

OVERSEAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Overseal on Thursday 1 March 2007

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

In attendance: Mrs K Lauro (Derbyshire County Council), Sgt S Thandi (Police), Mr D MacMillan (Community Support Officer)

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Two residents reported that cars were regularly parked on the footpath outside 37 Burton Road in such a way that pedestrians had to step into the road to pass them. Additionally, visibility was obstructed for drivers exiting nearby properties. The PCSO, Mr D MacMillan, was asked to look into this matter.

113 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2007, copies of which had been previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

114 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

114.1 Litter. The Clean Team had undertaken litter clearance from the verges and hedgerows of Acresford Road and Lullington Road and were to continue with the other rural approaches to the village. The standard of clearance of Acresford Road was not satisfactory and they would complete the job shortly. This information was welcomed.

115 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND POLICE MATTERS

115.1 Police. Sgt S Thandi and Mr D MacMillan (Community Support Officer) attended the meeting following the Council's request for assistance to combat vandalism. Sgt Thandi reported that there had been a reorganisation of personnel and that PC D Croxall was to be the local Beat Officer from 5 March and that an additional PCSO was also to be deployed in the village. Members welcomed both appointments.

A lengthy discussion took place about vandalism and misbehaviour generally including apparent truancy, which would be referred to the Truancy Officer for attention. Among the constructive suggestions was that the change in the method of operation of the Youth Club from one where young people were simply encouraged to drop in and for recreation, to one where discussions and advice sessions took place, had made the Club less popular.

115.2 County Council. Mrs Lauro reported that the footpaths in Valley Road were to be walked and signed. A meeting planned for March was to look at the economic implications of the Third Bridge, with particular reference to development which would accompany the construction of the bridge. A copy of the comprehensive reply from the County Council regarding the A.444 Burton Road near to the supermarket had been circulated with the agenda. The new year's budget included resurfacing of part of Acresford Road, as well as various maintenance items.

Members referred to the recent resurfacing of Main Street, which had caused the least disruption possible in the circumstances, and asked Mrs Lauro to check whether repairs to the flashing lights in Woodville Road were complete. Also, the green light at the pedestrian light-controlled crossing in Main Street was out.

116 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission had been granted for:

1359 Two residential units, 21 Gorsey Lees (outline) – single storey dwellings only.

1425 20 houses and new access road, Grotto Farm, Main Street (Reserved matters)

1439 Two new houses and access road, land r/o Eaton House, Moira Road.

1463 Conservatory, 9 Daisy Lane

Application for decision

0171 Vehicular access, 30 Main Street. Supported.

117 CORRESPONDENCE

117.1 Social car scheme. The South Derbyshire CVS was seeking drivers for their social car scheme, which provided transport to places such as hospitals, shops, day centres etc. A mileage allowance would be paid to cover expenses. It was suggested that this could be published in the *Free for All*.

117.2 Burton Road parking problems. The County Council had replied fully to the Parish Council's request for measures to overcome the parking problems near to the supermarket. The information was welcomed.

117.3 External Auditor. The Audit Commission proposed to appoint Michael Newbury, an officer of the Audit Commission, as external auditor. Noted.

117.4 Code of Conduct. The Government were consulting on revisions to the Code of Conduct applicable to Councillors. Noted.

117.5 St George's Day. A number of organisations, including charities, had promoted St George's Day celebrations and published a guide to events such as breakfasts, dinners, parties etc. Youth Clubs, communities, schools, local authorities etc were invited to organise celebrations on 23 April. The information would be passed to the Youth Club and to the Primary School.

117.6 New Albion Site. Veolia had requested the County Council to permit opening of the site for acceptance of household and civic amenity waste from local authorities on Sundays from 8.00 am to 2 pm between 25 March and 28

October. The Company said that there were no other civic amenity sites available during peak hours on Sundays. Mixed views were expressed, with the advantages of speeding up the completion of tipping being contrasted with the additional traffic movements which would occur during a quiet time on Sundays. Both comments would be made.

117.7 Waste Sites Development Plan. The County Council were consulting on a number of possible additional sites for waste management. The sites nearest to Overseal were the Nadin Disposal site, comprising 11.7 hectares of land in Swadlincote, which was proposed mainly to be a recycling site, including composting and a recycling factory; and the End of Line Scrap Yard operated by Kirkvale Ltd at Pool Street Church Gresley. In the latter case, it was said that because of the site's limited size and shape, it may not be feasible to use it on its own, but if it were possible to extend into the adjoining industrial estates, all types of waste management except landfill might be suitable.

