

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8th January 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)

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Stephen Green, Sam Green, Bill Taylor (Resident), Paul Whitehouse (Barnsley Chronicle).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor F Shaw. (AM, IS)

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Stephen Green spoke to the Council about BMBC's Local Plan and the interim findings of the Local Plan inspector. He spoke about the Safeguarded land site 18 and his Oxspring Fields proposed development. He compared the two sites, and stated that he believed his site to be the preferred site for Oxspring residents. He reiterated the points made in his recent letter to the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council thanked him for attending.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS, 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 Neighbourhood Services for an extra dog bin at the TPT entrance on Roughbitchworth Lane. Neighbourhood Services have said that they will empty an extra bin if we can arrange an extra one to be installed. The Clerk contacted the Penistone Area team as it is believed that they may have a spare bin, however they don't. It was agreed to look into purchasing another dog foul bin to go alongside the existing one as this was the preferred option. The Clerk will ask the TPT's permission.
- The Clerk reported the railings on Bower Hill Bridge to BMBC. BMBC have acknowledged that they are unsightly and agreed that it is an area of concern. Therefore they will add it to the list of projects for future consideration. BMBC stated that it will not be a project in the immediate future however as it will be a very expensive project due to the need for scaffolding to be built in the watercourse for stripping and painting work. Consents will be required from the Environment Agency and agreement over the type of paint that can be used over a watercourse. The scaffolding will also need to be of a design to ensure stability and maintenance of flows in the river.
- The Chair reported that the Oxspring NP sign had fallen over at the playarea. He will arrange for it to be put back up.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

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5. Business Matters.

a. Neighbourhood Plan

- BMBC are still reconsidering their Local Plan, and the head of planning has been in touch to inform the Council that they are writing to local landowners asking if their land would be available to be included in the plan period for housing allocations.
- BMBC will inform the Parish Council as soon as the results are known and will speak with the Parish Council about the results if further housing sites are proposed for Oxspring in the Local Plan.

b. Titivator Update

- The Christmas tree has been taken down.
- Councillor Gratton-Rayson will be emptying the troughs at the Willows.
- There will be a community day mid February for pruning and clearing in the village.
- Mr Walker has started regular litter picking again.
- Cllr Stanley reported lots of drink cans being dumped everyday on the TPT. He will put up a laminate sign requesting them to not be dropped.
- It was noted that the old Bower Hill road bridge is in need of clearing and the verge on lower Roughbitchworth Lane by the Rookery wall needs clearing and self set trees removing. The Clerk will request these as a job for TWIGS.
- It was agreed that volunteers will be able to be provided for TWIGS projects.

c. Path at top of playingfield

- It was agreed to enquire with S Ford as to the status of this project.

d. Village in Bloom

- Cllr Gratton-Rayson spoke about the criteria for the full RHS village in bloom competition, and explained that it is the same categories as the It's Your Neighbourhood award but in much greater depth and that they will look at the whole of the village.
- It was agreed to enter for 2019. Applications will be required next autumn.
- A proposal for various information boards in the village was discussed. Councillors Gratton-Rayson and Walker will look at the design and cost of this idea.
- It was suggested to combine VIB with the Open Gardens and a village fete in 2019. A fete and the Open Gardens will not take place in 2018.

e. Community Orchard

- The fruit trees have not been delivered yet.

f. Community Allotment

- The project is now 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 received. Councillor Sedgwick will put them up shortly.

h. TDY 2018

- It was noted that the main race will travel through Oxspring, but that the sportif races won't this year. Therefore the time span of the race travelling through will be much shorter than last year.
- Cllr Walker will enquire at the Ward Alliance meeting for an update on local arrangements for the race day.

i. Castle Dam site

- Cllr Gratton-Rayson stated that she is doing some research into archives about the history of the site.
- A second letter from the resident adjacent to the site has been received and this was discussed.
- The surface of the car park was discussed and this will be dealt with later in the year as and when funds are available.

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- The issue of cows moving through the site was discussed, but it was noted that this cannot be stopped and has been discussed in the past.
- The Clerk will reply to the resident.

j. **Village Fete**

- As noted earlier, this is proposed for 2019.

k. **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					
6 Jan 18	DD	Southern Electric	Electricity Playingfield	17.04	OTHER PAYMENTS (Not I
8 Jan 18	61/102095	Communicorp	LC Update subscription	75.00	ADMINISTRATION
8 Jan 18	62/102096	Amazon	#Basket ball nets	5.99	MAINTENANCE
21 Jan 18	SO	S Tolson	Clerks Salary	544.44	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS
21 Jan 18	SO	S Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS

Deposit Account

none

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
22 Dec 17	cr	Various	Allotment rents	23.00	ALLOTMENTS

Deposit Account

2 Dec 17	cr	HSBC	Bank Interest	0.60	INTEREST on INVTS & A/
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Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
11 Dec 17	TRF	HSBC	d/a to c/a bank transfer	7500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer. See above.
- The closing Balances for 31st December 2017 are c/a £1747.41 and d/a £1814.20, Imprest a/c £88.08.

c. Other Financial Matters

- A finance sub-committee meeting will be held on Friday 2nd February at 10am.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to consider.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- Correspondence from the YLCA and NALC regarding the GDPR regulations that take effect in May 18 were discussed.
- It was agreed to await an update from the YLCA regarding a central data protection officer role and templates and model documents.

b. Items to Report

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- The Chair reported that the lock on the noticeboard at the playarea is broken. Councillor Stanley will arrange for a replacement.
- The Chair is fixing the shutting mechanism on the Bower Dell gate.
- Cllr Sedgwick enquired as to the status of Saint Aidans Church. Councillors believed it to be business as usual.
- It was noted that Saint Aidans have suggested that the Parish Council have a unit in the entrance hall rather than a notice board. Councillor Walker will look at unit ideas and measure the space.
- It was noted that the curb needs re-instating at the original access to the house building site opposite the Waggon & Horses. The Clerk will report.
- The steps down to the trail at Roughbitchworth Lane were discussed. Cllr Walker is keen to include a bike groove so that bikes or pushchairs can be pushed down the steps. The Clerk will contact Sarah Ford with a view to looking at the steps or meeting with Councillors.

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 February 2018 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2018.