

OVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Committee Meetings
Held on 27 July 2004 at the Community Centre, Overton

PLANNING (7.30 pm)

Present: Mr B Langer (Chair), Mr M Attwell (arrived at 7.50 pm), Mr P Baker, Mr G Hensman (arrived at 8.05 pm), Dr S Johnson, Mrs L Sloane Williams, Mrs P Taylor, Cllr I Tilbury (arrived at 8.05 pm), Mrs L Harley (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs M Atkins, Mr M Attwell, Cllr P Baker, Mr J Bennett and Ms S Mills.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Hensman declared an interest in BDB 58335.

3. CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED

BDB 58894 – erection of B1 business units at land at Station Approach, OS Parcel 4518 1507, Station Hill – objection – concern that planning permission would be given for a site accessed from a private road. It was considered that the site was overdeveloped with too many units crammed onto a small site. There seemed to be very little parking, which could impact on the already stretched station parking – there was little room for manoeuvring a HGV (even though this was illustrated on the plan). The buildings were made from ugly materials and the height and location would impact on the houses opposite. It was agreed that the traffic to and from the site should be routed along Station Road (but not Quidhampton/Straight Lane).

BDB 58817 – erection of single storey outbuilding to form residential annexe to main dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to residential at Pilgrims House – objection to proposed plan. The parish council supported the notion of removing derelict farm buildings and replacing them with (in this case) an artists studio. There was no support for the inclusion of a residential area (two bedrooms) as part of this building because in the future this could be claimed as a second property. The parish council was not in favour of the change of use from agricultural to residential.

BDB 58335 – demolition of existing building and erection of 4 no two bedroom and 1 no three bedroom and 2 no four bedroom houses with creation of new access at 53 Kingsclere Road (amendment) – no objection.

4. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

There were no matters to discuss.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1) BDBC – the borough council has approved the following applications:

BDB 58494 – internal alterations at Ashe House

BDB 58500 – erection of single storey rear extension at 8 Poultons Road

2) BDBC – the borough council has refused the following application:

BDB 58554 – erection of detached double garage at Laren, Winchester Street

3) BDBC – decisions of Development Control Sub-Committee

4) Government Office of the South East – proposed changes to Regional Planning guidance for the South East (RPG9)

5) BDBC – update on the South East Plan

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (8.00 pm)

Present: Mr M Attwell (Chairman), Mr P Baker, Mr G Hensman (left at 9.30 pm), Dr S Johnson (left at 10.00 pm), Mr B Langer,, Mrs L Sloane Williams, Mrs P Taylor, Mr I Tilbury, Mrs L Harley (Clerk).

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2. APPROVE AND SIGN CHEQUES

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

1702	K Birch	Clean bus shelter	15.00
1703	BDBC	Playground inspections	47.94
1704	Southern Water	Metered water supply	26.13
1705	E J Services	Gates - EKPF/repairs SLPF	1480.50
1706	Playground Man't Services	Annual RoSPA reports	229.13
1707	Universal Play	Basketball post - SLPF	1339.50
1708	Business Connections	Stationery	10.65
1709	Laura Harley	Salary/expenses	657.62
1710	HCC	Pension	145.08
1711	OCA	Room hire	84.00
1712	Ken Marchment	Fencing work - SLPF (vandalism)	399.50

St Mary's Hall Management Sub Committee

SO	E Williams	Salary	180.00
	100047 British Gas	Gas supply	117.65

3. NEWS AND VIEWS

3.1 Amendments to August issue – the edition was discussed and amendments made.

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

4. OVERTON SHEEPFAIR

Mr Baker and Mr Langer, who were both members of the Sheepfair Committee, reported that the event had been a great success. Several clubs and societies within the village had raised money from stalls, and in addition the Sheepfair Committee had also raised enough money to fund the next Sheepfair and donate towards good causes in the village. The Clerk has already written to the police, borough council and county council thanking them for their efforts, and it was agreed to write and thank the Sheepfair Committee and request a copy of any formal report of the event.

Clerk to write to Sheepfair Committee.

5. PLAYING FIELDS

5.1 Edward Kersley Playing Field – installation of Space Net and Zipline – the parish council had received quotations for a space net and zip line from Playsafe Playgrounds as follows:

Space net	– with Safagrass surface	£14160
	- with wetpour	£17188
Zipline	- with Safagrass surface	£ 7952
	- with wetpour	£10148

It was agreed that the parish council would prefer the wetpour surface, and it was agreed to write to the borough council to seek help with funding these items of equipment.

Clerk to contact borough council.

5.2 Litter picking – several skaters had put their names forward to carry out litter picking at the playing fields, however none of them were 14 years old. Mrs Sloane Williams agreed to ask two older boys whether they would be prepared to litter pick both Sapley Lane Playing Field and Edward Kersley Playing Field. It was agreed that each boy would be paid £15.00 per week to carry out these duties. It was agreed to contact the borough council to ask if there would be any financial assistance towards carrying out this work and whether they would be prepared to provide any training.

