

# **OVERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2010**

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

PC S Evans  
K Chalk (Clerk)

1. **2072. COMMENTS & QUERIES FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC** - none in attendance
2. **2073. CO-OPTION OF NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR** – the date has been extended to September.
3. **2074. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Pinder

4. **2075. TO CONSIDER ANY POLICE MATTERS**

12/06/2010 - door at the rear of the new shop was damaged, possibly someone trying to get in having seen all the goods on show.

13/06/2010 - rowdy youths reported on the park late at night. About 20 youths or so moved on.

21/06/2010 - theft took place at the young farmers event at Nant Holdings.

28/06/2010 - damage caused to a back door at the fish and chip shop on Bangor Road.

02/07/2010 - Road traffic accident on the B5069. One vehicle only which overturned. No injuries.

Plus of course the recent smashed windows at the pavilion. Jemma and Beth are going up there on a regular basis. Starting this weekend is an operation to combat anti-social drinking etc with NPT officers carrying out patrols in all areas.

There have been reports of cold callers in the area recently, residents should be alerted to this.

Cllr Burton advised the meeting that a complaint had been received this evening regarding the parking on School Lane. There was an event being held at the School which was the reason for an increase in traffic levels.

**Action: PC Evans to request that the Police are made aware of any future events.**

Cllr Kember thanked the Police for their input to the village fete.

5. **2076. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL & PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN THE MTG**

Cllr J Maskall – agenda item 10 k) Paving in front of Scout Hut – Treasurer to Scout Group

Cllr D Burton – agenda item 10 k) Paving in front of Scout Hut – Group Scout Leader

6. **2077. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010.**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**7. 2078. TO AGREE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Website Committee meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Overton Recreational Football Club – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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

**8. 2079. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Matters outstanding from previous minutes**

**Council minutes**

**h. Repainting of the Playingfield gates.**

The gates have been painted.

**Cemetery Committee minutes**

**2010 6. Maintenance work**

- a. The ivy at the base of the Yew trees at the entrance to the Cemetery needs removing, with the growth of ivy part way up the first tree on the left hand side.

**The Ivy has been removed.**

- b. The hedging around the Cemetery is in good condition, but will need attention, and cutting by August 2010. In particular, the hedge between the tennis courts and the Cemetery extension is showing rampant and uncontrolled growth, and will need specialist equipment to bring it under control.

**Matters arising**

**Agenda item 9 (i)**

- c. The Cemetery extension is not currently let, and it is noted that the grass growth will soon need to be managed.

**Agenda item 9 (j)**

- d. The hedge behind the Garden of Remembrance has overgrown the plaque and needs trimming.

**The hedge has been cut back**

- e. The fence barrier and bench at the Garden of Remembrance need a wood stain.

**This will be carried out in July**

- f. The graves were inspected, and the following were found to need soil placing under the graves stones. Mabel Lewis, Amos Evans, Edward and Edith Morris.

**These will be filled over the next few months**

The following graves were found to be in need of some attention to remove weeds and generally tidy up. Nancy Hale, Eva Tucker, Richard Tyrell Jones, Andrew Harris Craven, Susanah Owen Jones, Mary Elisabeth Moody, Edith Wilson, Mary Jamieson, Mary Ann Northover.

**The Clerk advised the meeting that when the weeds grow too much they are strimmed back,**

## **Playingfield minutes**

5.2 More bark is required in the play areas. **The bark will be ordered this week.**

5.3 The meadow has been mown but needs to be cut lower and perhaps more often

**The contractor was requested to cut the grass lower.**

6.3 Weeds in grassed area outside Scout Hut unsightly. **This was discussed under agenda item 9. k).**

6.4 The two picnic benches and 1 seat in need of varnish.

**The benches and seat will be varnished in the near future.**

6.6 Bark cuttings from felling of trees outside the rear of the Football Pavilion need to be removed or used – suggested rear of the Scout Hut and Football Pavilion.

**The bark has been spread to the rear of both buildings**

## **2065. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES**

b. Replacement windows at the Football Pavilion

These have now been installed

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## **9. 2080. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM COUNCILLORS RE: CONSULTATIONS/DRAFT DOCUMENTS/MEETINGS RAISED AT LAST MEETING**

1.Wrexham Community South Safety Meeting

CBM's and PCSO's are now working opposite shifts to increase visibility. Cllr Fearnall (Marchweil WCBC Cllr) has been going out on "patrol" with her PCSO's in Marchweil, giving her the opportunity to discuss council and police matters with the community..

**Action: Councillors to consider 'patrolling' with PCSOs**

Colin Simpson of Highways was responsible for the double white lines from the Ruabon Road to Home Farm on the A528 (539).

