

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd February 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 A Mills	(AM)
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)
Councillor B Taylor	(BT)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk).

b. Apologies

Received and accepted from Councillor A Wood (AM,IS).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- None.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AM,FS). 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 Clerk reported that she had written to the SY Police and Crime Commissioner about the safety at the Fours Crossroads. Receipt of the letter is confirmed, reply is still to come.
- The issue about the Tates bus contract was discussed. It was noted that the bus contract is being terminated.
- The Clerk reported that in the meantime, the bus company has been asked not to cause an obstruction when parking.
- The possibility of installing large concrete balls on the grass verge on Roughbitchworth Lane to stop people parking there was not deemed suitable by Highways, but possibly soft landscaping under a license would be allowed. The Clerk will pursue this with highways and will find out what is considered to be "soft landscaping". The Clerk will also question why "yellow lines" are not deemed appropriate.
- The Clerk has not received a reply from the school about the electricity for the Christmas lights.
- The quote for getting an electricity supply from highways via a lamp post was noted. It was agreed to go down this route after checking land registry for the site where the tree is situated.
- The minutes from the meeting with Hunshelf were noted, and the letter received from the Chair of Hunshelf was discussed. It was noted that Hunshelf PC have no view about the Sheffield Road site, and do not believe that any redrawing of Parish or Neighbourhood Plan boundaries should be considered at this point.
- It was noted that Mr Cooper has stopped parking on the grass verge.
- The road sweeping schedule was discussed. Councillor Mills will keep a diary of when they attend.
- It was noted that Councillor Wood can remain a Councillor until the end of his term.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- None.

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b. Bower Dell

- All work to Bower Dell is now complete.
- Work has not started on the fencing as the contractor is busy with another job. It was noted that this job is to be completed as soon as possible.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

- Councillor Walker updated the Council on the latest news.
- The Faceless Company are holding meetings at the Primary school with the primary children and older children on the 20th February.
- Sponsorship has been obtained from Tesco's for refreshments for public meetings.
- There is a public meeting on the 1st March. MP Angela Smith and Borough Councillors will attend, as well as the Faceless Company. The whole village will be leafleted about the event.
- A potential Awards for All grant application was discussed. The Clerk has checked and an organisation cannot apply for more than £10,000 in any 12 month period.
- It was agreed that the NP group complete their application with details of the project and funding required, and this will then be agreed at the next meeting as to whether to submit the application in the Parish Council's name.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the fee for the web hosting for the new NP webpage. This will be from the NP earmarked fund. Approx £44 for the first year.

d. Oxspring Gala

- It was agreed to hold a gala on Sunday 13th July in principle.
- Councillor Stanley reported that there is £480 in the Gala fund. This will be transferred to Oxspring Friends.
- It was agreed that Oxspring Friends would take the lead in organising the Gala and would set up a Gala committee.
- Suggested items for a gala included a table top sale, food stalls, Neighbourhood Plan stall, Village Boundary Walk, Spaniel rescue.
- An article re the event is to go in the Spring Newsletter.
- Surplus income from the event will be distributed to projects in the village, or local charities.

e. Playingfield Drainage/footpath

- Councillor Taylor has met with Mr Fielding on site, and he has offered the Council two days with a digger to investigate the drainage problems. The spot where the water was shooting up needs to be located before work can be done. Councillor Stanley will ask J Crowther to mark it if he sees signs of it.
- The Chair will give Councillor Taylor the dimensions of the footpath so that Councillor Taylor can order the correct amount of chippings.

f. Sheffield Road Wall Statement

- Councillor Stanley will write the statement about the Sheffield Road Wall for the next newsletter.
- Councillors Stanley and Shaw will visit the Darwins to discuss the wall that borders their farmland, and see if they want to provide a quote for the repairs. They will also suggest that they make a contribution towards it.
- The Clerk will provide Councillor Stanley with the previous quotes to use as a spec.

g. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

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a. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing Balances for 31st January 2014 are c/a £1166.37 and d/a £5204.44, Imprest a/c £44.43.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £2802.09 and receipts of £20 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (AM,IS)

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk reported to the Council on the Finance Sub committee meeting.
- It was agreed to set a standstill precept of £18906. (AM,FS).
- Proposed changes using the carry forward balance to the earmarked funds were agreed. (AM,FS).
- The Playingfield Development fund and Non 106 maintenance fund will be amalgamated, with £500 being added to go towards Titivator tools, and £4000 will be added to go towards dealing with the grass verges at Sheffield Road and Roughbitchworth Lane.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning applications for consideration.
- 2014/0054 – 1 Eddyfield – Extension - No objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- An update from the Titivator Group was received regarding work done on the Holly Lane section of the TPT.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Taylor reported that the Waggon and Horses had asked if the Parish Council were interested in renting the playingfield out for camping when it is the Tour De France in July. This was discussed and it was agreed not to.
- Councillor Taylor reported on damage to the Village Green by cars driving all over it. This has been reported to the police and has a crime number.
- Councillor Stanley reported on the Coates Lane (near Bird Lane) road surface. The top layer has come off. The Clerk will report to Highways.
- Councillor Stanley asked about the Willow Tree on the playingfield. This was agreed. Councillor Shaw is to give Councillor Stanley the contact details for ER Ratton Grayson to help with the siting.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Bower Dell fencing, Neighbourhood Plan, playingfield drains investigation, Playingfield footpath, Sheffield Rd Wall.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 3rd March 2014 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2014.