

# **OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Maskall (Chairman), Cllr D Burton (Vice-Chairman), Cllr D Hughes, Cllr R Lawrenson, Cllr L Pugh, Cllr C Starkey and Cllr H Toone.

PC S Evans  
K Chalk (Clerk)

**1. 2102. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** - none received

**2. 2103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr A Dodwell, Cllr J Kember and Cllr M Pinder were absent due to work commitments.

**3. 2104. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS**

A criminal damage incident took place at Rhewl Farm, Knolton Bryn overnight 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Unknown offenders have entered the insecure dairy and have smashed a number of large milk bottles and associated piping.

A theft of concrete planters, which took place 21<sup>st</sup> of September from a property at the Old School Mews.

Both incidents are undetected at this time.

A road traffic collision was reported 17<sup>th</sup> of September on Wrexham Road between a HGV and a small car. Damage only but the driver of small car was responsible due to being on his mobile phone at the time.

Criminal damage to a residence took place between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October. A youth was arrested.

In reference to the parking on pavement issue which was brought to my attention at the last meeting;

There has been a rise in complaints from residents about this matter throughout the village. We understand that in some situations residents park their vehicles half on the pavement in order to allow traffic to flow through freely. We also know residents park like this in order to ensure their vehicle is safer from passing motorists especially the HGVs, which travel through the village. The law states that by parking on a pavement you are causing an obstruction in two ways either unnecessary or wilfully. The Police have requested a representative from Wrexham Council accompanies them on a walk around the village to assist in advising residents on the dangers and implications on parking on pavements. We know that visitors and workers in the village are also parking in this way and we will be hopefully tackling the problem in due course.

It was agreed to discuss agenda item 9 2110. b at this point.

Request for a contribution to the Halloween party

Cllr Starkey advised the meeting that the arrangements for the Halloween party for 31<sup>st</sup> October were proceeding well. A request was made for a £200 donation from the Youth fund to assist in the purchasing of party items. Council wished to thank PCSO White for all her hard work in organising this party.

**Vote: All in favour.**

**4. 2105. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE MTG**

David Burton – agenda item 10. Grant application from the Overton Oracle – Chairman of the editorial committee.

**5. 2106. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**6. 2107. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Website Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Cemetery Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010

The minutes from the above mentioned committee meetings were agreed and signed.

**7. 2108. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Council minutes**

**1. 2087. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Signs, placed on street lighting, advertising new homes in neighbouring villages.

**The Clerk advised the meeting that these signs were lawful; it is posters stuck to lamp-posts that are not.**

**3. 2089. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS.**

Cllr Burton to implement the first environmental audit in conjunction with the Police

**Cllr Burton will advise Councillors when meeting when the environmental audit is due to be carried out.**

**7. 2093. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

h. Repainting of the Playingfield gates. (M131009, Playingfield minutes 7. 1937. 5.2)

**The Clerk advised members that the money had now been received.**

**9. 2095. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES**

4. Cemetery field extension

**A letter has been sent to Mr Roberts clarifying the use of the paddock and the review dates**

**10. 2096. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Wrexham Year of Culture 2011 – events organised for the forthcoming year

**An article was submitted to the Oracle requesting event dates**

**12. 2098. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The issue of poor visibility when exiting from Asney Lane was discussed.

The Clerk had spoken directly to Mr Rosselli and had been assured that both the hedge and trees would be inspected that weekend. Correspondence had been sent to WCBC and they are looking into the matter.

**Website meeting**

**4. Matters arising from previous minutes**

5.2 It was agreed that we would seek material for the site and encourage people to forward entries

**An article has been submitted to the Oracle**

## **5 New items discussed.**

5.1 Cllr Pinder had e-mailed various photographs of Overton to the committee and requested these were used throughout the site. He also mentioned that text had been devised to accompany these.

### **Cllr Maskall had emailed text to members**

5.3 The protocol for entries was agreed.

### **Cllr Maskall has emailed copy to committee members.**

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## **8. 2109. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS RE: CONSULTATIONS/DRAFT DOCUMENTS/MEETINGS RAISED AT LAST MEETING**

1. Wrexham Community South Safety Meeting – Cllr Burton advised that Crimes for Overton in September totalled 3, this compares with 30 for Rhos! Overall crime figures for Wrexham South were down 9.1%. Thefts and assault down 26%, vehicle crime down 34% and burglary from dwellings down 12.5%. Criminal damage was up 4% and the police are targeting persistent criminals. CBM's and PCSO's were looking at the root causes of criminal damage and although anti social behaviour stats are down 4% Sgt Griffiths is keen to identify young people who are causing low level trouble who have not yet in the Criminal Justice System so that police can approach parents before their children become a problem.

