

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2014

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chairman)
Councillor A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)	
Councillor B Taylor	(BT)	
Councillor A Wood	(AWo)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk).

Residents in attendance: Andrew Mears, Lisa Chambers, Jackie Turner, Steve Reid, Rich Bentley, Ryan Faxon, Richard Haigh, Karen Reid, Enid Aveyard, Janet Elsworth, Katie Elsworth.

b. Apologies

Received and accepted from Councillor A Walker (BT,AM).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- The residents in attendance explained that they had attended the Neighbourhood Planning event on Saturday and that they didn't understand the point of the meeting. They wanted to get clarity on what the NP is about. They were concerned that the NP is all about building/developing in Oxspring. Many of the residents were clear that they do not want any building development in the village. Many stated that they knew nothing of the NP until the event. A couple of residents were concerned that the Steering Group and committees are a "closed shop". One resident had enquired about joining one of the groups but stated that he had been turned down. Other feedback was that the questionnaires were biased towards development. Councillors explained what the NP is about and the importance of it to have any influence on future planning applications in Oxspring. It was explained that this was the first public event and that there will be more. Contact details of the residents were taken and will be passed on to Councillor Walker and Ruth Rovira.
- Resident Lisa Chambers expressed concern at youths sniffing aerosols in the woods near Winterbottom. She will report to the police. Councillor Taylor will also report and ask for the area to be kept an eye on.

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

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,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 on the reply from SY Police and Crime Commissioner about the safety at the Fours Crossroads, they confirmed that they had had a site meeting with BMBC in October 13 and had reviewed the speed limit in 2010. The limit was judged to be correct. Following the meeting with BMBC it was agreed to improve visibility and signage.
- Councillor Wilson is still working on getting something done to improve the parking situation at Roughbitchworth Lane. Soft landscaping or a knee rail fence has been suggested by BMBC. BMBC need to confirm the issue of a license for any works. Yellow lines are not an option due to enforceability, cost and respect for the restriction.

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- The Clerk has enquired about how to change a Parish Boundary. This can only be done by a Community Governance Review undertaken by BMBC. This can be triggered by a petition of over 250 residents. BMBC would have 12 months to do the review and both Parishes would be consulted for their views.
- The Clerk confirmed that following Land registry searches, the Christmas tree area did not belong to the neighbouring properties of the school and Red Cottage. It was agreed not to pursue an electricity feed at this time.
- The Titivators Ward Alliance application was successful. They have had a meeting about the purchasing of equipment and are buying the large items from Rapid Hire Centres.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Bower Dell Fencing

- The Clerk is obtaining a licence from the Streetworks department.
- Jo Birch is paying for the wooden uprights with the remaining S106 monies.
- The Parish Council will purchase the rails, concrete and labour. A quote for £796.25 has been obtained.
- The work will be done during March.

b. Neighbourhood Plan

- The new oxspringplan.org.uk website is up and running.
- The committee are still drafting an Awards For All application.
- The school visits by the Faceless Company were very successful.
- Questionnaires for all residents have been printed and will be distributed shortly.
- Major discussions are still ongoing with BMBC planning regarding the amendments to the Core Strategy.
- The first public event took place on the 2nd March and was a success.

c. Playingfield Drainage

- Councillor Taylor has seen the water coming out the hole in the field again and is now sure of what the problem is. When the weather is dryer he will arrange for the digging work with Fielding Construction.

d. Playingfield Footpath

- Nothing to report.

e. Sheffield Road Wall

- Councillor Stanley visited the Darwins about the dry stone wall that bordered their land. No quotes were obtained.
- The retaining wall on the opposite side of Sheffield Road at the back of Old Manor Drive was discussed, as it was felt that it is not justified to use Parish Council money on one wall and not the other.
- The Clerk will report to highways that there is rubble falling from this wall that needs to be removed from the highway.
- It was agreed to continue with the Statement to go in the next newsletter.

f. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
3 Feb 14	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	4000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 28th February 2014 are c/a £3902.08 and d/a £5235.76, Imprest a/c £41.43.

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b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £2206.74 and receipts of £1569.12 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (AW,BT)

c. Other Financial Matters

- The renewal insurance schedule was discussed and it was agreed to renew in April. (AWo,BT).
- The Clerk will arrange for insurance of the Titivator equipment to be added once it had been purchased.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications for consideration.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- An update from the Titivator Group was received regarding work done at Bower Dell and the Rookery. Also regular litter picking has been done. Praise was given for all the Titivators hard work.
- An enquiry from Neighbourhood Pride re the Rose Bed was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council will take on the maintenance of this via the Titivators. The Clerk will inform BMBC.
- The Clerk informed the Council that Saint Aidans are having an AGM on the 26th March at 7.30pm. All are invited.
- A request from Penistone Footpath Runners was noted to use the field for the start and end of their road race on the 9th April. This was agreed.
- A request from the football club for the Juniors to have a mini tournament on the field in May was granted.
- Information regarding a gala event by the Waggon & Horses on the 22nd June was reported. Oxspring Friends reported that they are no longer doing a Gala this year, but will be doing one next year. Councillor Stanley will approach the Waggon & Horses regarding the Gala Fund. It was agreed that it is to be used to help with start up costs, but that the fund must be replaced at the end.

b. Items to Report

- The Chair showed the Council some matting that he obtained that he thought would be good to use on the entrance to the playarea and round the corner to meet with the matting under the Waltz. He has had a quote for £400 for the matting, £50 soil and labour £460. It was agreed that this was a good idea if BMBC playarea services agree that it is acceptable. The Chair will contact Jo Birch.
- It was also discussed that this matting may help with the grass verges. Councillors will look into installing some pieces in the verge on Sheffield Road near the bridge.
- Councillor Stanley suggested sending a condolence card and flowers to Diane Thorpe's daughter. D Thorpe was a former Parish Councillor. Councillor Stanley will arrange.
- Councillor Wood reported that there is a water leak near the Roughburchworth Lane/Sheffield Road junction. Councillor Taylor is aware of this and will report.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

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

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 7th April 2014 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2014.