

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly On Monday 14th May 2012, at 6.45pm in Saint Aidans Church.

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe.	(IG)	(Chair.)
Councillor Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor W. Taylor.	(BT)	
Councillor Stanley.	(IS)	(Vice Chair.)
Councillor Walker	(AWa)	
Councillor Wood	(AWo)	
Councillor Mills	(AM)	

In Attendance

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk).

Apologies.

None.

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 9th May 2011, and Matters Arising from them.

The Clerk read through the minutes of the previous assembly and allowed comments and progress on items from the assembly as this was done.

There were no matters arising.

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

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011

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.

The following written report given to the Clerk was read out.

Oxspring Brownies are still very enthusiastic group of girls, 24 attend every week in uniform smiling and happy.

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Oxspring Brownies were very fortunate to be asked to do the trial run of the newly refurbished Guide house at Hesley Wood in June. We all had a really good weekend. The building now sleeps 36 so all the Brownies were able to attend.

In September 2011 we were very disappointed to lose our Snowy Owl, Charlotte Kennedy who went to university in Manchester to train as a teacher we wish her lots of luck in her chosen career.

We attended Penistone Cinema at Christmas to see Arthur Christmas, All the Brownies and adults enjoyed the film. The film really put us in the mood for Christmas

I think Oxspring Brownies must be the best customers for interest badges Guiding Trading services have. They do interest badges mostly at home in their spare time. Badges gained include Writer, World Traveler, Toymaker, lots of Swimmer and Advanced Swimmer and musician and many more. Brownies also completed The North East England Guiding 40th Birthday challenge when we made underarm fudge, toasted marshmallows, designed a flag showed how we look after ourselves. We had lots of fun doing this challenge which is what Brownies is all about.

During February half term we had a very successful Pack Holiday with 17th Barnsley Penistone Brownies at Hesley Wood, 20 girls stayed from Sunday to Friday. We had lots of fun doing our Winter Wonderland Themed holiday. We made snowmen from soap flakes and lots more things to take home.

We made Easter eggs and sold them at the St Aidans Church Breakfast Brunch, we raised £120 for the Kitchen fund. We are looking forward to having a big cooker so that we can do lots more baking.

Last week we completed the Queen's Jubilee challenge Badge, the Brownies did lots of skipping ball throwing and hula hoop and relay races,

In the next few weeks we are having a party to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, going on a nature walk and a good hair bad hair evening

Plans for the coming year include a Coffee Evening at St Aidans we are hoping to raise more money for the kitchen fund.

We are looking forward to lots more exiting challenges, holidays, parties and lots more that Brownies love to do.

Jocelyn Sanderson

Brown Owl

21st Barnsley Oxspring Brownies

Oxspring United Football Club.

Councillor Stanley gave a verbal report on Football Clubs 2011/2012 season. He reported that the senior teams had folded now. John Crowther has been acting as Chair and is also treasurer. A new Chair has just taken post, this is Yvette. She specialises in fundraising. A tournament away weekend has been booked for the juniors which they are looking forward to. He reported that the juniors had achieved Charter standard which is a great achievement for the club. He also reported that the under 11's are top of their league.

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Oxspring Trunce Runners.

No report was received.

Oxspring Primary School PTA.

The PTA sent the following written report which unfortunately arrived after the meeting:

Another busy time for Oxspring PTA this year, we have held our annual Christmas Fayre and raised over £1800. Our other main fundraising event, the Duck Race, again was a very enjoyable day even though once again we had to have it in the school grounds due to bad weather. Although once the day got underway the sun shone and we had lots of people visit, and we raised over £2000.

We held a non uniform day prior to Christmas and rather than asking for money, the children could bring in donations for the Christmas Fayre which worked out really well.

Our money raising efforts have meant that we've been able to fund an end of year trip and books for year 6 leavers, and more computer and literacy equipment for the school.

Other fundraisers included a scheme with children designing their own Christmas cards, which were then printed and sold, and 'Bags to School', where bags of old clothes are exchanged for cash.

We held the annual school sports day at EIS (English Institute of Sport) in Sheffield again this year, this was a really great day again and enjoyed by all the children (and parents).

To celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee the children will be having a party Friday 1st June, where they will have a buffet lunch instead of normal dinner, we are also looking at getting a souvenir for the children to keep.

To raise further funds this year we will be holding a "Colour Analysis evening" this is set for Wednesday 23rd May, beginning at 7.30pm. The ticket price will include a glass of wine, and then we will be selling luxurious puddings and cakes during the evening. There will also be a raffle with prizes! Why not come along for a relaxing evening?

