

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th February 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 I Stanley	(IS)
Councillor G Sedgwick	(GS)
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor J Wilson, J Jenkinson (BMBC Head of Planning), Stephen Green, Sam Green (Yorkshire Land), Paul Whitehouse (Barnsley Chronicle), Bill Taylor, Val Shale (Residents). 43 further residents and members of the public.

b. Apologies

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Cllr Walker spoke first explaining the BMBC Local Plan consultation and the correspondence that several residents had received from Yorkshire Land. She cleared up any misunderstandings that the letter had been from the Parish Council. She reiterated that "Oxspring Fields" is not within Oxspring Parish boundary (it is in Hunshelf), and that it is not in the draft BMBC Local Plan. The Parish Council will not be supporting Oxspring Fields as it is not within their remit, and the issue at hand is the BMBC Local Plan consultation for sites EC6,7 and 8. She explained that the Parish Council will be responding to the BMBC Local Plan consultation by objecting to the proposed housing and safeguarded sites listed in the plan for Oxspring. It was also confirmed by the landowner present that site EC7 is not for sale, and therefore cannot be built on. It was noted that the Parish Council believe that site EC6 is unsuitable for housing development for a number of reasons and that professional advice will be sought in responding to the consultation. The Parish Council will hold a public meeting in a couple of weeks where the Parish Council will explain their response to the consultation on EC6,7 and 8 and will aid any residents who request help in making their own objections to the Local Plan.
- It was confirmed that site SAF18 (off Roughbitchworth Lane) is still in the Local Plan as safeguarded, however J Jenkinson did confirm that it was not marked in the plan as "available" land, as the landowner has not responded to their correspondence. Therefore it will not be developed within the plan period.
- J Jenkinson explained the rationale behind the Local Plan and its use of Green belt. He explained why Oxspring Fields is not in the plan and stated that responses to the consultation should not focus on this site as it is not being considered. Responses to the consultation should focus on the sites listed in the plan.
- J Jenkinson also spoke about the use of Brownfield sites and empty properties in formulating the BMBC Local Plan where possible. He also confirmed that when responding to the Plan, alternative sites for housing in Oxspring do not have to be found. There are more sites in the draft plan across the Barnsley borough than may actually be required in the final plan; therefore it is a case of keeping or removing the sites already listed. Residents do not need to suggest alternatives. I.e. It is not the case that Oxspring has to

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have large scale housing development. The Parish Council's preference is as per the draft neighbourhood Plan, which promotes small scale housing on infill sites only.

- All questions posed by the public concerning the Local Plan, how to respond and the background to BMBC's local plan were answered by the Parish Council, J Jenkinson and Ward Cllr J Wilson.
- The date for a public meeting is to be confirmed and will be publicised.
- The Parish Council thanked J Jenkinson and Cllr Wilson for attending.
- All members of the public left the meeting except for those listed on page 1.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (FS, 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.
- The Clerk requested permission for another bin at the entrance to the TPT at Roughbitchworth Lane, and had requested a discussion re better access for bikes at this entrance. The Clerk is still awaiting a response from Sarah Ford of BMBC.
- The requests for TWIGS work were submitted and the Chair and some Parish Councillors are meeting with the TWIGS team this week at Castle Dam site.
- The Clerk reported the dropped curb on Sheffield Road where the new houses have been built and is no longer required. Unfortunately this was included as part of the original planning approval, but not in the later planning approval that superseded the original application. Therefore planning enforcement cannot require the builder to reinstate the curb. Therefore BMBC have passed this on as a job for highways.
- The Chair confirmed that permission had been obtained from St Aidans to paint the step yellow as per the discussion at the previous meeting.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- A public meeting will be arranged regarding responding to the Local Plan.
- It was agreed to obtain professional advice in formulating a response.
- It was noted that further funding is available for the NP if required. This may be required due to changes that may be required as a result of conforming to the BMBC Local Plan. It was agreed that further funding may be applied for.

b. Titivator Update

- Councillor Gratton-Rayson will be emptying the troughs at the Willows this week. It was agreed to plant the Willows troughs again in 2018.
- It was noted that the roses will need cutting when the weather is warmer.
- The fencing at the Willows allotments was discussed. The Clerk will check previous correspondence and check whether this has been adhered to. If not the Clerk will write again.

