

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly On Monday 11th May 2009, at 6.30pm in Saint Aidans Church.

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe.	(IG)	(Chair.)
Councillor C Booth.	(CB)	
Councillor Mills	(AM)	
Councillor Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor W. Taylor.	(BT)	
Councillor Stanley.	(IS)	(Vice Chair.)
Councillor Chitoriski	(RC)	

In Attendance.

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk) & Jocelyn Sanderson (public).

Apologies.

No Apologies were received.

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 12th May 2008, 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.

Matters arising were that the Clerk is to contact BMBC Highways regarding the wall on Sheffield Road near the Sidings.

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

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2008

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

There were no 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:

Another exciting year, including going on Pack Holiday, taking part in the Mayors Parade, Brownie Traditions Badges, Disability Awareness Badges, Crafts, Challenges, Nature walks and lots more. Is it any wonder we have a long waiting list to join Oxspring Brownies.

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Carole Holmes our Tawny Owl has reached the age when she has had to come out of uniform. We thanked her with a party and gift for all the dedication she has given to Oxspring Brownies we are very sorry to lose Carole as a Guider but she will continue to come to Brownies as an occasional helper.

Five Girls will leave Brownies and move to Guides in June but with only one uniformed Guider and 12 names on our waiting list, all of them old enough to attend Brownies we need more uniformed Leaders. Ratios of 1 adult to 8 Brownies indoors and 1 to 6 outdoors as set out in the Guiding manual means all activities will be limited.

Girl guiding U.K will celebrate its Centenary next year. In the build up to the Centenary all sections have been asked to Change the World by raising money for a number of charities. Oxspring Brownies choice is to raise money for Deaf Children (NDCS).

In the last few months Brownies have been taught how to use Sign Language very successfully all Brownies gaining their Disability Awareness interest badge. Rehearsals for our concert on the 9th June are going well. The Brownies will be singing dancing and playing musical instruments, we have very talented girls. The concert is open to the public and all money raised will go to Deaf Children.

Anyone interested in becoming a leader or willing to help every week please call in at our Brownie meeting St Aidans Church Hall Tuesday 6.15 to 7.45 you will be given a very warm welcome. No experience needed all training is given free.

It was agreed that the Clerk will put a notice in the next newsletter for a new leader, and that the Clerk will write to Michael Clapham regarding the leaving age difference of Brownie and Scout leaders.

Penistone Rural Road Safety Committee.

Councillor Taylor. No report as there were no meetings.

Paramount Cinema Management Committee.

Councillor Shaw.

Councillor Shaw reported that she has attended several meetings over the past year. She has informed the committee that Oxspring PC will no longer be making a donation to the Cinema as it is self sustaining. It was **agreed** that as the Parish Council is no longer a stakeholder, that a representative from the Parish Council is no longer required on the committee. (CB,IS).

Oxspring United Football Club.

Councillor Stanley. Councillor Stanley gave a verbal report on Football Clubs 2008/2009 season. He reported that the year had been very successful for the 5 junior teams, and satisfactory for the senior team, who had avoided relegation. There will be no under 15's team next season due to players leaving, but there will be an under 8's team starting. There will also be a new senior's team that will play on a Sunday.

Oxspring Truncheon Runners.

Andrew Plummer. Mr Plummer submitted a report to be read out by the Clerk.

The report was as follows:

At the time of writing, 17/04/09, we have had the first Truncheon of 2009, second is due on Monday 20th, which attracted 300 runners in total, 263 seniors and 37 juniors.

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Since last season, the person who was inputting the runner's times and producing the results has moved jobs and cannot be here on the relevant evenings.

A couple of friends, runners and IT professionals, have produced a new web site and a new system of producing the results. After a few settling in challenges we will get the results out in the Rafters Bar within 1 hour of the finish of the race and have them on the web site the next evening.

This will, hopefully, encourage more competitors to stay longer and spend money in the village.

Traditionally the race numbers settle down and I anticipate 150 to 170 senior runners per race after the first couple of events, which is still a very good turn out but makes the delays at the first couple of stiles acceptable.

Oxspring Primary School PTA.

No representation at the meeting, or report submitted.

Oxspring Good Companions.

No representation at the meeting, or report submitted.

Oxspring Heritage Group.

Councillor Booth gave a verbal report. The report was as follows:

2008/09 has been a quiet year. The Christmas Carols and Walk were successful. Councillor Booth wasn't able to attend. Half of the Roundels for Way marking were received in November 08, but injury prevented these being put in place before Christmas. They will be done in the next few weeks, and then the other half will be requested from BMBC. OHG have decided that they will be the lead on the Parish project to plant whips at the Anthills.

CARE

Councillor Booth gave a verbal report. The report was as follows:

The Silkstone group is very active and meets regularly, mostly in the winter when Silkstone in Bloom is not operating. CARE have been informed about the Whips project at the Anthills. Tools from CARE will be able to be used for this. Insurance for such projects can be covered to CARE members under the umbrella insurance.

Oxspring Friends.

Councillor Shaw gave a verbal report. The report was as follows:

All is going well with Oxspring Friends. A good amount was made at the Bonanza this year. The Seniors Tea that took place recently was very successful with approximately 40 people attending and a great band.

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:

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There are currently no vacant allotments. All allotments for the Year starting 1st April 09 have been fully paid.

There are currently 18 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 instead. 8 of those on the list are Oxspring residents, and therefore priority will be given to these when a plot becomes vacant.

Oxspring Parish Council Chair's Report.

Councillor Goldthorpe submitted 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:

- It was agreed at the last annual assembly for a planter to be moved from the Willows, to the Tanyard location in Roughbitchworth. This hasn't happened.
- A replacement bus shelter is still awaited on Sheffield Road. It arrived in the year, but they replaced the shelter on the other side of the road by mistake.

The following projects have been completed during the year or are in progress currently:

- A lot of work has taken place on the Memorial Garden land. The stones and seat are still in progress. The sale of this land by BMBC is still in progress with the Solicitors.
- Planning approval was achieved for the Community Building and two members of the Council have now joined the Steering Committee to progress the building.
- It has been decided to pursue the Culvert Repair, and the go ahead has been given for the design work. The ditch was cleared out in the winter and the sump is being investigated.
- The new Parish Council website was completed early in the year and has so far been successful, with many views on it.
- One allotment plot at the Willows was changed into a lifetime tenancy and is now grassed.
- The Parish Plan was reviewed and updated.
- Work is soon to start on the maintenance work at the Children's Play Area.
- A Memorial Seat has been placed on the old Bower Hill Bridge in memory of Jane Daley.
- Rubbish removal and asbestos removal work is ongoing at Roughbitchworth allotments.

The following projects were suggested at the Finance Sub Committee meeting, and are currently being investigated:

- Longley Ings open space.
- Wayside Gym.
- Boules Pitch.

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- Fence Tree and hedge planting at the Anthills.
- General Maintenance survey.
- Re-opening of Oxspring Fishery.

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

The following items were then discussed:

- Councillor Taylor is to take one of the planters from the Willows square near where he lives and put it at the Tanyard.
- The Clerk is to contact SYPTE regarding the bus stop opposite East Road.

Observations from Members of the Parish.

The footbridge over the trail on Roughbitchworth Lane needs debris cleaning from it and graffiti removing. The Clerk is to contact Neighbourhood Pride.

Balfour Beaty is soon to be starting work on the Water Leak on the road bridge on Roughbitchworth Lane.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 8pm.

Signed this day **2010**