2. Consultation on proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure – This was deferred to the November agenda

3. Consultation on Local Planning Guidance Note no 31 – Cllr Maskall gave a brief outline to the consultation.

4. Shropshire Council – Statement of Community involvement for Shropshire – consultation document - Cllr Maskall reported on the document and its content.

5. Town and Country Council Forum meeting – Cllr Maskall gave feedback from the meeting: The Flintshire Charter is due to be distributed to members. The 2011 Census will be carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> March. The discussion regarding the opening of the Wrexham centre public toilets is still under discussion. Wrexham Council are looking to save £30.3 million over the next three years.

## **9. 2110. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES**

a. Approval and re-signing of the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement

**Action: The council approved the re-signing of the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement.**

b. Request for contribution to Halloween party – this was discussed under agenda item 3.

c. Committee meetings

The Chairman requested that all Councillors endeavour to attend all the committee meetings that they are assigned to, thus avoiding the need to reschedule them.

d. Disabled access into the Millennium Meadow.

Cllr Toone requested that consideration was given to improving the access into the Millennium Meadow for disabled residents.

**Action: The Clerk will contact Mr Tim Rosselli regarding altering the gate and One Voice Wales relating to the Disability Discrimination Act.**

e. Traffic Calming working party

Cllr Maskall updated members of the current situation: the speed gun is being used regularly and is proving successful: Susan Jones MP attended the meeting and is going to contact Wrexham County Borough Council to request a site visit.

Cllrs Pinder and Pugh have decided to step down from the working party. Cllr Lawrenson agreed to join the working party.

#### **10. 2111. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

##### Wrexham County Borough Council

1. Planning Department – Appeal at The Trotting Mare, Overton – **for information only**

Police - none received

Newsletters

2. AVOW

Other

3. Request from The Overton Oracle to be considered for continuation of the annual grant, amount applied for is £800.00 (a reduction of £500.00).

**Action: Council – approved this application 6 in favour, 1 abstention.**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION**

No objections

P/2010/0734 – Orchard Cottage, Lightwood Green – erection of steel framed building for horses and foals and storage of hay and food

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (DECISION MADE BY WCBC)**

**Granted**

P/2010/0365 – The Byre, Gwalia Farm, Oswestry Road, Overton – Listed building consent for conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwelling. Policy considered when making the decision EC9 – Listed buildings of special architectural or historic interest.

**11. 2112. BURIALS & MEMORIALS** – None received

#### **12. 2113. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

The condition of the road outside the old Pharmacy is poor.

**Action: Clerk to report this to Pride in your streets.**

### 13. 2114. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

#### September

#### EXPENDITURE

Details	£	Cheque No.
Overton Village Hall Management Committee – extra room booking dates	50.00	2107
BT – Clerks telephone and broadband connection	44.14	BACS
Staples – stationery supplies	6.19	2108
Zurich Municipal – amendment fee for additional changes to schedule	115.49	2109
WCBC – invoice for Clerks August wages	543.12	2110
Bryn-y-Pys Estate – Annual rent for Playingfield	150.00	2111
WCBC – Quarterly street lighting maintenance	147.31	2112
Mrs Katrina Chalk – payment for overtime in August and stamps	58.78	2113
WCBC – invoice for Clerk's August pay	543.12	2114
Mrs Janine Austin – pay for public toilet cleaning for September 2010	218.38	2115
Mr Pat Loughlin – pay for maintenance of Playingfield, Cenotaph and Cemetery September 2010	787.29	2116
<b>Total</b>	<b>2663.82</b>	

#### September

#### INCOME

Details	£	Voucher No
Overton Cricket Club – contribution to repainting of the Playingfield gates	32.50	549
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32.50</b>	

### 14. 2115. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance as at 04/10/10

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>£ 17,196.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 18,196.62</b>

The accounts were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Burton and Hughes

### 15. 2116. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND CONFIRM DATE (9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010)

- Draft Precept for 2011/2012
- Consultation on proposed Local Government – **Cllr Dodwell**
- Committee meetings – **Cllr Maskall**
- Football Tenancy Agreement – **Clerk**
- Vulnerable people – **Cllrs Kember and Toone**
- Wrexham Community South Safety meeting – **Cllr Burton**
- Traffic Calming working party update – **Cllr Maskall**

Meeting closed at 9.15