

OVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Committee Meetings
Held on 22 June 2004 at the Community Centre, Overton

PLANNING (7.30 pm)

Present: Mrs M Atkins (Chair), Cllr P Baker, Mr P Baker, Dr S Johnson, Mr B Langer, Mrs L Sloane Williams, Cllr I Tilbury (arrived at 7.40 pm), Mrs L Harley (Clerk),

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M Attwell, Mr J Bennett, Mr G Hensman, Ms S Mills and Mrs P Taylor.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Baker, as a member of the Borough Council's Development Control Committee, took no part in the parish council's decisions for the planning applications discussed.

3. CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED

BDB 58702 – erection of golf driving range bays 2m high bund and 6m high mobile netting at Test Valley Golf Club – no objection provided that there is no additional outside lighting as part of the scheme

BDB 58503 – erection of rear conservatory at 19 Pound Road – no objection

BDB 58693 – erection of rear conservatory at 24 Southington – no objection

BDB 58577 – erection of 1 no two bedroom detached bungalow with detached single garage and creation of new vehicular access at 1 Copse Road – objection – over development of the site, out of keeping with the surrounding area and impacting on the Conservation Area which runs along this property's boundary.

BDB 58696 – relief of condition 4 of BDB 56698 for the creation of vehicular access from Silk Mill Lane on land adjacent to 3 New Cottages, Silk Mill Lane – objection – blatant disregard to the conditions laid down in BDB 56698.

The removal of the bank is contrary to the Overton Village Design statement and sets a precedent for others. In addition any access created could be used in the future to apply for new development, which would be out of keeping with the area. The parish council would like to see enforcement action taken.

4. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1) BDBC - TCA 1667 – to overall reduce and reshape by 3m 1 Walnut tree ensuring clearance of o/h services and chimney at Fox House, Bridge Street - noted

2) BDBC – the following application has been approved:

BDB 58275 – erection of side extension to existing shed at 11 The Green - noted

3) Croudace – London Road Overton - noted

4) CPRE – various – noted.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (8.00 pm)

Present: Mr M Attwell (Chairman), Mrs M Atkins (left at 10.00pm), Cllr P Baker, Mr P Baker (left at 10.00 pm), Dr S Johnson (left at 10.00 pm), Mr B Langer, Ms S Mills (arrived at 8.10 pm), Mrs L Sloane Williams, Mr I Tilbury, Mrs L Harley (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr J Bennett, Mr G Hensman and Mrs P Taylor.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Baker declared an interest in cheque no. 1700 (as Chair of the Overton Community Association)

3. APPROVE AND SIGN CHEQUES

The following cheques were approved and signed (p: B Langer, s: M Attwell):

1692	HAPTC	AQA Registration	55.00
1693	Ken Abraham	Internal Audit Fee	208.00
1694	K Birch	Clean bus shelter	15.00
1695	BT	Office phone	51.45
1696	BDBC	News and Views/playground inspection	170.14
1697	Laura Harley	Salary/expenses	677.14
1698	Inland Revenue	Tax/NI	407.20
1699	HCC	Pension for Clerk	145.08
1700	OCA	Grant	224.13
1701	K Birch	Clean bus shelter	60.00

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SO	E Williams	Salary	180.00
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4. NEWS AND VIEWS

3.1 Amendments to July issue – the Clerk agreed to write two further articles about the shuttle bus and gypsies/travellers. An amendment was to be made to the Grass Cutting article. It was agreed that the telephone number for reporting faulty street lights should appear in every News and Views.

3.2 Councillors of the Month for August – Mrs Sloane Williams agreed to write the articles for the August edition of News and Views.

5. OVERTON SHEEPFAIR

A further insert about the Sheepfair would go out with the July News and Views. It was suggested that the parish council help on the main information stand and it was agreed to put together a rota. The clerk also agreed to put together an information board.

Action Clerk.

6. 6.1 Conifer trees on the southern boundary of Town Meadow – Gordon Baker, the ORC chairman had contacted the parish council to suggest that a meeting be held between the ORC, Golf Club, parish council and residents of Kings Meadow to discuss the removal of the conifer trees situated on the southern boundary at Town Meadow. Mr Attwell and Ms Mills agreed to represent the parish council at such a meeting. It was also agreed to approach the borough council to see if they would be prepared to make a contribution towards the costs (as the owner of the site). On the basis of a quote of £1700.00, the parish council agreed that it would fund half of the cost left after grants and donations had been received by other people.

