

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor A Walker	(AW)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor G Sedgwick	(GS)	
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), C Keller (NP Group), B Taylor (Resident).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor E Gratton-Rayson, and Councillor A Mills. (IS, FS)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- None.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,GS). 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 PAT testing for the Christmas tree lights was not a requirement of the Parish Councils Insurance, but that regular testing was preferable. Councillor Sedgwick stated that he would inspect the equipment annually, and it was agreed to look at PAT testing on a regular basis nearer the time. (Every other year was suggested as an interval).
- The crumbling stone wall near the Culvert exit was reported to Highways.
- The potholes near Mount Pleasant were filled and have re-appeared already. The Clerk is to complain to BMBC about the method used to fill the holes, and also about the online reporting system which residents have reported as not working.
- The Clerk will contact the street lighting department re the dog foul signs on lamp columns.
- Councillors Sedgwick, Shaw and the Chair are looking at the best places to put the signs up.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- The Draft NP is currently available for comment, and details were sent out with the December newsletter.
- From the replies received so far, there has been nothing negative, and many positive replies.
- Replies will be received until the 15th January.
- The article on the website re the Chronicle article in December was discussed. It was agreed to not send a response to the Chronicle.
- It was agreed to issue a NP update letter to Parishioners.
- Following the letter of 31st December from YLL it was agreed to reword the article on the NP and PC

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websites. The new wording was agreed at the meeting.

- It was agreed that the Clerk reply to the letter informing YLL that the article has been reworded, and that all future correspondence should be directed to the Parish Council via the Clerk.
- A number of letters from Yorkshire Land were read and noted. Acknowledgements have been sent. It has been agreed since the meeting, that a reply will be sent to the letters addressed to the NP Chairs.
- Two further FOI requests have been received from YLL in December. These were read through at the meeting. The Clerk will respond to the requests within the timeframe allowed.

b. Playingfield Footpath

- Nothing further to report.
- The invoice has still not been received for the planings.

c. Titivators

- Councillor Sedgwick gave an update from the Titivators.
- Litter picking has been done regularly.
- He reported that the felt roof of the storage hut had been damaged in recent bad weather. Some of the Titivators have made a temporary repair last weekend (in pouring rain), and Councillor Sedgwick reported that materials to make a permanent repair would be approx £50. This was agreed.
- The Hawthorne Hedge near the Anthills was discussed following a request from V Borham for it to be cut. The Titivators will look at it.
- The Christmas tree is to be taken down on the 6th January.

d. Oxspring Open Gardens

- Nothing was reported in Councillor Gratton-Raysons absence.

e. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

The following items were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,FS)

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
4 Jan 16	51/101980	Saint Aidans	Hall hire	85.00	ADMINISTRATION
4 Jan 16	52/101981	rapid hire centres	#titivator equipment service	272.11	MAINTENANCE
4 Jan 16	dd	Yorkshire Water	Water Bill allotments	16.98	ALLOTMENTS
10 Jan 16	dd	Southern electric	Electric playingfield	5.45	OTHER PAYMENTS (Not listed
21 Jan 16	SO	S Tolson	Clerks salary	533.74	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXF
21 Jan 16	SO	S Tolson	Imprest account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
Deposit Account					
None					

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
2 Jan 16	CR	Zurich Municipal	Insurance claim zip wire	1300.85	RECEIPTS

Deposit Account
None

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

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<u>Transfers</u>		Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Date						
6 Dec 15		TRF	HSBC	Bank transfer d/a to c/a	6000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st December 2015 are c/a £1463.13 and d/a £8307.02, Imprest a/c £4.43.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Finance Sub committee will meet in January to discuss the precept request.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to consider.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- The Penistone Clean & Tidy team wish to clear the footpath along the A629 towards Thurgoland to 1 metre wide. The Parish Council has no objections; therefore the Clerk will inform John Openshaw.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Shaw reported that she is not pleased with the look of the repairs made to the wall along Sheffield Road. This was discussed, and agreed that each wall is the residents' wall and they can make the repairs in whichever manner they wish as long as the repair is satisfactory to BMBC.
- Councillor Walker reported that a lamp post on Sheffield Road is lying on the grass verge. (Near the Martree Business park). The Clerk will report.
- Councillor Walker reported that the Hunshelf Amble took place on Sunday and was very successful with 205 runners. The playingfield wasn't used for parking due to the wet conditions.
- Councillor Stanley reported that the new streetlights have left a lot of dark spots, as the pool of light is now much smaller. The Clerk will report to street lighting at BMBC.
- Councillor Stanley reported that there had been a spate of accidents recently at the Fours crossroads.
- The Chair reported that the drain at the entrance to Manor Lane was full to the brim with silt. The Clerk will report.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan, Playingfield footpath, Titivators update, Oxspring Open Gardens.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 1st February 2016 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2016.