The annual Duck Race has been booked for Friday 6th July this year at Bower Dell hopefully the weather will stay dry!! We hope you will be able to come along and support the day, where you will enjoy a fantastic day out, buy a duck, watch it float down the river and maybe win a big prize!

Regards

Mrs Sharon Green

Chairperson

Oxspring Primary School PTA

CARE

Chris Booth reported to the Clerk that there was nothing to report.

Oxspring Friends.

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

The New Years Eve dance was a great success, as was the recent bonanza. The pop-in club which has been running for a year has gone from strength to strength.

The bowling club and Oxspring Friends both had stalls at the bonanza and did well. The bowling club have managed to raise enough funds to purchase a new bowling mat. The Saturday is the Seniors Tea, which is the main event of the year.

The grant application for funding for the First Aid training was unsuccessful.

OPSCC

The Clerk had received a written report from **Chris Booth**. The report was as follows:

Third Year Review.

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Our third full year has been one of steady progress, and year three has not seen the same sort of movement as year one but despite a lot of hard tenacious work, may be seen as a turning point in realising facilities on the playingfield.

To fund the cost of hiring professional consultants to help us create a business plan to approach the major grant providers for the detailed design and construction phases of the community facility, further time has been spent approaching foundations and trusts nationally, guided by HGW on a pro-bono basis.

This has produced an income totalling £2,500 for progress of the project from the Constance Green Foundation, the Freshgate Foundation and J and M Hiley Trust. Applications can now be prepared using these funds to attract funding for the facility and furtherance of the project.

We have now completed this phase having been guided and supported in this endeavour by Helen Goldsby-West but now this partnership has come to an end during the year.

A peppercorn 25 year lease with Oxspring Parish Council is now in place for the site of the facility and ready to sign as construction begins.

Trustees received a report funded by the last of a Grassroots Grant from South Yorkshire Community Foundation for a phased development using full construction methods supplied by White Build of Leeds as directed by Enrich Design found through ProHelp. This put a phase 1 changing facilities build at well over a quarter of a million pounds due to the construction methods and extensive foundations.

From contacts with Barnsley Council Leader, Mary Dyson the council's Sport Development Officer undertook a series of meetings with us in which a more realistic position was required within our current economic climate.

It was revealed that a priority had been identified for changing facilities in Oxspring within the council's strategic review plan, and that if the Trustees were to concentrate on this then BMBC would provide support in achieving basic facility provision.

With these thoughts in mind Trustees undertook their own strategic review of the project and progress to date and agreed to concentrate on a basic provision of changing facilities with modular units as these required less groundwork costs to erect. These aspects were then investigated with the FA via Oxspring United FC, and a range of modular provider representatives.

During the summer of 2011 the 3 year outline planning permission was due to expire. The same application was renewed and granted for a further 3 years. With Oxspring PC an agreement was achieved on a phased development within the same footprint as the lease, but with a change to the lease length to reflect the lifespan of such buildings.

Through these investigations and negotiations, Inspired Facilities modular buildings and development support grants from Sport England under the 2012 Olympic Legacy Big Lottery funds, were identified, and supported by the FA and the Football Foundation Grassroots grants availability.

Oxspring United FC then offered a portion of the income from the newly valued sale of their old changing room site. Together these elements of funding sources and modular building costs and availability galvanised the project this Spring.

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All resources are now focussed on June applications for all these elements to come together, with a distinct possibility that by the next Annual Review in 2013, occupation of new changing rooms with a social area and attendant facilities will be reported provided a current shortfall of funding can be found.

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 one allotment that has just become vacant at Roughbitchworth. This will be filled from the waiting list.
- All allotments for the Year starting 1st April 12 have been fully paid for except for the above vacancy.
- There are currently 26 names on the Waiting list. 6 of those on the list are Oxspring residents, and therefore priority will be given to these when a plot becomes vacant.
- 5 people joined the waiting list in the last year. 1 plot had a tenant change during the last financial year, this was at West Crescent, and given to an Oxspring resident.
- Two residents at the Willows have requested to have Allotment tenancies at the Willows instead of grassed plots cut by BMBC, a third resident has expressed an interest.

Oxspring Parish Council Chair's Report.

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

We have a few projects on going but have also finished a few this year. The first was funding the Bee Friendly Planting at the Anthills in June, then later in June the exercise track and drainage around the playing field was completed and appears to be very successful.

In October we re-instated with matting the areas around the mushrooms and train on the play area and concreted around the 3 seats, plus replaced some of the wooden fence which had been set on fire.

In January we placed a new sign at the entrance to the playing field and so far it has not been vandalised.

Finally I would like to welcome our two new members and thank everyone for their efforts over the last year.

Observations from Members of the Parish.

None.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed this day _____ **2012**