

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly On Monday 12th May 2008, at 6.30pm in Oxspring Primary School.

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe.	(IG)	(Chair.)
Councillor C Booth.	(CB)	
Councillor W. Taylor.	(BT)	
Councillor Stanley.	(IS)	(Vice Chair.)
Councillor Chitoriski	(RC)	
Mrs S Tolson (Clerk) & Mrs Gail Bristowe (public).		

In Attendance.

Apologies.

Apologies were presented for Councillor Mills and Councillor Shaw.

Councillor Goldthorpe in the Chair as retiring Chairperson of Oxspring Parish Council read the Notice of the Annual Assembly.

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 14th May 2007, and Matters Arising from them.

The Chair read through the minutes of the previous assembly and allowed comments on actions and progress on items and took questions from the assembly as this was done.
No Questions were asked.

Councillor Stanley arrived at this point.

The minutes were agreed to be signed by the Chair as a true record following a proposal from Councillor Booth, supported by Councillor Stanley.

Councillor Chitoriski arrived at this point.

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007

These together with the Internal and External Auditors' reports and certification of accounts were circulated for examination and comment or questions.

Councillor Booth asked what additional information had been requested by the auditors, the Clerk read out the letter received from the Auditors in September 07 when they had requested further details on the Reserves. There were no other questions from the Public or Councillors present.

Reports of the Parish Council Representatives and Associated Bodies.

Oxspring Brownies.

Jocelyn Sanderson. Mrs Sanderson submitted a report to be read out by the Clerk.
The report was as follows:

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May I start with giving my apologies for not attending tonight's meeting. Another busy year, we have 27 very enthusiastic Brownies. We have been on our annual Pack Holiday, taken part in South Yorkshire Brownie Activity Day made Mothers Day cards, baked buns, scones, biscuits, blackberry and apple crumble and lots of other activities and crafts. We have recently been working on the Brownie traditions badge, learning how the Guiding movement started, tying reef knots and ties like Brownies used to wear with their uniforms playing games and having lots of laughs along the way. Sadly our Snowy Owl Marie Hawke has left us, she has gone to work in France for the Kingswood Activity Group. We wish her lots of luck in her new job. Their gain is our loss and we are on the look out for new leaders, Tawny Owl has to retire next year so we need someone to start training now. (Any volunteers please come to St Aidans on Tuesday nights (6.15 to 7.45.)

Councillor Taylor arrived at this point.

Penistone Rural Road Safety Committee.

Councillor Taylor. No report as there were no meetings.

Paramount Cinema Management Committee.

Councillor Shaw. No report as Councillor Shaw was not present.

Oxspring United Football Club.

Councillor Stanley. Councillor Stanley gave a verbal report on Football Clubs 2007/2008 season. He reported that they had had their Annual Dinner last Saturday at Silkstone Lodge which had been very successful. The year had been very successful for the 5 junior teams, and satisfactory for the 2 adult teams. The Under 8's won the millennium league, and also won the competition in Scarborough. The Under 12's also won their league. The rest of the Juniors also did well. The Under 35's staved off relegation by 1 point, the Over 35's did ok. The club has recently had a new manager, Pete Holmes.

Oxspring Trunce Runners.

Andrew Plummer. Mr Plummer submitted a report to be read out by the Clerk.
The report was as follows:

Thank you for the invite to the next meeting of the Oxspring Parish Council on the 12th May 2008. Unfortunately the date of the meeting coincides with Trunce race 3. 2007 Trunce series saw some record attendances for the individual races, and the series in total, with anyone running 5 or more races being given a 40TH Anniversary T shirt which was designed by DT students at Penistone Grammar School and sponsored by Lavender NDT of Penistone. The 1st and 2nd race's this season have surpassed anything in 2007. The first race saw 239 senior runners plus 31 junior runners, only the 3rd time ever we have had over 200 runners. The second race saw 261 starters (258 finished) plus 36 juniors, a staggering number of participants. The "health" of the Trunce appears to be enjoying a very positive time and every person I have spoken to enjoys the event and the atmosphere. Hopefully the popularity will stabilise, traditionally the first 2 races are best attended, and numbers will drop slightly to make the organisation a little more handleable. Thank you all for your continued support of the Trunce series.

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Oxspring Primary School PTA.

Julie Darigali. Mrs Darigali (Chairperson) submitted a report to be read out by the Clerk. The report was as follows:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the Parish Annual Assembly. Unfortunately I am unable to attend but hope the following information is useful: Over the last twelve months, Oxspring Primary School and the PTA have organised the following activities:

Duck race and summer fayre
Ice-cream sales every Friday afternoon throughout the summer term
Discos - Halloween, Valentine and end of term
Beetle drive
Harvest assembly and auction
Christmas card project - made for every child from their own designs
Christmas Fayre
Bun days - children bake and bring them to sell at break time
Non-uniform days
Table top sales
Sport relief sponsored mile
Bags to school event
Easter Art competition and Easter egg raffle

All these events have been thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved. We have used some of the money raised to refurbish the library and purchase a new stage, buy each child an ice-cream for the theatre trip, fund the Year Six trip, as well as purchase lots of resources for each class.

