

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015

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 Mills	(AM)	
Councillor A Wood	(AWo)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Graham Sedgwick, Cheryl Kelleher, L Arnold, G Godley, Steven Green, L Green, SS Green, Ged Brearley, C West, I West, S Wright, Peter Shiel, Hannah Goldingay-Jordan, John Wade.

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor F Shaw (IS, BT)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

Neighbourhood Plan to be discussed after community matters.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Steven Green spoke on behalf of Yorkshire Land about their proposals for the Oxspring Fields site, and spoke of his perceived benefits to the site in comparison to the safeguarded site off Roughbitchworth Lane. He stated that his proposals had not been mentioned in any NP literature. He gave his views on the content of the NP draft consultation document.
- Mr Green spoke about the community consultation letter and documents that have been sent out to all residents and the Parish Council on the Oxspring Fields development site.
- Councillor Walker gave her replies to the criticisms voiced by Mr Green of the NP.
- Other residents spoke and stated that they did not want 150 new houses to be built at the Oxspring Fields site.
- Other matters discussed were the NP's proposals for a Riverside walkway and plans for the land next to the playingfield, and the fact that they had not discussed them with the landowner. Councillor Walker explained that they were suggestions to uses of land in the Parish and not at the stage of making land enquiries.
- A resident spoke about the pressure on school places at Oxspring School. Mr Green stated that if his plans went ahead he would be required to pay an amount to the education department in respect of the issue.
- Steven Green spoke about safeguarded land, and stated that in his opinion they are normally built on eventually and cited other examples.
- Ged Brearley stated that he supported the Oxspring Fields site and gave his views on its benefits.
- John Wade spoke and stated that he felt the Oxspring fields site was a better proposal than the Roughbitchworth lane site.
- Residents asked for an extension to the deadline of the Yorkshire Land consultation. Mr Green agreed that it was possible and that all replies would be taken into consideration. A further month to reply was suggested.

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- Hannah Goldingay-Jordan spoke about the dog fouling problem in the village. The Chair stated that he had recently spoken to the BMBC Dog Warden about a project to catch people that allow their dogs to foul, and that there was possibly funding for this in our area. He is waiting for the Dog Warden to get back to him.
- Graham Sedgwick reported that there had been recent flytipping at Cheesebottom. He will forward a photo to the Clerk.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (BT,AWa). 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.
- The Chair reported that the concrete bases for the playarea seating are to be done to following day. It was agreed for the Clerk to order the seating.
- Councillor Stanley reported that the new notice board would be ready in four weeks.
- Councillor Taylor reported that he will fix the doors back onto the old noticeboard.
- The flagpole was discussed. Councillor Taylor has measured the base. It was noted that a 20ft pole would be required. Mr Wade stated that he had a flagpole that the Parish Council could have it if was the right size. Councillor Taylor will have a look. If it is not suitable, Councillor Walker will obtain prices for a new flagpole.
- The proposed Maypole was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that the school supported the idea. A quote had been previously obtained that Councillor Walker will look at. Other quotes will also be obtained.
- Councillor Taylor confirmed that he is attending the Clean Green Project meeting at Penistone later in the week.
- It was noted that the flytipping at the Rookery had been removed, and has been reported to the police by BMBC.
- The Clerk reported that the allotment invoices were sent out in March. The majority have now paid. Two tenants have decided to not renew their tenancies. The Clerk is filling the vacancies from the waiting list.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- Councillor Walker updated the Council on the NP progress.
- She stated that grant funding is available to engage a consultant to write the policy documentation.
- The Clerk reported that a reply had been submitted to BMBC regarding the objection to the NP boundary amendment. It was noted that Hunshelf PC had also sent a reply to BMBC supporting the boundary amendment.
- Councillor Walker reported that Ruth Rovira had resigned as Chair of the NP due to personal reasons; she will still be on the committee and is looking at the Green Energy policy.
- Councillor Walker reported on a meeting that had been held with the footpaths officer. It was noted that a riverside walk would have to be DDA compliant, rendering it too expensive to implement.
- Cheryl Kelleher gave the PC an update on the community consultation results. There were 105 responses received back, a response rate of 20%. The results show overwhelming support for the NP's proposals. The next stage is to redraft the policies to be consistent with the Local Plan and the views of residents and local businesses. The major concern of residents is housing development in the village. The NP will need to cover development of "windfall sites". The NP will have an environment policy that includes green infrastructure, protection and creation of green space and wildlife sites. There will be a policy on community services to include protection, enhancement and provision of new services and facilities, e.g.

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sports and leisure. The final policy area will be headed 'movement', which will cover footpaths, cycleways and nature trails. In addition to firm policies the NP can also list aspirations such as a new school, better broadband or green energy.