Budget cuts are expected of at least 25% from Central Government. As 86% of police costs are staff, this will impact upon numbers. There is already a ban on further recruitment and if a CBM leaves they will not be replaced. The Chief Constable is looking at back office staffing to return PC's to the front line. In 2006 there were 42 police officers and 12 CBM's in Wrexham south. In 2010 there are 22 police officers, 7 CBM's and 17 PCSO's.

2.Town and Community Forum meeting

New policies have been introduced regarding salt and gritting outside schools and main roads. It is now possible for Community Councils to purchase and fill their own salt bins. Wrexham Council can be consulted regarding this matter.

Wrexham Council are looking into Community Council contributing to funding public toilets in Wrexham to stay open longer. Cllr Maskall advised members that Overton Community Council partially fund their own public toilets and if the contribution from Wrexham Council were withdrawn, it would become their priority to continue the finance for these toilets.

A discussion was held regarding sustainable housing and land that may be available in the Wrexham area.

Wrexham County Borough Council are considering Charters with Community Councils. The outcome of Flintshire Council's Charter and how it is working is awaited.

### 3. Ombudsman – Complaints Wales Consultation

A brief outline of the consultation was given and that it had been responded to.

## 10. 2081. TO RECEIVE REPORTS /ISSUES

### a. Vulnerable people network

Various organisations have been made aware of the need for a vulnerable persons list.

**Action: Cllrs Kember and Toone will put together some ideas for a scheme to be run.**

### b. Feedback from Auditor

The audit had been carried out and two of the three items have been dealt with. It was agreed that the third issue raised would be addressed by requesting a monthly invoice from Mr Pat Loughlin along with his timesheet. The Council thanked the Clerk for all her work regarding the accounts.

**Action: Clerk to request monthly invoice from Mr Pat Loughlin**

### c. Fete feedback

The fete had been a success and was very enjoyable. It was agreed that more volunteers should be enlisted to clear up at the end of the day. Cllr Kember thanked the Clerk for the support given. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Kember and the Clerk for their hard work.

### d. Youth Council

Cllr Starkey advised the meeting that the necessary CRB check had been filled out and was waiting approval. The Youth Club organiser in Overton would be contacted for ideas/support. It was hoped that a meeting would be held in September to find out what young people are interested, what they would like to do and how it was to be run.

### e. List of volunteers to pick up litter, clean road signs etc.

An article would be going into the Oracle regarding the cuts in Government funding at a local level and requesting that residents do their 'bit' to help keep the village neat and tidy.

**Action: Article to be compiled for the Oracle.**

### f. Quote for reshaping of the two Holly trees at the Wrexham Road entrance to The Avenue £110.00 plus VAT. **It was agreed by members that the reshaping would not go ahead.**

### g. Football Club

A discussion was held regarding the Joint Tenancy Agreement and it was agreed that a further meeting should be requested.

**Action: Clerk to contact the Chairman of the Football Club to request a meeting.**

### h. Quote for cutting back Laurel bushes in the Cemetery

Mr Pat Loughlin will be requested to cut back Laurel bush, remove all debris and tidy up afterwards (£350.00). It was also agreed that this should be an annual maintenance job carried out by this Contractor.

### i. Quote of cutting back hedgerow in paddock

Approval was given for G & S Landscaping to cut back the hedgerow in the paddock (£240.00).

**Action: Contractor to be given go ahead for cutting back of hedgerow**

### j. Quote for cutting paddock

Mr Pat Loughlin would be requested to cut the paddock, but not until confirmation has been received about what weeds are growing in the field (£40.00).

k. Area outside the Scout Hut

Mr Pat Loughlin was allocated this job (£120.00) – this does not include the price of the bark.

l. Replacement Christmas lights

Cost received £910.00 Edmundson Electrical Ltd. This cost will be queried with the supplier. The cost of fixing the lights to the trees would be £196.00.

**Action: Clerk to check price of Christmas Lights, the price should be £ 195.00. Purchase will proceed amended quote received.**

m. Email protocol

The protocol for emails was amended and approved by members.

n. Holiday cover

The Chairman requested that the work level during the August break be kept to a minimum as the Clerk was having a week off work.

o. Christmas calendar

Cllr Pugh advised the meeting that it had become apparent that St Mary's School had organised a Christmas calendar on several occasions. An alternative of Christmas cards had been looked into, but suitable retail outlets were not available. This scheme would not be taken any further.

p. Traffic Calming working party update

Cllr Maskall informed the Councillors that Janet Ryder AM and Councillor Lloyd Kenyon had attended the last meeting and their input had been invaluable. Cllr Maskall had attended a Scrutiny meeting where a report was presented to the members regarding the campaign for a 40mph buffer zone.

