

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly
On Monday 13th May 2013, at
6.45pm in Saint Aidans Church.**

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk).

Apologies.

Councillor Walker.

**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 2012, 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 2012

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.

No report was received.

Oxspring Junior Football Club.

Councillor Stanley gave a verbal report on Football Clubs 2012/2013 season.

It was the first year for the U12's team and they did really well. The U13's won promotion. The U14's were the Champions, the U16's finished 5th in their league.

Goal keeping coaching has been offered and also Saturday morning training has been well supported. Next season Oxspring will be launching an U7's team. There is also a possibility of 2 further teams, U10's and U11's.

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The club may look into working in partnership with Thurgoland re adult football. The club is creating further level 1/2 coaching opportunities. The club is developing on comments received from the football foundation re the bid made.

Oxspring Truncheon Runners.

No report was received.

Oxspring Primary School PTA.

The PTA sent the following written report:

Oxspring School PTA still continues to arrange events that raise money for the school, and also provides fun for our school children.

Our 2 main fund raising events are the Christmas Fayre in early December, and then the Duck Race in July. In addition, we arrange school Discos, coffee and cake afternoons, evenings of interest such as Fashion evenings. On average we raise £3000- £4,000 per year which is very good considering we are a small school of 115 children.

During this past year money raised has bought the school new ipads, and we paid for the coaches to take the children to The Institute of Sport in Sheffield for their Sports Day. We give contributions towards the school's Organic Garden and we look after all the tubs and planters around the school playground, so that they are full of flowers and colour. Every year we discuss different initiatives that we can support for school.

We are really hoping for good weather this year, so that we can hold the Duck Race at Bower Dell (July 3rd 2013). The past few years, it has been hit and miss with the rainy weather, and last year we had to hold it in the school. With Bower Dell looking so lovely after all the work you have carried out there, it would be great to be able to use it again. Thank you to the Parish Council for allowing us to use Bower Dell for this event.

With money raised from this forthcoming Duck Race, the PTA would like to design and purchase a new 'Welcome To Oxspring School' Sign.

Many thanks

Michelle Jowett

Chair of Oxspring School PTA.

Oxspring Friends.

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

This year we have focused on fund raising with the Bonanza and the Car Boot Sale.

The Tombola at the Bonanza was a success, raising £98.

The seniors tea was very well attended and was a huge success.

OPSCC

The Clerk had received a written report. The report was as follows:

Fourth Annual Report of Trustees April 2013.

Ian Stanley: Chair of Trustees

Fourth Year Review.

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Our fourth full year started with us still pursuing funding for a consultancy based business plan from charitable foundations and charities, but to little effect.

A project review conducted at last year's annual meeting resulted in us switching tack and approaching more sport based organisations.

This resulted in identifying Sport England and the Football Foundation as major funders.

By utilising Sport England we could tap into their modular facilities provision so reducing construction times and cost.

The Trustees drew up a basic phase one provision of changing facilities for two teams and separate officials, with showers, toilets, disabled provision, a small meeting room, and kitchen. Plus an external large secure store.

This approach also benefitted from not requiring a formal business plan as the application processes gathered all relevant information via templates.

Funds already raised towards the business plan provision was agreed to be vired to the development of the project overall, and a deposit account was opened for these reserved funds.

Approaches to Sport England and the Football Foundation began and several meetings with their representatives were held under the chairmanship of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council who had included in their sport and recreation strategy a priority for changing facilities provision in Oxspring. Other local potential user groups were asked for letters of support to be used as an evidence base with the applications.

Costings were drawn up for the modular layout provision, utilities connection costs, and the position of the charity in relation to VAT was clarified.

With grants from Sport England, the Football Foundation and a promised amount from Oxspring Junior Football Club's sale of their asset, there was still a shortfall against our expected total costs even with a Zero Rating for VAT.

