

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 1st December 2014

At

7. 15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG) (Chairman)
Councillor A Walker	(AWa) (Vice Chair)
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)
Councillor B Taylor	(BT)
Councillor A Wood	(AW)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Councillor R Barnard (Borough Councillor), Peter Taylor (BMBC Planning), Mr John Wade, Mr Stuart Combridge (Residents), Ruth Rovira (Neighbourhood Plan Committee).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills and Councillor F Shaw. (IS, IG)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Mr Wade enquired about who had put up the Neighbourhood Plan banner outside Saint Aidans, as he had found a drill bit/screw in the grass when cutting it. He explained that the drill bit could have been dangerous if it had been hit by the mower. Councillor Walker apologised and said she would check to see if they were missing the part.
- Mr Combridge enquired about the yellow lines proposal for Roughbitchworth Lane, and stated that he hoped that they would not stop him parking outside his house. He was shown the preliminary drawing and was satisfied with the configuration of the lines. The proposed drawing for the yellow lines was discussed and Councillors also agreed that they were acceptable. It was noted that the lines at the top of Tollbar need refreshing. The Clerk will check when this is going to Public Consultation.
- Councillor Barnard spoke about the Local Plan and other planning issues. He informed the Council that the consultation has been extended to the 11th January. He also informed the Council that the two current housing planning applications for Oxspring will be going to the Planning Regulatory Board in December.
- Mr Taylor (acting head of BMBC Planning) spoke to the Council about the Local Plan. There is no housing in the plan for Oxspring. There is one employment site.
- The plan includes land for 20,333 new homes and 336 hectares of employment land in the Borough. He explained that the Council had gone back to the Core Strategy which was to plan in urban Barnsley including Penistone first. Therefore there is little planned for the rural villages.
- He explained that the safeguarded land will not be looked at during the plan period up until 2033, but could be looked upon for housing supply after that until 2038. Again, he explained that safeguarded land in urban areas would be looked at prior to rural areas.
- He stated that if it is known that the land owner of a site on the plan is unwilling to sell the land, then this should be included in comments made to the Plan.
- Ruth Rovira asked Mr Taylor several questions about the Local Plan and stated that the NP Committee were pleased with the proposed plan for Oxspring.
- The Council thanked Mr Taylor for attending the meeting.

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4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2014, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AWa,IS). The Clerk had circulated action reports from the minutes and provided the latest update in addition. The Chair and other members reported on their actions.
- An application has been made to the Ward Alliance for funding for the play area benches. Councillor Barnard reported that he believed it had been approved and would come from the devolved budget.
- The order for the swing bridge and log train has been placed, and a pro forma invoice received. The lead time is 5 to 6 weeks from payment.
- The newsletters have been distributed.
- The Chair reported that he had a quote for a Notice Board for the Village Green of £1100. Councillor Stanley took the details and will also get a quote.
- Alan Walker has looked into a new flagpole. The Chair reported that the school has shown interest in a village maypole. Councillor Walker will see if it is possible to get a combined flagpole and maypole. The Clerk reported that she had enquired with BMBC regarding the location of a new flagpole. If it is to be sited near to the highway then permission would be required under the Highways Act, it may also require planning consent. It was agreed that the best location is where the previous pole was situated.
- The Parish insurance was discussed, and it was noted that a contractor would be liable under his own insurance if he was negligent, even if on PC land. If he was using PC equipment then the PC could be liable for injuries.
- The Clerk reported that BMBC will be removing the soil and vegetation that has grown over the pavement on Bower Hill.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- Councillor Walker explained that the funding has almost been spent and that the 10% that was held back will be available as soon as the spending reports are filed. The 10% can be spent now so as not to lose it.
- There is a 2nd tranche of funding available from April 2015, for which the committee would have 12 months to spend it. It is possible to obtain a bridging loan to cover January to March 2015 through PAE.
- Councillor Walker updated the Council on the meeting with Mike Dando. No one had turned up for the second meeting which was for residents that were unsure about the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Now that it is known that no housing is planned by BMBC, the PC was asked to give a vote of confidence to still pursue a Neighbourhood Plan. All were in favour.
- The Clerk will contact Hunshelf Parish with regards to extending the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to include the field next to the playingfield, due to the new school and leisure site plans that the committee are considering.
- Councillor Walker has written the letter of comments for the Local Plan consultation. This will be sent by the end of the month.

b. Playingfield Drainage

- The work to the playingfield drainage is complete.
- Graham Sedgwick is checking the drain weekly for build up of leaves and water.

c. Playingfield Footpath

- Councillor Taylor is waiting for samples from Prestige Aggregates and J Wragg.
- A quote for labour/machinery to do the job for £420 has been received from J Mitchell. The material cost is not yet known.

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d. Playarea Improvements

- Discussed under matters arising.

e. Titivators

- The Titivators equipment is currently being serviced.
- Councillor Stanley will speak to Councillor Shaw about the Rose bed as Mrs Harding wished to buy 2 roses for it.
- The group have indicated that grabbers for litter picking are needed. The Council agreed to this and asked if any further items would be required. It was noted that there was £500 in the budget to cater for the Titivators.

f. Grass Verge Sheffield Road

- The Clerk reported that to obtain permission the C must submit an application to BMBC to perform works in the highway and that the company used must be accredited under NRSWA. Therefore it is not possible for the PC to do the work with volunteers.
- In addition a licence would be payable at £153 for inspection and adoption of the works.
- The Clerk has requested a quote from BMBC.
- BMBC also specify the spec of the grass paving that must be used.

g. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £4409.13 and receipts of £52.84 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,IG)

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
28 Nov 14	TR	HSBC	transfer d/a to c/a	5000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th November 2014 are c/a £5241.30 and d/a £3300.31, Imprest a/c £26.99.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The NJC salary award of 2.2% and one off payment of £27.03 was agreed. (Awa,IG).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications for consideration.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- Invitations to the Mayors Services in Barnsley and Penistone were discussed. No one was available to attend. They are 21st December 6.30pm for Penistone, and 11th December 4pm for Barnsley if Councillors situations change.
- A letter from the Wentworth Residents Association regarding requesting SY police to set up a Community Speedwatch Scheme was discussed. The Council agreed that they would be in favour of such a scheme. The Clerk will write back to the association with the PC's comments.

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- A letter from John Openshaw regarding a Penistone East “Clean and Green” project proposal was discussed. The Council agreed that this was not required in Oxspring, due to the Council having the Titivator Group in the Parish.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Walker reported that the litter in the playingfield car park is getting worse, and that the offenders need speaking to. Councillor Taylor stated that he will speak to the police about the matter.
- Councillor Walker said that she thought a War Memorial in the village would be a good idea. She will ask Alan to speak to a contact of his about how to find out about casualties from the 1st or 2nd World Wars that were from the area.
- Councillor Wood reported that the TPT from Penistone to Thurgoland needs hedges cutting back and general clearing of vegetation from the footpath. The Clerk will report to Sarah Ford.
- There had been no feedback on the lifting of grates/manholes to road surface levels, the Clerk will chase this.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan, Playingfield footpath, Titivators update, Grass Verge Sheffield Road.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 5th January 2015 at Saint Aidan’s Church.

Signed this day 2015.