Clerk to contact ORC, residents and BDBC.

6.2 Sapley Lane Playing Field

Goal posts – the ORC had looked at the goal posts at Sapley Lane Playing Field and had suggested that a specialist would be required to advise. It had been suggested that the goal posts could be made from Kee Klamp components or that the ORC had a spare set of posts that could be purchased. The Clerk agreed to investigate the matter and contact councillors via email. It was agreed to ask the borough council to inspect the goal posts as part of the routine inspection programme.

Action Clerk.

Teen shelter – Ms Mills reported that during an informal poll, teenagers had expressed a wish for a teen shelter. After some discussion, it was agreed that such a shelter should be situated at Sapley Lane Playing Field (planning permission would be required). It was agreed that a shelter should be made out of natural materials to fit in with the rural nature of the site, and that the youth should be involved in the project and the Clerk agreed to investigate costs etc. It was agreed to put an article in News and Views to gauge public opinion to such a proposal.

Action Clerk/LSW – N&V.

Bins – the cost of installing new bins at Sapley Lane Playing Field would be £290.00 per bin plus VAT. It was suggested that three bins would be required, two by the skateboard park, and one by the car park and this was agreed. It was noted that the borough council had agreed to collect the rubbish.

Clerk to order.

6.3 Edward Kersley Playing Field – Ms Mills proposed that the parish council should now go ahead and install the zip line at Edward Kersley Playing Field. Six councillors voted in favour, two against and one abstained. The Clerk agreed to obtain two further quotes and also see if any grants would be available. Cllr Tilbury suggested that the top part of Edward Kersley Playing Field be landscaped to provide a flat area for football, and that this could be a more sustainable use of money.

Action Clerk/LSW – N&V.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

7.1 Off Street Parking – This was an ongoing agenda item. The Clerk reported that she was awaiting a response from borough council and county council regarding this issue.

7.2 Station Parking – Mr Langer had analysed the results of this survey and agreed to circulate the information to all councillors. It was agreed that the parish council would begin the process of trying to secure funding for a shuttle bus to take people to and from the station. This bus could also be used to take the children to and from school. There was also a request for further cycle lockers to be installed at the station.

Action Clerk/BL.

8. CHECK FINAL PROOFS FOR WORDING ON SIGNS

The proofs were circulated to all councillors, and with the exception of a spelling mistake were agreed and approved.

Clerk to progress signs.

9. COMMUNITY STRATEGY REVIEW AIM 2

Aim 2 was reviewed and amended – please see attached document.

Mrs Atkins, Mr Baker and Dr Johnson left the meeting at 10.00 pm

10. PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS

9.1 Gypsies/travellers – Sapley Lane Playing Field – on 17 June, several gypsies/travellers had removed the gate at Sapley Lane Playing Field and camped on the site, but had moved out on 20 June following notification by the police that they were breaking the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Bylaws. Councillors discussed ways of making the field more secure (the pedestrian gap had already been closed and the hinges altered so that the gate could not be lifted off). However the security of the site had to be weighed up against the ability to be able to use the field freely as a recreation ground for the people of the parish. It was suggested that a ditch and bund could be dug around the car park (except by the gate) to stop people coming through the fence. It was also suggested that the bylaws could be strengthened – but this would be a longer-term aim.

Action Clerk.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) HCC – Temporary Road Closure – Winchester Street - noted
- 2) Gordon Baker – Town Meadow trees (email) – see item 6.1
- 3) Gordon Baker – goal posts – see item 6.2
- 4) Universal Play – quote for bins – see item 6.2
- 5) HCC – CSI – OPC did not receive a street lighting grant
- 6) Mr W James – subsidence/road surface – Kingsclere Road - noted
- 7) BDBC – Rural Infrastructure Improvement Grants – noticeboards – it was noted that OPC had received a grant of £700.00 each for two new noticeboards
- 8) Hampshire Constabulary – Countrywatch Membership Pack – passed to LSW
- 9) BDBC – New Grants Scheme - noted
- 10) BDBC – playground inspection reports – no problems reported.

The meeting closed at 11.15 pm