improvement of the toilets at the Village Hall. Members noted that both quotations were in excess of the finance available as other projects were also required to be carried out during 2007/8 and it was decided to consider this matter further in the context of the budget for that year.

101 BUDGET FOR 2007/8.

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

Members considered the level of resources likely to be available during 2007/8 and examined the draft budget in detail. There were certain projects which needed to be carried out in the next twelve months and refurbishment of the Village Hall ranked high on this list.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the allotment rents be raised to £12.00 per plot from 1 February 2007 in view of the security measures which had recently been introduced;
- (2) That the provision for Village Hall lettings be reduced to £1300 and the cost of litter collection be reduced to £2539;
- (3) That 12 tables to replace trestle tables be acquired at an estimated cost of £1000;
- (4) That the provision for maintenance of the Nature Area be kept at £250;
- (5) That £500 be included for demolition of the dwarf walls outside the emergency exit to the front car park and necessary measures to ensure safety on the ramp outside;
- (6) That the refurbishment of the Village Hall toilets be carried out and provision be made for this at £6500;
- (7) That the provision for sealing the Village Hall floor be set at £1200 and for environmental improvements at £2080;
- (8) That the draft budget be approved subject to the above alterations;
- (9) That a Precept of £24,000 be levied for 2007/2008.

102 ACCOUNTS**102.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
1157	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to old changing rooms	8.35		8.35
1158	South Staffordshire Water	Supply to Village Hall	189.32		189.32
1159	L Baxter	Caretaker	388.84		388.84
1160	J M Summerfield	Litter	80.25		80.25
1161	T Stewart	Litter	64.20		64.20
1162	J E White	Salary & expenses	1183.24		1183.24
1163	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	295.96		295.96
1164	BT	Telephone rental	42.95	7.51	50.46
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96
D/D	SDDC	Rates	191.00		191.00
D/D	Data Protection Registrar	Renewal of Registration	35.00		35.00

102.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	170.00
South Derbyshire District Council	Use of Village Hall	16.00
Overseal Junior Football Club	Use of pitch by 3 rd team	67.00

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

103 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL

Vandalism had closed the public toilets since before Christmas and had adversely affected Village Hall bookings; the Primary School had also suffered damage.

If the election timetable was available, the relevant parts would be published.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman