

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor A Walker	(AWa) (Vice Chair)
Councillor A Mills	(AM)
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 the Chairman. (AWa,AWo).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- None.

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

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (BT,IS). 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 vacant planter was discussed. Councillor Shaw has found a new person to take it on. She will pass the details to the Clerk.
- Councillor Taylor spoke about the grass verge at Roughbitchworth Lane. He had met with Northern Power Grid who were liaising with BMBC Highways, who are arranging the road and verge to be put right with the contractor. Councillor Taylor is liaising with both also to make sure all the issues are dealt with.
- Parking along Roughbitchworth Lane behind the school was discussed with mixed views as to whether double yellow lines would be a good idea.
- The rules and regulations for Car boots were read out by the Clerk.
- Vice Chair Walker reported that she had spoken to the Waggon and Horses regarding their toilets being used. They were agreeable to this.
- A letter from Oxspring friends was read out requesting permission to hold a car boot sale on the 2nd June. This was **agreed**. (FS, Awa). It was noted that they must ensure this doesn't clash with any events the pub is holding and the pub must be informed. It was **agreed** that the Annual Walk would go ahead on the same date.
- It was **agreed** that Councillor Stanley would inform the Football Club of the car boot sale, and that they have the option to hold a stall at it, or to hold a car boot sale themselves on a separate date.
- The footpath extension at the playingfield car park was discussed and it was **agreed** that this must be continually chased. (AWo,IS)
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

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a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley reported that OPSCC hadn't met yet since receiving C Booths resignation letter, and therefore a decision re the future of the Charitable Trust had not yet been decided.
- Councillor Stanley reported that the Football Club had withdrawn the sale of the changing rooms, in the light of the unsuccessful Sport England bid.

b. Bower Dell

- Councillor Wood reported that the Penistone Tree Services can start work at Bower Dell on the 11th February.
- The Clerk is to chase the 106 money that has been allocated.
- Fishing at Bower Dell was discussed. Councillor Stanley reported that he had spoken to a couple of people who were interesting in helping with a Club in Oxspring. He will report at the next meeting on progress.
- The Community Payback team have almost finished their work. They will issue an itemised invoice. The work done has been of a good standard and the Council are pleased with the work. The Clerk will thank them. The Boules Pitch is still outstanding; this will be done at a future date as the ground is too wet at present.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

- Councillors each in turn spoke about their views on doing a neighbourhood plan. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would support the plan if there was enough public interest in it. All were in favour of going ahead with the plan.
- The first public meeting would be arranged for March to gauge interest in the village. Councillor Walker will liaise with R Rovira regarding the meeting and producing a flyer to advertise it. Inviting Planning Aid to the meeting was discussed. She would report back to Councillors on ideas.
- It was **agreed** not to increase the Clerks weekly hours over the Neighbourhood Plan, and it is expected that the Plan will be progressed via a separately set up Steering Committee and working groups, and not by the Parish Council itself.

d. Playingfield Footpath

- Councillor Taylor reported that he had sprinkled the planings on the worst stretches of the footpath, and this would now be left to see how it settles.
- Councillor Taylor is contacting BMBC footpaths to see if they can offer expert advice on the best remedy for the surface.

e. Grounds Maintenance

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Vice Chair Walker will contact Mick Dewsnap regarding spiking and rolling the field as he does Barnsley Rugby Club.

f. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
15 Jan 13	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	1500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st January 2013 are c/a £4117.83 and d/a £3117.76, Imprest a/c £24.29.

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b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £1430.26 and receipts of £2262.59 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (AM,IS)

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Precept for 1013/14 was discussed and it was **agreed** to go with the Finance Sub committee's recommendation of a standstill precept of £18,906. This is £41.21 for a Band D home. (AM, AWo).
- The carry forward balance of approximately £6000 was discussed as were the current earmarked funds. It was **agreed** to put £3000 into an earmarked fund for the Sheffield Road wall and fencing project. (Awa,BT).
- Councillor Stanley is soon to meet with Andrea Jackson, a Highways engineer and the landowner to discuss the situation.
- It is proposed that the wall beyond the bridge be removed and replaced with fence post and rails. This will be discussed at the meeting. It is proposed that the landowner removes the wall.
- It is proposed that the wall from the centre of the village to the bridge is repaired as it is not in as bad a condition. The Clerk will enquire with Hadrian's Dry Stone Walls as to providing a quote.
- It was **agreed** to leave the remaining funds in the general reserve as they may be needed for the playingfield footpath. (AWo,FS).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to be considered.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- None.

b. Items to Report

- The road leading up to the Recycling Centre at Spring Vale was discussed. The Clerk will complain to Highways and Penistone Town Council.
- The allotments at the Willows were discussed as two further tenants are fencing off their plots.
- Councillor Mills suggested having another bin at the play area. This was discussed but nothing was agreed.
- Speeding in the 40 section on Sheffield Road was discussed. The Clerk will enquire about speed monitoring.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Bower Dell area project, Neighbourhood Plan, Ground maintenance contract, playingfield footpath, Wall at Sheffield Road.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 4th March 2013 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2013.