

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011,

At

7.15pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

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

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Ward Councillor Robert Barnard, Members of the public; Mr and Mrs Lockwood, Mr and Mrs Fox and Mrs Whitely.

b. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Whitely spoke of their concern for the Wind Turbine application at Sycamore Farm. They live on the Willows and their houses overlook the site. They are concerned about the effects of strobing and noise. They are concerned that as wind is mostly westerly in this area then the noise will travel to their houses.
- Mr and Mrs Fox from Sycamore Farm were present, they explained their reasoning for the location of the turbines, and stated that these smaller 2 bladed turbines are quieter than many. They invited the Council and local residents to meet with them at the site to look at the location. This was arranged.
- The Council informed the public that they can put their objections to BMBC planning and they would take their concerns into consideration when formulating their comments and observations to BMBC.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,AM). 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.
- The results of the SID on Roughbitchworth Lane were discussed. Councillor Wood was concerned that the results were all in percentages and wanted to know the actual number of cars. Councillor Barnard stated that he will find out about the raw data and whether it can be analysed without the specific SID software. He also stated that further information from the SIDS goes to the police.
- It was noted that the Parish Council is still waiting for a SID to be placed facing down Roughbitchworth Lane as this direction is expected to produce faster speeds. Councillor Barnard confirmed that there is a limited budget for traffic calming measures and excess demand. He also stated that we won't be able to get rumble strips until there is proof from a SID that there is a problem. The results of the first SID showed that there is a very good compliance with the speed limit.

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- Councillor Taylor requested the results of the recent SID on the top part of Roughbitchworth Lane. Councillor Barnard will obtain these.
- The Clerk read out the letter received from the Waggon and Horses in relation to the broken dry stone wall. The Clerk will write back informing them that if they require the Football club to reinstate the wall then that is an issue between them and the football club.
- Dog fouling on the playing field was discussed. Councillor Taylor will speak to the lady from the dog walking company next time he sees her on the field with several dogs, as they appear to be out of control and the fouling is not being picked up.
- It was agreed that a sign would be erected at the entrance to the field that states, no dog fouling, no horses and no unauthorized vehicles. (IS,BT). Councillors Wood and Shaw will find out prices.
- The planting of Rosa Regosa at the playingfield car park was discussed. The chair could not find plants taller than 80cm; therefore it was decided to use a different plant. The Chair is to get prices for either pyracantha or holly.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley reported that OPSCC had met with the FA who are looking at funding the project.
- The Football club have had their land re-valued.
- The Pods will cost approximately £200,000. They are looking for match funding.
- It was noted that a business plan is now not required to proceed.
- OPSCC will be meeting with Mary Dyson in the near future.
- John Crowther, chair of the FC will attend a meeting with the PC in the New Year.

b. Gordon's Garden Planting

- It was agreed that the plants in the border should be every 2 ft. (IS,IG). This is estimated at £500 worth of plants. The chair will obtain a price for getting the border dug and bark chippings. Once prices are obtained, the Clerk will put an application for funding to the Heritage Group.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £3217.83 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (FS,BT)

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
9 Nov 11	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	2000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th November 2011 are c/a £695.47 and d/a £5503.86, Imprest a/c £31.12.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk informed the Council that the Capital Reserve may not only be used for Capital purchases but also for loan repayments. It was agreed to pay December 11's loan repayment from the Capital reserve which currently has a balance of £5000. (IS,FS).
- The Clerk will renew the High Interest Deposit Bond on the 4th of January when it expires.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

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- There were three planning applications to be considered.
- 2011/1381 – 2 Wind Turbines at Sycamore Farm
- The Council voted on this application, 6 were against, 1 (BT) was for.
- The Clerk is to send the Council's comments to BMBC. These include concerns for shadow flicker, strobing effect, noise pollution, the cumulative impact, effect on the green belt, visual intrusion on nearby houses, issues with the photo montages, effect on the local bat population, and effect on horses on the nearby bridle path.
- Councillor Barnard will request that the planning board does a site visit, and that they look at the view from the Willows and East Road.
- 2011/1409 – 5 Old Manor Drive – No comments.
- 2011/1357 – Brantwood, Sheffield Road – No comments.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- Councillors are invited to the Barnsley and Penistone Mayors carol services. Councillor Stanley reported that he and his wife can attend the Penistone service. The Clerk will reply to the invitations.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Taylor reported that there was an advertising board at the top of Bower Hill. The Clerk will contact the owner and ask them to remove it.
- Councillor Walker stated that she thought it would be good if the Parish had an official boundary walk. The millennium walk was discussed but this does not follow the boundary. Councillor Walker will investigate a possible route and this could be done as a Jubilee project.
- The Clerk requested a volunteer for the Finance sub committee to replace Chris Booth. Councillor Walker volunteered to join. This was agreed. (AWa, IG).

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Planting at Gordon's Garden, Planting at Playingfield.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2012.