As regards landfill sites, the County Council predicted that New Albion would be complete somewhere between 2014 and 2020 and proposed sites at Etwall/Eggington and at the Stanton Works near Ilkeston, as well as elsewhere in the north of the county, but sought suggestions for other possible sites to supplement these. Members commented that the Church Gresley site was understood to be being developed and expansion would therefore not be possible.

117.8 Request for Donation. St John Ambulance in Derbyshire requested a donation towards their work. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00.

117.9 Casinos. The District Council had approved a policy that it would not consider applications for casinos in South Derbyshire. Noted.

117.10 Land at Lullington Road. The District Council had asked for comments concerning the possible disposal of their land, which would be at the best consideration achievable. Members felt that the land on the southern side of the road should continue to be used for grazing, as the presence of culverts would make any other use difficult. It was emphasised that both sites were outside the village boundaries and that development should, therefore, not be permitted. It was agreed to express a continuing interest in acquiring the land on the opposite side of the road for tree planting and perhaps public seats, subject to the price. The District Council would also be asked to confirm that the land would not be sold for housing or similar development.

(Mr M Hart declared an interest in this matter as a neighbour of the sites and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon).

118 VANDALISM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

The Clerk reported on discussions with the Companies producing CCTV and other equipment. Members considered this matter in depth and favoured further investigations regarding CCTV, lighting, rollers for the roof edges, shutters and grilles, together with spiked collars and anti-vandal paint on gutters and downspouts. The front fire doors would be repainted to a darker shade of brown, and it was suggested that some form of decoration to mimic wrought ironwork might improve its appearance.

119 ACCOUNTS**119.1 Accounts for payment**

Payment of the following accounts was authorised:

No	Supplier	Description	Net	VAT	Total
*1175	A Cox	Lock and keys for allotments	43.58		43.58
*1176	G Edwards	Curtain materials for Village Hall	167.20		167.20
1177	A&J Bartlett Ltd	Repairs to fire alarm system	52.50	9.19	61.69
1178	Paul Topliss Ltd	Repair boiler, replace flue	60.00		60.00
1179	Coalville Glass & Glazing Ltd	Replace double glazed fire door unit	146.53	25.64	172.17
1180	L Baxter	Caretaker	388.84		388.84
1181	J M Summerfield	Litter	64.20		64.20
1182	T Stewart	Litter + protective clothing	163.40		163.40
1183	South Derbyshire District Council	Emptying dog bins & refuse collection from Village Hall	557.26	99.16	666.42
1184	MACE Security & Electrical	Servicing and maintenance contracts for intruder alarms, Village Hall and Pavilion	169.52	29.66	199.18
1185	St John Ambulance	Donation	50.00		50.00
D/D	Eclipse Networking Ltd	Internet service	24.99	4.37	29.96

* These accounts had been paid between meetings to avoid unnecessary delay.

It was agreed that the account for the refurbishment of the toilets at the Village Hall and sundry repairs would be paid when received.

119.2 Receipts

The following amounts had been received since the last meeting:

L Baxter	Village Hall Lettings	261.83
Various	Allotment rents	240.00
Youth Club	Repairs refund	89.00

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

120 ITEMS FOR FREE FOR ALL.

The need for volunteer drivers for the Social Car Scheme operated by the CVS.

121 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

121.1 Uses of the Village Hall. The Junior Football Club were to hold a training weekend and requested use of the Village Hall for team talks etc. This was agreed at no charge.

A request had been received by the Caretaker from a scooter club wishing to camp on the Recreation Ground during a weekend rally in July, together with use of the Village Hall and showers and toilets. Subject to confirmation that this would not clash with a pre-booked use, it was agreed that this could take place and a charge of £200 be made. Riding of scooters on the Recreation Ground other than for access would not be allowed.

121.2 Tree planting. Mr Patrick reported that the Gala Committee had planted four cherry trees at Bailey Avenue and that this had been welcomed by residents.

121.3 Parking, Valley Road. It was reported that, though there had been some improvement in parking at the junction of Valley Road and Lullington Road, there were still 3 vehicles parked there that evening. The PCSO would be asked to continue his action.

It was also reported that a large vehicle was regularly parked at the narrow section of Valley Road and caused a potential danger from obstruction. The PCSO would be asked to look into this also.

121.4 Caravans, Park Road. There were now five caravans parked next to the mobile home on the site at Park Road and it was queried whether this was a breach of planning control. The matter had been brought to the Clerk's attention prior to the meeting and he had referred it to the District Council for investigation.

121.5 Blocked drain. The drain between the post box and the school gate was blocked and would be reported to the District Council.

122 STAFF

The Clerk reported that employee TS had carried out the duties of the post satisfactorily during the probationary period.

RESOLVED: That the appointment be confirmed as permanent.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chairman