

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 18th July 2011,

At

7pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor R Chitoriski	(RC)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Arthur Wood (Parishioner), John Crowther (Chair football club).

b. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills and Councillor C Booth. (BT,FS).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Councillor Chitoriski resigned from his post as a Parish Councillor due to him no longer living in the village and his difficulty in always making it to the meetings due to work commitments. He was sorry to go and the Council thanked him for his services to the Council and wished him well. His resignation was accepted. (IS,IG). It was agreed that he would stay for the rest of the meeting, but would abstain from voting.
- Mr Wood stated that he would like to put himself forward as a Parish Councillor as he would like to contribute to the village.
- The Clerk stated that Councillor Chitoriski's resignation created a "Casual Vacancy" which would need to be advertised for 14 days. The Clerk will arrange. If a poll is not claimed by at least 10 local electors then the Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.
- The Chair of the football club, John Crowther was introduced to the meeting. The discussion centred on the fact that the football pitches were unplayable for a lot of the last season due to the wet surface, and that the Parish Council provide the pitches for free, and have spent a lot of money on improving the field, but only get complaints in return.
- Mr Crowther explained the finances of the football club and that they couldn't afford to pay for pitch hire. It was acknowledged that all other clubs who don't own their own fields, do pay rent for their pitches.
- Mr Crowther stated that the Club is willing to contribute in other ways. For example, providing labour with jobs and projects in the village. He also acknowledged that the club can do fundraising to help contribute to the upkeep of the field. He stated that the football club are very grateful for the work that's been done on the field and for the free use of the pitches. He also stated that he would be attending a meeting with the club soon, and would put it to the club the suggestion of making a donation to the Parish Council whether it be in kind or monetary towards the maintenance of the field.
- It was agreed that it would be a good idea if Mr Crowther attends the PC meetings on a regular basis so that lines of communication can be kept open as the meeting had been very helpful to both sides.
- The Clerk will write to the club confirming what was agreed at this meeting. Councillor Stanley will pass the address on to the Clerk.
- It was **agreed** to not invoice the football club for pitch hire at the present time. (IS,IG).

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4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th June 2011, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (FS,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 Bee friendly planting took place last week and was successful. The Clerk will send payment to Penistone Friends of the Earth. The Clerk will provide them with the contact details for the Heritage group with regards to the grant funding for some of the planting.
- With regards to a Speed Indicator Device on Roughbitchworth Lane, Councillor Barnard is chasing.
- The Clerk informed the meeting that the solicitor has confirmed that there is nothing in the deeds to the playingfield land that states that we may not charge for the use of the field.
- It was confirmed that the trees on Bower Hill had been cut back where they were obscuring the 30mph sign.
- It was noted that Mr Wade has forwarded the Clerks letter to Mr Green regarding the litter picking of the Rocher. There has been no reply.
- The Litter pick will take place on Saturday 23rd July at 10am. Meet at the old Bower Hill Bridge. Neighbourhood Pride will remove the black sacks from the Rookery on Monday 25th.
- Councillor Shaw stated that she had examined the steps at Roughbitchworth Lane where a person had fallen, and noted that the wire mesh is only on the top of the step and not on the edge, making the wooden edge of the step slippery when wet.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- In Councillor Booth's absence, Councillor Stanley updated the Council on the project, and that they were still waiting to hear about the funding for the business plan.

b. Perimeter Exercise Track

- The work on the track is now complete. Councillors Stanley and Chitoriski had inspected the path, and agreed that a good job had been done.
- The Chair reiterated that the job had been done well and under budget.
- It was noted that it may need a roller on it occasionally.

c. Other Business

- The Chair reported that the grass under the seats at the playarea was worn away and the concrete footings are visible. He suggested that a concrete platform is put under the seats, and also that matting should be put under the train. The Chair will obtain quotes.
- The Clerk and Councillor Shaw will judge the planter competition later in July.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
5 Jul 11	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	2000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th June 2011 are c/a £167.54 and d/a £24979.08, Imprest a/c -£1.43.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £21089.06 and receipts of £163.59 T were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,FS)

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c. Other Financial Matters

- It was **agreed** that the Chair and Clerk will arrange to pay invoices that are received over the summer recess. (FS,BT).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were two planning applications to consider:
- 2011/0733 – Wind Mast, Toffs Lane – No comment.
- 2011/0794 – Land at Foxfields – bungalow build – it was **agreed** to send the same comments as were made to the house build application on this land, and request a s106 planning gain. (FS,BT).

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Stanley requested that the Council write to MP Angela Smith regarding local BBC radio stations having their air time cut, due to government cutbacks. The Clerk will write a letter.
- Councillor Shaw reported that she is meeting with Borough Councillor Davis regarding the Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam plants that are taking over certain areas in the village, and Neighbourhood Pride are going to assess the matter.
- Councillor Taylor reported that he is going to fix the fence on the Roughbirchworth Lane footbridge.
- Fly tipping has been reported on Back Lane. Councillor Taylor is to see if it is still there and report the matter to BMBC.
- Councillor Chitoriski reported that a trim trail in Millhouses Park was very popular, and thought that this could be a good idea for Oxspring at the Village Green. It was noted that the Parish Council had considered this a couple of years ago but that it was very expensive, and currently the Council could not afford this.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2011.