- Councillor Walker reported that Penistone Town Council is also embarking on a NP.
- An interchange for Penistone was discussed. Councillor Walker had enquired with SYPTE and they have confirmed that an interchange (including a new bridge) would cost in the region of £2m. Yorkshire Land reported that it is their intention to donate funds for an interchange with the profits obtained from the Oxspring Fields and another Penistone site.
- A response from the Parish Council is to be sent in reply to the Yorkshire Land community consultation documents. The response will be drafted early May taking into account the Parish's views.
- The Clerk confirmed that the PC is allowed to obtain legal representation or advice from planning consultants under s111 of the LGA72. There is no spending limit on this.

b. Playingfield Footpath

- It was noted that the footpath needs cutting back and then needs spraying for weeds.
- Councillor Wood and Taylor are also looking at different surfaces that could be used to cover the path.

c. Titivators

- Graham Sedgwick gave an update from the Titivators in Councillor Shaws absence.
- He reported that planting had been done recently in Gordons Garden.

d. Planters

- This item was put on the agenda by Councillor Shaw, but she was absent from the meeting.
- Councillor Mills spoke about the Stone Trough planter near the playingfield. It was agreed that the Titivators would speak to Emily Gratton-Rayson about the best plants to put in this shady spot.

f. Electricity for Christmas Tree

- The quote received from BMBC is £1350 for a pillar installing behind the lamp column, and £55 connecting charge each year.
- Another option is to have an electricity meter installed. It is believed the initial cost is quite costly. There would also be the ongoing annual cost, which would include standing charges of approx £70 per year. No energy suppliers offer unit only rates anymore due to legislation changes.
- Councillor Walker reported that she has asked the school about using their supply and they have declined.
- The option of using a generator was discounted as the site is too open and would be open to being stolen.
- It was agreed to go ahead with the installation from BMBC. The Clerk will obtain confirmation of the price, and assuming it is still the same will go ahead.

g. Other Business

- The Clerk stated that a newsletter was due to be issued. Councillors are to contact the Clerk with items that they want to include. Articles to date include Neighbourhood Plan update, Dog Fouling, School PTA, Titivator update.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

The following items were presented and **agreed** for payment. (AWo,BT)

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Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
20/04/15	2/101930	YLCA	Membership renewal	370.00	ADMINISTRATION
20/04/15	3/101931	I Goldthorpe	Mole REMOVAL	40.00	Maintenance
20/04/15	4/101932	OXSPRING FRIENDS	DONATION FROM CHARITY SAMUEL WORDSWORTH	33.00	s137 PAYMENT
21 Apr 15	SO	S Tolson	Clerks Salary	533.74	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXP
21 Apr 15	SO	S Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
1 Apr 15	1/101929	Zurich Municipal	Insurance renewal	2463.93	ADMINISTRATION
21 Apr 15	dd	Yorkshire water	Water bill allotments	15.99	ALLOTMENTS
5 Apr 15	dd	Southern electric	Electric playingfield	16.63	Payments
Deposit Account					
NONE					

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
15 Mar 15	CR	Penistone Church Football	Donation for field use	40.00	RECEIPTS
27 Mar 15	CR	HMRC	VAT repayment 6 months	927.99	VAT RECOVERED
1 Apr 15	CR	bmbc	Precept	18906.00	PRECEPT
1 Apr 15	CR	Charity of Samuel Wordsworth	Donation for seniors	33.00	RECEIPTS
Deposit Account					
6 Mar 15	CR	HSBC	Quarterly interest	0.38	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
3 Mar 15	TR	HSBC	transfer d/a to c/a	3000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st March 2015 are c/a £5384.93 and d/a £2301.94, Imprest a/c £0.

c. Other Financial Matters

- It was agreed to pass on the Charity of Samuel Wordsworth donation to Oxspring Friends for the benefit of the seniors in the Parish.
- It was agreed to renew the playground inspection quote.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications for consideration.
- It was noted that there has been an appeal to planning application 2014/0482 for 4 Dwellings at Land adjacent to Millstones. A letter has also been received from Pba LLP who represents the applicants. A reply will be drafted and submitted to BMBC prior to the 12th May. The original comments made by the PC were noted, and it was also noted that an application for the same site was supported in June 2000. However, it was noted that it was supported at the time provided that the Rocher area was made available for public access.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A request for permission for a shed was agreed for an allotment at Clays Green.
- A request to use the playingfield as a carpark for the Hunshelf Oxspring amble on the 13th June was agreed.

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- An invitation to the Barnsley Mayors Service on the 11th June was noted. Councillors Mills and Walker will attend.
- **b. Items to Report**
- Councillor Mills reported that the pothole at the top of Tollbar had been repaired successfully.
- Councillor Stanley reported that there was a shortage of secondary school places at the moment in Penistone. It was noted that some outlying villages are no longer guaranteed places at the school, even though they have always been included in the catchment for the school. Councillor Walker reported that school supply and demand was discussed when the NP met with the education department. It was noted that there is a peak at this time, but in approx 3 years the situation will be different again. BMBC forecast future school intake based on past birth rates.
- It was reported that a privet hedge at the top of Tollbar needed cutting back. The Clerk will write to the resident concerned.
- The Clerk will write to A Smith MP for feedback on the recent meeting with her.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan, Playingfield footpath, Titivators update, Planters, electricity for Christmas tree.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be the Annual Parishioners meeting at 6.45pm on Monday 18th May 2015 at Saint Aidan's Church, followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed this day _____ 2015.