c. Path at top of playingfield

- Sarah Ford has not provided an update on the status of this.

d. Village in Bloom 2019

- Cllr Walker provided a quote for information boards on flora, fauna and wildlife of approximately £600 plus installation. It was agreed that information boards for Bower Dell and the bottom of the Village Green would be a good idea. Cllr Gratton-Rayson will write a list of items to go on the boards.
- It was agreed that funding for this could be applied for through the Ward Alliance.

e. Village Fete 2019

- This will be in conjunction with the Village in Bloom and discussed at a future meeting.

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e. Community Orchard

- The fruit trees have been delivered.
- A planting day will be organised for the spring.
- It was agreed for Cllr Grayson to order manure and stakes.

f. Community Allotment

- The project is currently listed in Tesco Penistone with the token scheme for shoppers to vote for their favourite project to be funded.

g. Basket Ball Court

- New basketball nets have been installed. The Clerk will inform the resident concerned.

h. TDY 2018

- Cllr Sedgwick attended the recent TDY roadshow.
- The route through Oxspring is the same as last year, but is just for the main men's race. It will take place on Friday 4th May in the afternoon. This is not a school or bank holiday, so a lot of people will be at work.
- It will be a rolling road closure of an hour or two.
- Cllr Walker will enquire at the Ward Alliance re funding, and then the Council will decide whether to purchase items such as bunting, banners etc. It is not believed that Saint Aidans are doing an event this year but it is believed that the Waggon & Horses are.
- The Council had been approached by a company advertizing big screens for the day. It was decided not to pursue this option.

i. Castle Dam site

- A meeting is being held with TWIGS at the site this week regarding regular maintenance.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson stated that she has been doing some research into archives about the history of the site and other sites in Oxspring. She found some interesting items regarding Roughbitchworth but not particularly about Castle Dam. She has a meeting this month with the archaeology department in Sheffield.

j. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

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

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
5 Feb 18	elec	vistamister	NP website domain renewal	25.00	ADMINISTRATION
5 Feb 18	64/elec	JS Mitchell	#install posts NP sign p area	75.00	MAINTENANCE NEIGHBOUR
21 Feb 18	SO	S Tolson	Clerks Salary	544.44	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXPENSES
21 Feb 18	SO	S Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS

Deposit Account
none

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					

Deposit Account

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
27 Jan 18	TRF	HSBC	d/a to c/a bank transfer	1500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

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b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer. See above.
- The closing Balances for 31st January 2018 are c/a £2244.94 and d/a £314.20, Imprest a/c £96.58.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The precept was agreed at £19700. The Clerk will inform BMBC.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning application to consider.
- 2017/1713 – Mayfield Court – side extension. No objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A request from an allotment tenant at Roughbirchworth was agreed for two sheds and a Polytunnel.
- Alan Walker has been checking the fitness equipment and this was discussed. If he has issues he will discuss with the Chair or contact the manufacturer.
- It was agreed to add the fitness equipment to the external risk assessment organised through BMBC.
- The Council thanked Alan Walker for helping with the equipment and doing the inspections.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Walker stated that it is the 100 year anniversary of the WW1 armistice this year and that it will be discussed at the Ward Alliance meeting. She will report back.
- Cllr Walker has looked into getting a cupboard for Saint Aidans, and found one for approx £80. This will be looked into further.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that there has been an increase of dog fouling on lower Roughbirchworth Lane.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that she has asked the estate agent to remove the sold signs from the new houses as they are all occupied.
- Cllr Stanley reported that the streetlights on Bower Hill are still not working. The Clerk will report.
- It was reported that the bollards opposite Longley Ings are knocked down and broken. The Clerk will report.
- Cllr Sedgwick reported that he had been working on a new Parish website with T Rivett. He requested Cllrs to gather information about local groups and other information for the website.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan, Titivators update, Path at top of playingfield, VIB, Village Fete, Community Orchard, Community Allotment, Castle Dam site, basketball court, TDY 18.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 5th March 2018 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day 2018.