

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010,

At

7pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor C. Booth	(CB)	
Councillor R Chitoriski	(RC)	
Councillor A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Hand-Davis.

b. Apologies.

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

- Councillor Hand Davis spoke about the Exploring Rural Barnsley conference that he attended in January. Councillor Booth also attended. He felt it was important to get an increased emphasis on rural matters in Barnsley. Transport was discussed, and he spoke about a "voluntary car scheme" that is to start up, similar to "dial a ride". He felt the conference was a bit disappointing in that not many cabinet officers from BMBC were present. He notified the Council that he is attending a "wash up" meeting this week, and will raise rural definition issues in terms of the difficulty in getting funding, as we are often classed as not rural because we are part of a Metropolitan Borough Council.
- Councillor Hand Davis has seen the state of the TPT, but stated that resurfacing the TPT isn't currently a priority.
- Councillor Hand Davis spoke about the recent cold spell and spoke about the gritting and snow clearance that had taken place. He commented that the National Salt Cell came into force on the 11th January, and as a result BMBC were worse off, as they had had plenty of salt stocks. He commented that 500 extra grit bins have been requested for the borough. He spoke about school closures, and was disappointed with the number of closure days that Penistone Grammar had had in comparison to the Junior schools.
- Councillor Hand Davis informed the Council that the new Penistone Grammar school is due to open at Easter 2011, and the new supermarket in Penistone is due to open in August 2010. He informed the Council that a planning application for a new timber roofed covered market has been submitted.
- Councillor Hand Davis informed the Council that BMBC Council Tax will rise by 2.5% for 2010.
- Councillor Hand Davis reported that the large potholes on the A629 were being repaired, with a new surface being put down. Councillor Mills reported potholes on Long Lane. The Clerk will report.

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

None.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2010, and Matters Arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (CB,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. It was agreed that there was nothing further to add.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Booth gave an update on the Lease of Land document. It was **agreed** that Councillor Booth would contact the solicitor with a view to another meeting. (CB,BT)
- Since the meeting, the draft document has been amended, and various points have been clarified. The Clerk has confirmed to the solicitor that the document is now acceptable, and he is to send it to OPSCC's solicitor for comment.
- The Clerk is to write a further letter to OPSCC explaining the delay, so that OPSCC can use this when extending the deadline for their 2nd funding instalment.
- Councillor Booth informed the Council that OPSCC has had a third volunteer come forward.
- Helen Goldsby-West, who is writing the business plan, has applied for several grants to fund her work, via Councillor Booth.

b. Culvert Repair

- Meetings have taken place with two of the potential builders for the Culvert project, Property Care and Fielding Construction. Those that attended the meetings updated the Council on how the meetings went.
- Points noted were that both companies agreed the price to be fixed, that rubbish removal was included, and that if any damage occurred to the Pinfold walls that they would re-instating them. The length of the job was discussed, and details concerning how to deal with particular problems that may occur were discussed. CDM regulation requirements were discussed, and both companies assured the Council that they would deal with all the paperwork concerned.
- It was proposed to go with Fielding Construction and a vote was taken. (CB,BT). All were in favour. Councillor Chitoriski abstained.
- The preferred supplier will be informed of the decision once funding is in place.

c. Oxspring Fishery

- Nothing was reported.

e. Longley Ings Open Space

- Councillor Stanley and Shaw have spoken to residents at Longley Ings, and the overwhelming feeling is that the residents are happy to leave this open space as it is.
- Comments that were made concerned the tree screening that is absent between the housing estate and the industrial estate. It is believed that a condition of the planning approval for the Industrial estate was to include trees along the roadside and between the two estates as camouflage. The Clerk will enquire with the Planning department as to why this hasn't been enforced.

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

f. Boules Pitch

- The Boules pitch was discussed further, including the type of sleepers required, and the best location. It was agreed to locate at the top of the Wagon and Horses Car Park, not near the houses.
- This will be looked at again when the weather has improved. It will be costed, and be an agenda item for the May meeting.
- A further idea for the playingfield was discussed, that of putting a footpath around the edge of the field, or to make a track that could be used for runners. OPSCC is to contact Penistone Footpath Runners to discuss this idea further.

g. Other

- It was agreed that a newsletter would be distributed in March. Councillor Shaw is to provide the date for the Senior Tea. Councillor Chitoriski is to provide the dates for the Trunce runs. The Clerk is to put an article in the newsletter about the Culvert Repair project, and details of how the precept will be spent. Please forward other items for the newsletter to the Clerk. A draft newsletter will be available at the March meeting for approval.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
5 Jan 10	TRF	D/A to C/A	Bank Transfer	1500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st January 2010 are c/a £596.81 and d/a £7779.92, Imprest a/c £13.27.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £536.91 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (CB,BT)

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Council received the Finance Sub-Committee's report of their meeting of 18th January 2010. This had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Clerk went through the report presenting its recommendations. These were considered and it was **agreed** to accept the recommendations of the Finance Sub committee. (IS, IG). This included the following:
 - To continue to use the earmarked funds as present.
 - To continue with the current projects and spending proposals that are already in progress.
 - To accept the recommendations for funding the culvert repair project. It was **agreed** that a maximum of £36,000 of existing funds (as outlined in the Sub committee report to the Council) be used towards the project. (IS,IG). It was **agreed** to borrow £10,000 over a 10 year term from the PWLB on the terms previously circulated. (CB,IS). This was voted on, and **agreed** unanimously. The Clerk is to apply for borrowing approval from the YLCA for £10,000. This will be done at the start of the next financial year, ie. April 2010. This borrowing in addition to using existing funds will enable the Culvert repair project to be paid for, and will leave some funds in place to cover any unforeseen costs, as well as leaving other earmarked funds in place.
- The Council accepted the spending profile for the forthcoming year, including the financing costs for borrowing as above, and that this would form the basis of the precept call.
- The Council **agreed** that based on the Finance Sub Committee report it would inform BMBC that its precept call for 2010/11 would be £17,965 represented by an increase of £3.41 for a band D home, which equates to £40.70 annual cost for a band D. (IS,AM)

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

- It was **agreed** to accept the grounds maintenance contract quote for 2010/11 received from BMBC at a cost of £3110.32. The Clerk is to complete the relevant paperwork. (CB, IS). Councillor Taylor is to speak to Elaine Down about the cut at the Anthills.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- None.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- A request from Penistone Footpath Runners has been received to use the playingfield for their race on the 31st March. This was **agreed**. (CB,BT). The Clerk is to reply.
- A request from Hadrians Dry stone Walls to advertise in the forthcoming newsletter was accepted. It was **agreed** to ask for a £20 donation, and to put an item in the newsletter to see if other local businesses would like to have an advert in the newsletter. (RC,FS).

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Mills reported that there had been an attempted break in on Mayfield, via an unlocked back door, while people were in the house. The Chair stated that people need to lock doors and be vigilant.
- Councillor Mills reported that Motor Bikes have been on the TPT again. The Clerk will report.
- The Chair reported that a large stone/lintel has been loosened at the side of the road on Bower Hill opposite Manor Lane. It needs repositioning, the Clerk will report to Highways.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Oxspring Fishery.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 1st March 2010 at Saint Aidan's Church at 7pm.

Signed this day _____ 2010.