Action LSW/Clerk.

The Basingstoke Observer had printed an item about Sapley Lane Playing Field in which it was stated that syringes had been found on the site. Some of the skaters were unhappy about this statement and Mr Baker agreed to ask them to make their own response by letter to the paper (to be copied to News and Views).

Action PB.

A pile of tree loppings had been dumped in the entrance to Sapley Lane Playing Field. Mr Hensman reported that a load of tyres had been dumped on the Harrow Way, and that there was also more fly tipping at Nutley Bottom. The Clerk agreed to report this and to ask what had happened to the new portable CCTV system.

Action Clerk.

6. HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

6.1 Parking and traffic issues in Overton – a letter had been received from the borough council regarding various issues within the village as follows:

Bridge Street – it was agreed to proceed with the actions as discussed with the residents – but keeping yellow lines at the corners of Bridge Street with B3400.

Battens Avenue – it was agreed to give a copy of the letter to PC Swallow and ask him to patrol the problem areas.

Parking – the borough council was prepared to advise with regard to any proposals that the parish council made on this matter.

A letter had been received from the county council about the 'shuttle bus'. The parish council was hoping that parishioners could be encouraged to use this service to cut down car use within the village. However the Clerk had been informed that if the parish council were prepared to pay to extend the service, this would result in the county council reducing the service that it paid for. It was agreed that the parish council would invite Cllr Wall to a meeting to discuss a number of matters – C29, station parking, local bus services and policing.

Action Clerk.

6.2 Approve expenditure for repairing bus shelters – the parish council had received a quotation of £105.00 to carry out repairs to the two bus shelters in the centre of the village. The repairs would be done when the two new shelters on Overton Hill were installed. The parish council agreed to this expenditure.

Clerk to inform Macemain.

Mr Langer agreed to ask the county council to cut the weeds by the bus shelter at Ashe, and to kill the weeds growing on the pavement.

Action BL.

7. COMBINED HALLS GROUP

The Clerk told the meeting that the current Chairman Mr Bennett had informed her that he was likely to resign as Chairman and as a parish councillor due to relocation for work reasons. He would be prepared to facilitate a Combined Halls Group if necessary. It was, however, unanimously agreed to ask Mrs Balcombe from the borough council to facilitate the meeting and the Clerk agreed to contact her for some dates before speaking to the halls' representatives. Both Mrs Sloane Williams and the Clerk were prepared to take the minutes etc for the group.

Action Clerk.

8. COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Amendments were made to Aim 2 – Planning. Mrs Sloane Williams suggested that the tone of all the aims should be as actions and this was agreed. Mr Langer also made some minor amendments to the aims already discussed.

Clerk to revise document and circulate.

9. COMMENT ON NEW WEBSITE FORMAT

Councillors who had looked at the new website format were pleased with it. Dr Johnson reported that she had received some comments from a parishioner about the site, and the Clerk commented that he had already contacted the Webmaster and had received some feedback. The next meeting of the Website Group was due to take place on 18 August.

10. RECEPTION FOR 60th ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

The Clerk had approached both the Memorial Institute, who were very keen on the project, and the ODS to ask if they would be prepared to lead a 'sing song'. Mr Baker wanted to involve the History Society, and ask them to put together an exhibition. Dr Johnson requested that the school also be involved. Mr Langer was concerned that the people who had been involved in the war effort were included and invited to take part, and that no one was excluded or upset by the commemoration. It was agreed that a series of events could be organised.

Dr Johnson left at 10.00 pm

11. PROCEDURES AND SYSTEMS

11.1 Discuss the need for a FGP meeting on 24 August 2004 – it was agreed that there would be an FGP meeting on 24 August. Councillors were reminded that the Planning meeting would now start at 7.00 pm followed by FGP at 7.30 pm.

11.2 Discuss request for grant for Summer Playscheme 2004 – it was agreed that no grant would be given to the playscheme this year due to the late notification.

Action Clerk.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Playsafe Playgrounds – Quotation for space net and zip line – see item 5.1
- 2) BDBC – Parking and traffic issues in Overton – see item 6.1
- 3) HCC – Passenger Transport Services – see item 6.1
- 4) Macemain and Amstad – quote for bus shelter repairs – see item 6.2
- 5) Network Rail – bridge on C29 – **Clerk to copy to MP due to unsatisfactory answer. Clerk to ask PC Swallow for accident records for C29.**
- 6) Highways Agency – South East – Roadworks and Traffic Information - noted
- 7) Basingstoke Play Council – request for grant - see item 11.2
- 8) BT – ref response to rationalisation programme for public payphones - noted
- 9) HAPTC – various - noted
- 10) BDBC – bin your butts (email) – **clerk to ask Mr Issacs to drop information at Mr Langer’s house**
- 11) BDBC – playground inspection reports - noted

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm