

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008, At 7pm in Oxspring School.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe.	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley.	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor A. Mills.	(AM)	
Councillor F. Shaw.	(FS)	
Councillor W Taylor.	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Councillor R Barnard.

b. Apologies.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Booth. (IS,FS).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

No prioritisation was necessary.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

None

b. Update from Councillor Barnard

1. Sheephouse Heights Windfarm

- The application for the Windfarm isn't likely to go before the Planning Regulatory Board (PRB) until December.
- The Application for the temporary anemometer mast is going to the PRB this month.
- There are currently two other planning applications for Windfarms in the area, one at Spicer Hill for 5 x 84m turbines, and one at Blackstone Edge for 3 x 101m turbines.
- The Council's objections to the Windfarm were discussed with Councillor Barnard, and it was agreed that the Clerk is to write to our MP regarding the issue.

2. Post Office Closure programme

- The Post Office will be announcing its closure programme for the Barnsley area on the 5th August. This will also be published on the post.office.co.uk website. There will then be a six week consultation period, within which comments and objections should be made.
- BMBC will be analysing the proposals and this analysis will be made available to Parish Councils before the end of August. BMBC will be formulating a response, and will include any comments we wish to make if we send them to BMBC before the 4th September. The deadline for replying directly to the post office is 22nd September.
- The criteria that the Post Office will be using are that 95% of the rural population must be within 3 miles of a Post Office.
- Councillor Barnard thought that it's possible that there may be a further round of closures in the next year or two.

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4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008, and Matters Arising from them.

- The Chair signed the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AM,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.
- Following recent vandalism at the playground, the Chair and Councillor Taylor have repaired the bridge on the Multi unit and removed the dangerous parts of the wooden train. Pennine Playgrounds have visited the site to look at the train and the bridges on the toddler multi unit, and will be sending a quote for replacement parts for bridge panels and bridges with narrower gaps.
- The work required to Plot 2 the Willows has been completed by Impress Drives. The area has been seeded and will require adding to next years grounds maintenance contract.
- The Clerk and Councillor Booth carried out an Allotment Inspection in June and letters were sent regarding 6 plots that have not been maintained. The Clerk has only had a reply from one allotment holder. It was **agreed** that the Clerk is to look at the plots again and if there has been no improvement, the tenants are to be given 56 days notice to do some work on them or their contract will be terminated.
- The grass cutting at the Anthills was discussed, and it was agreed that a wider cut along the back of the allotments is required, and the brambles require spraying with weed killer. These will be altered in next years grounds maintenance contract. Councillor Taylor agreed to cut down the weeds that are currently there.

4b. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2008, and Matters Arising from them.

- The Chair signed the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,AM). 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.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Mr Clynych was submitting the application to BMBC this month to Officer Smith. Councillor Barnard has checked with Officer Smith since the meeting, but he has not received the application. The Clerk will investigate.

b. Culvert repair

- The quote received from Civilsmart Ltd for design work for the Culvert repair was discussed. The quote is for £980 and includes surveys, detailed plans, liaison with the Environment Agency and BMBC.
- It was agreed not to go ahead with the design work until we have an idea of the cost of the project and whether any grants may be available.
- Councillor Barnard will enquire within BMBC for an approximate cost for the Culvert repair, and will also enquire about possible sources of grant funding.
- The Council explained to Councillor Barnard that the problems have been caused by the TPT and the building of the David Wilson housing estate.

c. Memorial Garden

- The boundary fence has been erected in July by J Mitchell.

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- The Chair informed the Council that another rail is to be added due to health & safety regulations, and this is being done shortly.
- The area has been sprayed with weed killer.
- Further development of the site is currently delayed as Mr Wade is looking into a new fence for his part of the boundary.
- The Parish Council will have a meeting on site to discuss the development on Thursday evening.

d. Other Business

- The repair of the water tap at Roughbitchworth allotments has not been completed, but will be shortly.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

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

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
26 Jun 08		Southern Electric	Electricity Playingfield	1.39	OTHER PAYMENTS (Not listed)
21 Jul 08	20/101578	Mrs A Mills	#Planter Plants	19.95	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	21/101579	Mr Ian Goldthorpe	#Fixings for playarea bridge	22.80	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	22/101580	Melvyn Carr Ltd	#Timber for mem gdn fence	430.22	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	23/101581	JS Mitchell	#Fix/concrete 3 new bins	296.00	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	24/101582	JS Mitchell	#Erection of mem gdn fence	366.00	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	25/101583	BMBC	Grounds Maintenance	1438.91	MAINTENANCE
21 Jul 08	26/101584	Impress Drives	Level/rotate/seed allotment	393.62	MAINTENANCE
23 Jul 08	SO	Stephanie Tolson	Clerks Salary	498.11	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXI
23 Jul 08	SO	Stephanie Tolson	Imprest Account	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
Deposit Account					
10 Jun 08	348	HSBC	Bond Reinvestment	52000.00	INVESTMENTS

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
6 Jun 08	CR	C/A Interest	to 5/6/08	1.62	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS
10 Jun 08	CR	BMBC	Area Forum CSF Grant	1500.00	CAPITAL GRANTS
3 Jul 08	CR	Penistone Footpath Runners	Donation to Sports building	30.00	RECEIPTS
Deposit Account					
6 Jun 08	CR	D/A Interest	to 5/6/08	75.34	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS

b. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing balances for 30th June 2008 were:
c/a £4575.79, d/a £13498.56, Imprest a/c -£4.34

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Financial update on earmarked funds was accepted. It was **agreed** that the new bins on the play area and playingfield are to come out of the earmarked fund for play area maintenance. (IS,IG).
- It was **agreed** that the Chair and Clerk work together to pay any amounts outstanding which can not wait until September to be paid. (IS,BT).

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5. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one application for consideration by the Council.
2008/0901: 2 Fields End. This application was not available at the meeting, currently in circulation with Councillor Stanley, therefore no comments could be made.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items. All items requiring discussion by the Council were discussed under the relevant agenda items.

b. Items to Report

- The Chair reported that a Youth Club has approached the council about camping on Parish Land. This request was declined. PC policy is to not allow any camping on parish land.
- Councillor Stanley reported that the new litter bin on the playingfield had been a success, removing the problem of stray litter on the field.
- Councillor Stanley reported that new topsoil is required for the playingfield prior to the new football season. He was informed that there is a pile of topsoil near the electricity hookup that has been grassed over. Councillor Stanley will look at this and also look into some further soil being purchased. The Memorial garden will also need some soil. The football club will spread it on the field.
- Councillor Mills reported that Oxspring Open Gardens had been very successful with 400 people attending, and 150 cream teas being sold. It raised £2500 for Macmillan Cancer support.
- Councillor Shaw commented on the access road to the car park at Penistone Surgery on the High Street. It was noted that separate entrance and exit roads would alleviate problems, and there were complaints about the car parking being used by non patients. Councillor Barnard has informed the Clerk that this matter is to be taken up by Penistone Town Council. He will also mention it at the Area Forum meeting in July.
- Councillor Shaw reported that after her dog had bathed in the river Don, the towel used to dry her turned orange. Councillor Taylor is to look at the water. If contamination is suspected the environment agency should be called to test the water.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Post Office Closure programme, Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Memorial Garden, Play Area Maintenance.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 1st September 2008 at Oxspring School.

Signed this day _____ 2008.

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Chair _____

Clerk _____