

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

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

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills (IG,AWa)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

None.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2013, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AWo,AWa). 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.
- It was agreed to not pursue the pavement extension at Sheffield Road at the moment due to the news of the potential planning application for housing in that area.
- The accident statistics from the Fours crossroads were discussed. It was agreed to request either a SID or rumble strips for the area and ask the Borough Councillors advice about reducing speed/accidents at the crossroads.
- It was agreed to await a license to do the works at the old Bower Hill Bridge. This is in progress.
- Repairs at the playarea were discussed. The waltz parts, trapeze rings and bins have been delivered. The matting and swing parts are on order. The wobbly bridge was discussed. It was agreed to look for a replacement for the washers so that the wooden treads are made safer.
- The newsletter has been given to Councillors to circulate.
- The parking on Roughbitchworth Lane was discussed. The Clerk will request a meeting with the Borough Councillors at 3pm on a school day to assess the situation.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- None.

b. Bower Dell

- The picnic benches have been delivered, but the bin is still on order.
- The three new trees have been planted.
- It was agreed that John Mitchell can start the work to do the picnic benches and bin, using one of the other 3

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bins delivered.

- The remaining 106 money will go towards the fencing.

c. **Neighbourhood Plan**

- Councillor Walker updated the Council, and reported that a meeting is taking place with Hunshelf Parish Council on Friday 10th January to discuss the NP boundary with regards to the potential housing site.
- A meeting is being set up with Helen Willows, BMBC, to find out BMBC's strategic goals, as this requirement came out of the Training session with planning aid.
- Public meetings will start to take place in the New Year, with surveys being done in the village.

d. **Willows Allotments**

- The path options were discussed with regards to the letter sent out to residents. Replies have not yet been received.
- It was agreed to leave the situation as it is for the time being.
- It was agreed that as individual requests for allotment plots are received, the plot boundary and mower access along the back fence will be reviewed with each request, in line with creating the grass access along the fence. Therefore if an individual request for a plot means that a border at the back fence needs to be removed, then this shall take place, rather than have the mower access staggered.
- The new allotment tenancies were agreed for the Willows.
- There will be a paid tenancy for tenants who cultivate their plot, and a free tenancy for tenants who leave it as grass for the mowers to cut.
- New allotment rents were discussed. It was agreed to change as follows: With water £35, without water £23, and the Willows £15. These are still considerably less than neighbouring Councils.
- The Clerk will send out rent increase notification letters this month. The new rent will come into force in April 2014.

e. **Playingfield Charging**

- It was reported that an adult team were playing on the 1st December. The Clerk will enquire with J Crowther.
- Charging for junior teams was discussed.
- A blanket charge was discussed, such as £50/month for OUFC to play as many games as they wish, adults and juniors.
- The Clerk is to write to J Crowther, Chair of OUFC, to ask his thoughts on a blanket charge. He is to be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the issue if he wishes.

f. **Playingfield Drainage**

- The investigation was discussed, and it was agreed to hire the digger with J Mitchell and further investigate the pipe to see if it joins the culvert. This is to be done as soon as possible.
- The footpath at the field was also discussed. Some of the Councillors met at the field to look at the varied surfacing done by Councillor Taylor.
- It was agreed to do the whole path with one of the materials. The path needs to be measured to enable the quantities of material to be ordered. Councillor Taylor and the Chair will arrange. The work will be done by the Councillors and volunteers.

g. **Wall at Sheffield Road**

- Not discussed.

h. **Penistone Cycle Hire**

- This proposal was discussed again. It was noted that it would be the Waggon & Horses Pub that would hold a key and rent out the cycles on the businesses behalf.
- The route to the trail was discussed. The roadside verge between the car park and Blackmoor Lane has

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been dug out and cleared by Councillor Taylor and the Titivators. This provides a safer route of the bikes to get to the trail.

- It was noted that a 12 month contract to rent out the section of the field would have to be put in place, and that Penistone Cycle Hire would have to pay any solicitor costs to arrange a contract. A bond would need to be included in the contract.
- It was noted that planning permission would be required for the container. Penistone Cycle Hire would have to apply for this at a cost of £385.
- The proposal was **agreed** in principle by Councillors. (AWa, BT).
- The Clerk will invite the business owner to a future meeting to discuss it further. Councillor Taylor will provide the Clerk with the contact details.

i. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing Balances for 30th November 2013 are c/a £6361.33 and d/a £5203.61, Imprest a/c £38.43.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £2401.70 and receipts of £20 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (BT,IS)

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications for consideration.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- The invitation to the Mayors Civic Carol Service was discussed. No Councillors are available. The Clerk will reply.
- A letter from Andrew Charlesworth was discussed regarding the closing of the Digital Region's Fibre Network, meaning a loss of super fast broadband in the area. It was agreed to write to MP Angela Smith regarding the fact that South Yorkshire is not included in the governments plans for rural super fast broadband. Councillor Walker reported that broadband was one of the items mentioned in the initial public meetings for the Neighbourhood Plan, and that this could be incorporated into the NP. The Clerk will ask Mr Charlesworth if his details can be passed onto the NP group.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Stanley reported that a resident would like to plant a tree in the playingfield in memory of her late husband. This was **agreed** in principle. (IG, IS). Councillor Shaw will pass on the details of horticulturalist E Grattan-Rayson to Councillor Stanley so that a suitable species can be chosen. It was agreed that the resident would need to meet with Councillors Stanley and Shaw at the field to look for the most suitable siting.
- It has been reported that the back yard of the Waggon & Horses Pub is a mess, with bins overflowing etc. Councillor Taylor will speak to the landlord about the problem.
- Councillor Wood requested that the SID for Roughbitchworth Lane is chased.

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- Councillor Wood reported that the wall to the Village Green has been clipped by a vehicle, and needs some repairs. The Chair will take a look and will ask J Mitchell to repair.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Bower Dell area project, Neighbourhood Plan, playingfield drains investigation, Penistone Cycle Hire, Playingfield Charging.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 6th January 2014 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2014.