

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(Chair)
Councillor A Walker	(Vice Chair)
Councillor E Gratton-Rayson	(EGR)
Councillor A Mills	(AM)
Councillor G Sedgwick	(GS)
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Bill Taylor, Emma Murphy, Julia Tomson, Dave Perkins, Val Borham (Residents).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor F Shaw. (IS,GS)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

TDY to be brought forward to the beginning of the meeting to discuss with residents.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Julia Tomson asked if the Parish Council could install bird feeders and bird boxes at various locations in the village. Councillor Gratton-Rayson agreed to look into the possibility. She also felt that the work done by the clean and tidy team last year near Willow Bridge was too drastic and that it had been tidied too much.
- The Council noted that a balance is needed, as some people like areas to be very tidy and others are keen on areas being left more natural for wildlife habitats to thrive.
- Speeding on Sheffield Road was discussed with a request for the speed limit to be reduced to 20mph by Mr Perkins. The Council explained that BMBC would not agree to this. It was noted that the Parish Council have been promised use of the speed indicator devices from Penistone Ward when they become available.
- Emma Murphy asked if the large conifer at the back of West Crescent allotments could now be removed when the bats have vacated the tree. The Council stated that now it was known that bats roost in the tree, they wouldn't be able to have the tree removed without specific bat surveys being done and that when they had looked into this they had deemed it too expensive to pursue, and therefore have made the decision to leave the tree in situ.
- Val Borham asked about plans for the Tour De Yorkshire 2018. This section of the agenda was therefore discussed at this point in the meeting.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (GS, AW). 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.
- Councillors discussed installing a bin or 2 bins at the TPT entrance at Roughbitchworth Lane near the current dog poo bin. The Clerk will send the measurements to BMBC to ensure that they can empty it.
- It was agreed that the Council will maintain the seat on the old Bower Hill Bridge as agreed by the family that had the seat installed.
- The fencing at the Willows allotments has been inspected and the resident with the mesh fencing has been asked to remove it. If it is not removed, the Parish Council will remove it.

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- It was noted that approx 200 objections were submitted to the Local Plan from Oxspring residents.
- The hearings with the inspector were discussed and who would attend.
- Since the meeting it has been announced by BMBC that sites EC6 and EC7 are being removed from the Local Plan housing allocations due to comments from Historic England.

b. Titivator Update

- Litter picking has taken place at Castle Dam site.
- It was noted that an attempted dog napping had taken place at Castle Dam.

c. Village in Bloom 2019

- Cllr Walker has spoken to St Aidans regarding a flower bed at the front of Saint Aidans. They have stated that they would be happy with planters there rather than a flower bed in the grass.
- It was agreed that a large flowerbed display would be good in the village. The strip at the front of Gordon's Garden/ in front of the Laurels was discussed as being a good central location.

d. Village Fete 2019

- It was discussed that to have a fete would require a committee separate from the Parish Council. An article will be put in the next newsletter.

e. Community Orchard

- The fruit trees have been planted.
- It was agreed to obtain more gate keys.

f. Community Allotment

- The Council came 2nd in the Tesco token grant scheme and will therefore receive funding for the project. Acceptance forms will be submitted.

g. TDY 2018

- It was agreed to put up some bunting.
- It was noted that there would be rolling road closures, but that cars could not park on the route for the whole day.
- Councillor Walker will enquire as to whether the Waggon & Horses are holding an event.

h. Other Business

- Councillor Walker will write an item for the newsletter re Armistice day.
- The Smithy's micro pub was discussed as a number of residents have objected to a variation to the license hours. They state that they have issues with lights, noise, parked cars and lorry deliveries. Residents have brought it to the attention of BMBC.
- It was agreed to send comment to BMBC licensing re the issue.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

The following items were presented and **agreed** for payment. (GS,IS)

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
5 Apr 18	dd	southern electric	playingfield electricity	16.05	OTHER PAYMENTS
9 Apr 18	1/102098	ylca	Membership subscription	403.00	ADMINISTRATION
9 Apr 18	2/102099	Kirkwells	Local plan response	2058.00	ADMINISTRATION
9 Apr 18	3/102100	Melvyn carr	gate lock	3.60	MAINTENANCE
9 Apr 18	4/102101	A Walker	Printer ink	26.49	ADMINISTRATION
19 Apr 18	dd	Yorkshire water	water allotments	4.58	MAINTENANCE
21 Apr 18	SO	S Tolson	Clerks Salary	544.44	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS
21 Apr 18	SO	S Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS

Deposit Account none

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
14 Mar 18	cr	HMRC	VAT repayment	2246.03	VAT RECOVERED
5 Apr 18	cr	BMBC	Precept	19700.00	PRECEPT
27 Mar 18	cr	various	Allotment rents	588.00	ALLOTMENTS
Deposit Account					
2 Mar 18	cr	HSBC	Bank Interest	0.38	INTEREST on INVTS & A/

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
none					

b. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers.
- The closing Balances for 31st March 2018 are c/a £2648.27 and d/a £5314.58, Imprest a/c £0.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk has completed the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 18.
- It was agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement on the Annual Return 2018 (IS,AW)
- It was agreed to approve the Accounting Statement on the Annual Return 2018 (IS,AW).
- The internal Auditor will now have the books and accounts for inspection.
- The playground inspection renewal was agreed. (AW,IS)

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to consider.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A letter from a resident regarding Local Plan site EC8 was discussed. The Clerk will respond to the resident.
- A letter from an allotment tenant at West Crescent was noted thanking Cllr Gratton-Rayson for cutting back some of the hedgerow.
- A letter from a resident was discussed regarding World Challenge fundraising & sponsorship of two Oxspring teenagers. The Council discussed ways in which they could help promote their cause and provide odd jobs for them to do. It was also discussed to set up an annual grant fund that young parishioners could

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

apply for. This will be discussed at the next meeting and a policy written. It will be advertised via the newsletter.

- Correspondence re the fallen down wall at the Paddock was discussed. The Clerk will enquire with BMBC as to who owns the wall.

b. Items to Report

- The development of the new website was discussed. Councillors who wished to look at it will be given the link by Graham. Graham will correspond with Councillors and the Clerk for any missing information/contacts and a few suggestions were made for further items to include, including a page to showcase Parish Council projects that have taken place.
- The Clerk will contact BMBC re the fencing that is still down on Sheffield Road.
- It was noted that the playingfield has been waterlogged recently and that it needs aerating. The Clerk will enquire about this with BMBC.
- It was noted that the next date to raise the flag is the 21st April, the Queens Birthday.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan, Titivators update, VIB & Fete, Newsletter, Community Orchard, Community Allotment, TDY 18, Youth Grant fund,

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at 6.45pm on Monday 14th May 2018 at Saint Aidan's Church and will be the Annual Assembly followed by the Annual meeting.

Signed this day _____ 2018.