

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 19th July 2010,

At

7pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor R Chitoriski	(RC)	
Councillor A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor R Barnard.

b. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor C. Booth and Councillor I. Stanley.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

- Councillor Barnard spoke about planning changes that will take force as a result of the new government. He spoke about "Garden Grabbing", whereby gardens are being re-designated as green belt to stop people building on gardens.
- He spoke about "Out of Hours" service for Planning Enforcement. BMBC will have to implement this. This is to stop unauthorised building taking place on bank holidays for example.
- He informed the Council that House building targets are being abolished.
- He informed the Council that the police would be monitoring speeds on Sheffield Road (from East road).
- Councillor Barnard will request that speed monitoring takes place on Roughbitchworth Lane at School opening/closing times in September.
- The speed limit between Spring Vale and Oxspring was discussed. Councillor Barnard stated that this was an issue between the police and the highways department, and that different Councils interpret the rules regarding speed limit setting differently. The Clerk will write to highways about the speed limit being 40mph for this short stretch.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

None

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th June 2010, and Matters Arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (FS,BT). 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 is to order 2 litter bins for the play area and the playing field car park. Councillor Taylor has negotiated a reduced delivery charge of £32.

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- The Conifers at the Anthills were discussed. These are to be cut down on Sunday 25th July. Allotment tenants are helping, all further helpers welcome. Work will start at 9am. It was agreed to purchase a gift to thank Mr Hinchliffe for his work.
- The grass cutters are now doing a double cut at the Anthills, the path is much improved.
- The grass cutters have cut the bottom area at Gordon's Garden again. Councillor Shaw will speak to Elaine Down.
- Councillor Barnard will look at the wall at Psalters Drive. Since the meeting he has reported back that Planning Enforcement has looked at it but cannot do anything as the wall is not the original builder's responsibility. The wall is the responsibility of the individual house owners. BMBC are going to write to the houses concerned to highlight the condition of the wall to them and that it is their responsibility to carry out repairs. However, they cannot force the owners to repair the wall. They can only take enforcement action when the wall becomes dangerous. BMBC have assessed the wall and although some of it is in disrepair they do not believe it to be in danger of collapse at present.
- Councillor Barnard will look at the broken fencing at the bottom of Bower Hill and chase BMBC.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- There was nothing to report.

b. Culvert Repair

- Councillors reported on the work so far, that it is going well and that the contractors are doing a very good job. Councillor Taylor has taken photos of the progress. He will write up a report with the photos and this can be put on the Parish website.
- It is estimated that the work will take a further three weeks.

c. Playingfield Development Plan

- A quote has been received from J Mitchell for the work to create an entrance onto the playing field. No step or handrail is required. The path will be about 10 yards long. The quote was £450. This also includes doing a concrete base for the car park bin and a metal barrier to stop both the new bins being knocked over by cars. The quote was accepted. (RC,AM). The quote received for the handrail was £250. This is no longer required.
- A quote was also received from J Mitchell for £1525 to lay drainage pipes on the South Eastern corner of the field. This includes £75 re-turfing the area.
- Councillor Taylor will approach Fielding Construction for a quote also. The work was agreed in principle. (RC,AM). The Clerk informed the Council that money would not be available to pay for this work until the end of September.

g. Other Business

- The Planter competition was discussed. Since the meeting the judging has taken place. The winner this year is the Toll Bar Planter, with 2nd and third place going to N Coldwell and J Wainwright respectively. These are the two planters near Mount Pleasant.
- It was agreed that the Titivators could look after the 3 planters near Saint Aidans, and that they could have up to £20 reimbursement for plants for each planter.
- It was noted that plants have been stolen from planters and from the play area boundary.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

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- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
25 Jun 10	TRF	HSBC	Bank Transfer c/a to d/a	9000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th June 2010 are c/a £1758.47 and d/a £54,386.99, Imprest a/c £22.39.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £25493.94 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (RC,BT)

c. Other Financial Matters

- It was **agreed** that the Chair and Clerk work together to pay any amounts outstanding which can not wait until September to be paid. (RC,BT).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- 2010/0839 – 34 Mayfield – extension. No observations.
- 2010/0852 – New house adjacent to 11 Foxfields - The application was discussed, and the Clerk is to feedback the Council's concerns to BMBC. These are that the building is too close to the boundary fence, which will create a problem for future maintenance. The Clerk is to request that as this area was originally designated as a play area and is now being taken, that a condition is put in to the planning permission that a contribution is made by the builder to the existing play area in the village.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- Councillor Taylor indicated that he would attend the next Berneslai Homes Impact meeting.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Mills reported that the Oxspring Open Gardens had been a great success and had raised £3,500.
- Road markings in the Roughbitchworth area were reported as being poor at several junctions. The Clerk is to report to BMBC.
- Councillor Mills will report the Toll Bar pothole to BMBC tel 773555.
- Councillor Taylor reported that he would remove the soil that's on the water tap meter at Roughbitchworth.
- Councillor Chitoriski reported that his TPT 5 mile race on the 25th September. It was agreed that £30 would be donated for prizes. (FS,IG).

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Playingfield Development Plan.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

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The next full meeting will be on Monday 6th September 2010 at 7pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day _____ 2010.