Local Fundraising was to become the Trustees target alongside meeting the deadline for the grant applications and all of the information gathering that entailed. This was several months' worth of work to be completed by 17 September 2012.

The group lost in May 2012, two active First Trustees of the Charity, Graham Clamp due to work taking him out of the area and Freda Shaw due to family commitments.

In addition co-opted Trustee from the community Alan Walker felt he could no longer put in the time the project required and submitted his written resignation.

Replacements from active members of Oxspring Parish Council and Oxspring Junior FC have been sought but none yet have come forward.

Our Advisory and Support Officer who convened our inaugural meeting at the request of Oxspring Parish Council stepped down at the start of the year on reaching retirement age.

He is however to become a community representative Co-opted Trustee from this meeting. He will also remain as our day to day point of contact.

At the end of 2012 we learned that our bid for a £50,000 grant from Sport England had not been successful citing the project did not benefit a large enough group of people or sports, nor encompass enough disabled sport following the Olympics.

This put in jeopardy our £100,000 bid to the Football Foundation and a major funder replacement was required.

By the end of January 2013 it was obvious this was not going to be possible so we withdrew our application and hopefully retaining their strong future support.

Local fundraising activities were frozen, even though we had encouraged the community to search and shop on-line to our benefit, and opened the opportunity for businesses, families and individuals to make donations in return for their names to be displayed on a Stakeholders Wall within the new facility.

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Trustees decided once again to set about reviewing the project and this time to start back at a basic provision position in light of the current economic climate.

Our Annual General Meeting will see the start of that review, which will take us into a new year of progress towards our goal.

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 the beginning of May at West Crescent. This will be filled from the waiting list.

All allotments for the Year starting 1st April 13 have been fully paid for except for the above vacancy.

There are currently 18 names on the Waiting list. 2 of those on the list are Oxspring residents requesting specific plots. There are no other Oxspring residents of the list. Therefore non residents will be offered plots when they become available.

One person joined the waiting list in the last year. 5 plots had tenant changes during the last financial year, 1 at West Crescent, and 3 at Roughbitchworth, and 1 at Clays Green. 2 tenants have swapped to different plots when vacancies have arisen.

Five residents at the Willows have taken up Allotment tenancies instead of grassed plots cut by BMBC.

Oxspring Parish Council Chair's Report.

Councillor Goldthorpe submitted a written report which he read out.

The report was as follows:

The last year has been a fairly busy year for the Parish Council. Several projects have been completed and several items of maintenance work in the village have been carried out.

The Jubilee walk project last summer was successful and is to be repeated this year in conjunction with a car boot sale by Oxspring Friends.

The Bower Dell project has been done this year, and the area is now much improved. Further work regarding tree planting, seeding and fencing is still being considered.

The probation service community payback team has been employed to carry out several environmental and maintenance projects throughout the village including tidying up the Pinfold, Bower Dell Bridge, playingfield car park and village green dog walk area. It is hoped to complete the Boules Pitch this summer.

Negotiations have started on the dry stone wall at Sheffield Road in conjunction with the land owner, the PC and BMBC, so that hopefully this wall can be replaced eventually.

The Council has been re-looking at the playingfield footpath following it being very slippery during the winter. Resurfacing is being trialed.

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In the autumn the PC were consulted on BMBC's Development Sites and Places document, which entailed holding several public meetings due to the proposed Housing development on Roughbitchworth Lane. This in turn led to the PC considering doing a Neighbourhood Plan. This project has kept Councillor Walker very busy and it looks as if this will be going ahead.

This year saw the completion of the purchase of land from BMBC of the strip of land on Sheffield Road in front of Gordon's Garden.

This year saw the start of requesting donations from adult users for the use of the playingfield. The football club has made donations whenever their adult team has played, and a couple of other users have made donations.

Finally may I say thank you to all Councillors and our Clerk for all your hard work this last year.

Observations from Members of the Parish.

None.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed this day **2014**