

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2009,

At

7pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor F. Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk),

b. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills and Councillor C. Booth (FS,BT).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None

3. Community Matters.

None

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

None

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009, and Matters Arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,FS). 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.
- Regarding the two dead trees on the Village Green, Councillor Taylor is still waiting to speak to Jo Birch from BMBC to see how low the stumps should be cut from a safety perspective. They will then be chopped accordingly.
- Councillor Taylor reported that he had tightened the bar above the swing on the Play Area.
- The Clerk reported that the new Horse springy had been ordered at a cost of £207.61.
- It was **agreed** that the metal bar put alongside the monkey bars would need painting. The Chair would arrange. (BT,IG).
- The date of Sunday 22nd November at 10.30am was **agreed** for the whips to be planted at the Anthills. Councillors Stanley and Shaw and the Chair would be available to join Councillor Booth. If anyone else is available please come and help. (BT,FS)
- It was **agreed** that Councillor Stanley would reinstate the soil at the Anthills where it has been made into a makeshift cycle ramp. (IS,IG).
- Councillor Taylor is to speak to the grass cutting foreman about the width of grass cutting at the Anthills.
- The Clerk reported that the Solicitor had been in touch and that the search of Parish Council documents is in progress.
- The Clerk reported on the success of the Trunce Series and the receipt of £385 towards the playingfield from Andy Plummer.

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- A full allotment inspection was carried out in October by the Clerk and Councillor Booth. Five plots are to be kept an eye on.
- Councillor Taylor informed the Council that the water leak at Roughbitchworth Lane has now been rectified. The Clerk is to thank Yorkshire Water.
- Councillor Shaw reported that the gardening group has sorted out the Christmas tree area.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- OPSCC's next meeting is on the 26th November.
- Councillor Stanley reported that OPSCC are changing tack on their approach, as they have not been successful with obtaining a fundraising consultant. They are planning on having a Business Plan written by Judith Fozzard, who will apply for an Award for All lottery grant to cover her costs.

b. Culvert Repair

- As advised by BMBC, the design drawings have been altered so that the Culvert ends at OPC's boundary. The companies that are quoting have been sent new design drawings and have amended their quotes accordingly.
- In total four quotes have now been received ranging from £43,000 to £68,000 plus VAT. Quotes are still awaited from two companies.
- Mr Jowitt of Civil Smart has now sent the application for works to a watercourse to the Environment Agency.
- The application to EPIP for funding was submitted in October. Since the meeting the Clerk has received a reply from EPIP. The application was unsuccessful and no funding is available for the Culvert repair project. They are prioritising projects that will deliver benefits across significant parts of the East Peak area. In addition the funding budgets for Village renewal for 2010 and 2011 are already fully allocated to other projects. However these budgets will be reviewed again in the New Year looking at projects that are not yet contracted to see if there is any funding available.
- The Chair updated the Council on the findings at the Sump and the work that has been done. The pipes were rodded from section A to E and the outfall was clear. At section C the pipes couldn't be rodded. The partition from C to B was knocked through so that water could escape. The sump was then filled with crushed stone.

c. Gordon's Memorial Garden

- The grass cutting quote from BMBC was discussed and it was **agreed** that just the top level of grass will be cut by BMBC. (IS,IG).
- Councillor Shaw's gardening group will plant the slope and bottom level according to plans that she has circulated.
- Oxspring Heritage Group is putting an Oak tree in the garden.
- It was noted that Mr Wade has had a heart valve operation and the Clerk is to send him a get well card.

d. Oxspring Fishery

- Nothing was reported in the absence of Councillor Chitoriski.

e. Longley Ings Open Space

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- Councillors Stanley and Shaw are still to carry out a survey of the residents to find out their thoughts about this piece of land; this will be on the next agenda.
- f. **Boules Pitch**
 - Councillors Stanley reported that he has some information that he will bring to the next meeting.
- g. **Website**
 - Rules regarding the locality of groups and businesses that are entered onto the website were discussed. It was **agreed** that only businesses that are within the Oxspring Parish Boundary may be entered onto the website. Regarding groups; groups that are within the Parish boundary may be entered onto the website, as well as groups whose activities take place within the Parish boundary, even though the group may be based elsewhere. Regarding public services that are not based within the Parish, these may be entered onto the website if they serve the Parish of Oxspring. Eg. Doctors, bus services etc. (FS,BT).

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
6 Oct 09	TRF	D/A to C/A	Bank Transfer	1000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st October 2009 are c/a £1220.09 and d/a £6221.15, Imprest a/c £42.13.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £1289.33 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,BT)

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no Planning Applications for consideration by the Council.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items. All items requiring discussion by the Council were discussed under the relevant agenda items.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Stanley reported that the phone box at Edyfield Road still has smashed glass. The Clerk is to contact BT to find out what is happening with this and the box at the fours.
- It was reported that a lamp post just after the railway bridge on Sheffield Road is obscured by trees and keeps turning on and off. The Clerk will report to BMBC.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

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- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Memorial Garden, Oxspring Fishery, Longley Ings Open Space, Boules Pitch.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 6th December 2009 at Saint Aidan's Church at 7pm.

Signed this day _____ 2009.

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