

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6th January 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)
Councillor A Wood	(AWo)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor R Barnard

b. Apologies

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- A query was raised about large access gates installed on Underbank Lane. Councillor Barnard has since confirmed that this is for a planning application in Hunshelf Parish for an agricultural store.
- Councillor Mills asked Councillor Barnard about the road sweeping schedule as she felt that they attend Oxspring very frequently. Councillor Barnard has since forwarded the schedule to the Clerk. The frequency is every 6 weeks.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013, 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.
- Following the advice of Councillor Barnard it was agreed to write to the SY Police and Crime Commissioner about the safety at the Fours Crossroads, and invite him to a future meeting.
- The meeting in December outside the school was discussed. The issue about the Tates bus contract is still being investigated.
- Councillor Barnard is investigating the possibility of installing large concrete balls on the grass verge on Roughbitchworth Lane to stop people parking there. This could be funded with the Area Council devolved budget. As there are currently personnel changes in the Highways department, Councillor Barnard reported that he needed to wait till these changes are finalised before he could take this further.
- The new bins have been installed at the playarea. The matting is going to be installed this week.
- Electricity for village Christmas decorations was discussed. The Clerk will find out about the costs of plugging into a lamppost from Highways. Councillor Barnard indicated that funding could be applied for from the Devolved Budget.
- The drains on Sheffield Road were discussed. Councillor Barnard has since confirmed that this issue has been reported to Highways.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

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a. Community Partnership Facilities

- None.

b. Bower Dell

- All work to Bower Dell is now complete.
- It was noted that there is no dog bin. The Clerk is to find out if dog fouling can be bagged and put in normal bins. If so, a sign is required to go on the bin to say that this is allowed.
- The remaining 106 money will go towards the fencing.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

- The Clerk has checked the website and the Neighbourhood Plan information and minutes are on the site.
- Councillor Walker updated the Council on the latest news.
- The Faceless Company are going to hold some creative workshops to help design a banner.
- Councillor Walker also spoke about some work to be done by Dearne Media.
- The costs for the above will come from the Planning Aid grant already received.
- Councillor Walker reported that the group would also like to apply for an Awards for All grant in the name of the Parish Council. This was debated. It was agreed that further information is required before a decision can be taken. The NP group need to provide a detailed application explaining what the grant is to be used on and how much is needed.
- The next steering committee meeting is on the 14th January at 7pm.

d. Playingfield Charging

- The reply received from John Crowther regarding charging juniors for use of the field was discussed.
- A vote was taken as to whether to introduce charging for the next season. The result was 2 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention.
- It was agreed that only adults are to be charged. The Clerk will notify OUFC that if the club enter teams into any adult leagues, then the situation will need to be revisited.

e. Playingfield Drainage

- A digger is still to be hired with J Mitchell to further investigate the pipe to see if it joins the culvert.
- It was agreed to do the whole footpath with one of the materials used by Councillor Taylor. The path needs to be measured to enable the quantities of material to be ordered. Councillor Taylor and the Chair will arrange. The work will be done by the Councillors and volunteers.

f. Penistone Cycle Hire

- The Clerk wrote to Penistone Cycle Hire to invite the business owner to come and discuss the project.
- No reply received yet.

g. Other Business

- The Clerk will inform the Boot Camp leader about the surface of the footpath.
- The forthcoming meeting with Hunshelf Parish Council was discussed. Changing the Parish Boundary is to be discussed at the meeting.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing Balances for 31st December 2013 are c/a £3972.84 and d/a £5204.44, Imprest a/c £29.43.

b. Payments and Receipts

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

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
31 Dec 13	DD	Yorkshire Water	Water bill RB allotment	6.79	ALLOTMENTS
5 Jan 14	DD	Southern Electric	Electric playingfield	3.90	OTHER PAYMENTS (Not listed)
6 Jan 14	35/101841	Online Playgrounds	#Trapeze rings	48.00	MAINTENANCE
6 Jan 14	36/101842	Saint Aidans Church	Hall Hire	93.50	ADMINISTRATION
6 Jan 14	37/101842	Saint Aidans Church	#neighbourhood plan Hall Hire	100.00	ADMINISTRATION
6 Jan 14	38/101843	Amazon	Printer Ink	26.78	ADMINISTRATION
6 Jan 14	39/101844	Barnsley College	Newsletter printing	15.00	ADMINISTRATION
6 Jan 14	40/101845	BMBC	Ground Maintenance 2st inst	1678.80	MAINTENANCE
6 Jan 14	42/101846	Windmill Nursery	Christmas Tree	150.00	MAINTENANCE
6 Jan 14	43/101847	J Mitchell	#fix bins playarea	190.00	MAINTENANCE
23 Jan 14	SO	Stephanie Tolson	Clerks Salary	505.49	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXF
23 Jan 14	SO	Stephanie Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS

Deposit Account

none

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
7 Dec 13	CR	OUFC	donation for field use	20.00	RECEIPTS

Deposit Account

7 Dec 13	CR	HSBC	Interest to 6/12/13	0.83	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS
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Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
None					

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Finance sub committee will meet on the 20th January at 10am to discuss the precept for 2014.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were two planning applications for consideration.
- 2013/1158 – Manure Store Sycamore Farm – No objections.
- 2013/1281 – Oxspring Wire Mills – Industrial building extension – No objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- None.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Stanley reported that the Gala Fund is still in place. It was agreed to place discussion about a Gala on the next agenda.
- The recent work done by the Titivators group was discussed and an application for a Ward Alliance Grant was circulated for approval. This is to purchase equipment for the Titivators to use. It was agreed to alter the financial information on the application, and to include quotes for the largest items of equipment. The application was agreed. Councillor Shaw stated that she would present the application to J Openshaw.
- The use of the Oxspring Heritage Group grant was discussed, and it was agreed that the trees and planting that is to be done in Bower Dell would be acknowledged in the next newsletter as being funded by the group.

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- Councillor Taylor requested that the Council thank the Roundtable via Penistone Town Council for the loan of the safety barriers that were around the Christmas tree. The Clerk will arrange.
- Councillor Stanley spoke about the request for a pussy Willow tree on the playingfield. It was agreed that it shouldn't go near the Mayfield side or in the area where the community building may get built. Councillor Shaw will speak to Mrs Grattan-Rayson as to the best siting for a Willow on the field.
- Parking on the grass verge at the top of Tollbar Close was discussed. The Clerk is to contact Mr Cooper to request that he doesn't park here as he has to cross the pavement.
- Councillor Stanley requested that a statement is put in the next newsletter explaining the situation with the dry stone wall on Sheffield road. This item will be put on the next agenda.
- Councillor Wood reported that the village green wall has been knocked again. He will get quotes to get it repaired.
- Councillor Wood also reported that he is moving out of Oxspring shortly. The Clerk will check the rules on whether he can still be a Councillor.
- Councillor Taylor reported that a Mr Shirliffe has contacted him about trimming/cutting some trees on the playingfield. Councillor Taylor will find out exactly what he wants to do before any agreements are made.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Bower Dell area project, Neighbourhood Plan, playingfield drains investigation, Penistone Cycle Hire, Gala Fund, Sheffield Rd Wall statement.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

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

Signed this day _____ **2014.**