A site meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July with various representatives. It had been agreed that statistics gathered after the fatal road traffic accident would be forwarded to the Community Council. Janet Ryder suggested that a pedestrian count should be carried out.

## **11.2082. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

### Wrexham County Borough Council

1. Mr Clive Nicholas - Planning Policy Manager – letter thanking Community Council members for their support at the drop-in session (10<sup>th</sup> June 2010) – for information only.
2. Wrexham Town and Community – update from previous meeting – information only.

Police - none received

### Newsletters

3. AVOW newsletter – information only

### Other

4. Oracle accounts – **deferred to September meeting.**
5. Letter of reference requested from Mr Pat Loughlin – **Councillors approved.**
6. One Voice Wales training sessions – **Dates of training sessions to be emailed to Councillors**
7. Correspondence from Mossfords Memorials requesting installation of memorial – **Approved by Councillors**
8. WAG – Local Authority Byelaws in Wales – consultation paper – **Cllr Burton**
9. North Wales Valuation Office – increase in rateable value. **Clerk to ask for clarification**
10. Planting of Cherry tree in The Avenue – **Resident to speak to Mr Tim Rosselli**
11. Request from Fire and Rescue Service to attend a Community Council meeting – **To be invited to October or November meeting.**

**NEW APPLICATIONS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION** – none received

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

## Refused

P/2010/0267 – Orchard Cottage, Lightwood Green – retention of static caravan for equestrian worker (retrospect) the following relevant policies were considered: - EC5, GDP1, H5, PS1, PS2.

### **12. 2082. BURIALS & MEMORIALS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Plot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs Gillian May McCue	G 24	175.00
Monsignor Webb	B 79	125.00 (memorial stone)
Cyril Ivor Parkinson	C 23	75.00 (memorial tablet)

### **13. 2083. TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS** – none raised.

### **14. 2084. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF INCOME AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

#### June

#### EXPENDITURE

<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>
Mr Pat Loughlin – maintenance of Cemetery, Cenotaph and Playingfield for May 2010	1227.61	2065
Mrs Miranda Austin – holiday cover for public toilets	21.38	2066
Mrs Janine Austin – cleaning of public toilets, May 2010	217.00	2067
1 <sup>st</sup> Overton on Dee Scout Group – hire of Scout Hut for website meeting 26/5/10	10.00	2068
WCBC 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of Cemetery rates	73.00	D/D
BT – OCC office phone and broadband connection	47.95	D/D
<b>CHEQUE CANCELLED</b>		2069
Hiscox underwriting limited – insurance for village fete (26 <sup>th</sup> June 2010)	262.00	2070
Community Chest Grant – The Overton Film Club	300.00	2071
John Boyle – replacement windows for the Football Pavilion (25% initial payment)	558.13	2072
WCBC – community street lighting 2 x rechargeable repairs	63.86	2073
Knolton Nursery – purchase and planting of flowers at the Cenotaph	38.80	2074
St John Ambulance – attendance at village fete	47.00	2075
Mrs Katrina Chalk – Additional hours, stamps, traffic calming prizes, replacement cartridge, duplicate key cut for Argoed Lane	165.35	2076
Mr Pat Loughlin – Maintenance of Playingfield, Cenotaph and Cemetery	1,658.76	2077
Mrs Miranda Austin – Holiday cover for public toilets – and purchase of necessary items	40.68	2078
Mrs Janine Austin – Cleaning of public toilets	217.00	2079
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,948.52</b>	

**June**

**INCOME**

Details	£	Voucher No
Edgerton and Sons – Burial of ashes and placement of tablet for Mrs Gillian May McCue (G 24)	175.00	534
Mossford Memorials Ltd – memorial stone for Monsignor Webb (B 79)	125.00	535
Overton Recreational Football Club – half yearly rent (due 1/06/10)	60.00	536
Edgerton and Son – memorial tablet for Cyril Ivor Parkinson (C23)	75.00	537
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>435.00</b>	

**Proposed by Cllr Toone, seconded by Cllr Pugh**

**15. 2085. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Balance as at 07/07/10

Current Account	£ 1,000.00
Savings Account	£ 15,776.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 16,776.47</b>

**Proposed by Cllr Starkey, seconded by Cllr Hughes**

**16. 2086. TO RECEIVE ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND CONFIRM DATE (14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010)**

- Resolution of minutes (8/6/10), addition of sentence.
- Oracle accounts
- Power of well-being – One Voice Wales – **Cllr Maskall**
- How future national financial situations will affect Overton – **Cllr Hughes**