Oxspring Good Companions.

Brian Webster. Mr Webster (Secretary) submitted a report to be read out by the Clerk. The report was as follows:

I write on behalf of all members to say that we are still having our meeting once a week and we are ticking along just fine. Although we could do with some more members as we are very low, there are only 15 of us so we would appreciate some more. So if you know of anyone please tell them to come along. I send best wishes to all Parish Council members.

Oxspring Heritage Group.

C.N. Booth. Councillor Booth had submitted a written report which he read out. The report was as follows:

2007/08 has been a quiet year. Our executive committee is still in existence with the same members, and although plenty of residents long standing and new have promised help as volunteers whenever a need may arise, no one has come forward to join the committee. We have agreed to continue for the time being in this state which is progress from last year when it was considered the group may disband. The usual OHG organised events have continued. The family Christmas Walk was very well attended by more than 12 people the majority of them walking with us for the first time. Several usual faces did not appear this year, so our hopes are raised for a bigger turn out this Christmas with last year's new ones

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back to be joined by our usual supporters returning for exercise. The Traditional Christmas Sing with Hade Edge Band at the Travellers was a less well attended affair this year, but for that no quieter than usual. Members also supported and took part in the OF Carol Sing at St.Aidan's Church. The group has accepted OPC's invitation to renew the way-marking to the Public Footpaths of Oxspring, which would have been completed by now had not Barnsley MBC delayed matters by first offering marking roundels and adhesive, then deciding it needed to order a new supply but had no money until after 1st April 2008. The group is still awaiting BMBC to provide these items. As a committee member of CARE our representative reports no meeting of the full group although the Silkstone group is very active and meets regularly. We have requested a committee meeting of the full group as required by the Charity Commission. We rely on CARE to provide volunteer insurance for our project activities. The group is pleased to learn of progress with regard to the Gordon Wood Memorial Garden and adjacent strip park and is willing to help the PC in any way it can. Similarly with the new Sport and Community Building planned for the playingfield. It is more likely the group would be a user of the building once up and running and in fund raising to help equip and furnish it once built. Finally, the group congratulates the PC and its contractor for the restoration of the Toll Bar Post, and asks when the original small plaque is to be attached?

Oxspring Friends.

Councillor Shaw. No report as Councillor Shaw was not present.

Oxspring Parish Allotments Manager.

Mrs Steph Tolson. The Clerk presented the Council's Allotment register which would now be circulated amongst Council members as required by law for information. She then read out the following report:

There is currently only one allotment vacant at The Willows. This is in the process of negotiation with Mr Webster who lives in from of the plot. There are currently 8 names on the Waiting list, of which 2 already hold plots at West Crescent, but wish to remain on the list for a Roughbitchworth plot, and there is one person on the waiting list who also already holds a plot at West Crescent, but is on the waiting list for the neighbouring plot also.

The following items were then discussed.

- It was agreed to put the cost of cutting the Willows into the Allotment accounts. (CB,IG).
- Councillor Stanley needs to be re-instated on the waiting list.
- Regarding the vacant allotment, Neighbourhood Pride is going to visit the site re the grass cutting to ensure that the mower can access the plot. Councillor Taylor is to report back to the Clerk on the outcome. It was agreed that Mr Webster could have a small fence behind his flower border, and is to remove the fence on the right side of the shed to allow mower access. The Clerk will inform Mr Webster. Mr Webster is to arrange the altering of the kerb himself with BMBC permission.

Community Action In The Rural Environment (CARE) Report.

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Councillor Chitoriski. Report not requested as no meetings had taken place.

Oxspring Parish Council Chair's Report.

Councillor Goldthorpe. Councillor Goldthorpe had prepared a written report which he read out. The report was as follows:

After reading through the Parish Councils minutes of the last 12 months, I have found some outstanding issues.

1. The wall on Sheffield Road towards the Sidings.
2. The play area small multi play unit vertical bars.
3. Rubbish removal from the Ant Hills, which has been started.
4. New planter for Willows.

Now, for projects that have been completed:

The Ant Hills to Trans Pennine Trail, hand rail has been replaced. The Tollbar post stone work has been replaced. The 3 litter bins for the village green and playing field have just been delivered and will shortly be fixed in place. The rear safety rail for the G. Wood Memorial Garden has been ordered as agreed at our special meeting and some of the front concrete post railings have been removed.

Finely I would like to thank all members for their help and assistance during the last year.

The following items were then discussed:

- The Clerk is to chase the manufacturer re the vertical bars on the play unit.
- Councillor Shaw is to chase regarding the rubbish removal at the Anthills, as the work that was started has now left some dangerous materials exposed.
- Councillor Taylor is to take one of the planters from the Willows square near where he lives and put it at the Tanyard. (CB,BT).

Observations from Members of the Parish.

There were no further comments.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Signed this day _____ **2009**