

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13th June 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 C. Booth	(CB)	
Councillor R Chitoriski	(RC)	
Councillor A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Arthur Wood (Parishioner).

b. Apologies.

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

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Mr Wood enquired whether there was any progress regarding speeding on Roughbitchworth Lane. The SID results from the recent Bower Hill device were discussed. It was noted that Councillor Barnard had enquired about getting a SID on Roughbitchworth Lane and the site was to be assessed for suitability. The Clerk will find out if there has been any progress. It was noted that if the site wasn't suitable for a SID then a request could be made for strips.
- The Clerk is to report to BMBC that the 30 sign on Bower Hill is obscured by plants.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (IS,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.
- Councillors Booth and Chitoriski had been invited to the meeting to be co-opted. It was agreed by all that the Council would Co-opt Councillor Chitoriski and Booth onto the Parish Council. (IS,IG). Councillors Booth and Chitoriski read out and signed their Declaration of Office. These were counter-signed by the Clerk.
- Councillor Booth and Chitoriski stated that they would step down if any other Parishioners wished to become Councillors.
- Councillor Booth will write an article for the next newsletter promoting becoming a Councillor.
- Councillor Booth requested that the Chair re-issue the "Rules of Debate" to Councillors.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Booth reported that OPSCC has received a conditional grant offer that would cover the minimum business plan.

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- OPSCC members reported that they had had a meeting with Mary Dyson, who had pointed them in the direction of having a phased facility.
- It was noted that Penistone Sport Centre was closing. The impact of this and the new facilities at Penistone Grammar School were discussed.

b. Perimeter Exercise Track

- J Mitchell is due to start work on the track at the end of June, the work is expected to take a couple of weeks.
- Concerns were raised about the final surface of the track. The Chair suggested that the Silkstone Waggonway is looked at as the surface will be the same as this.

c. Playing Field Charging

- The Clerk is to check the deeds to the land as to whether there are any covenants that state that the Council may not charge for use of the field.
- It was agreed to enter into negotiations with the football club regarding charging them or them paying a donation towards the maintenance of the field, as at present they contribute nothing towards its upkeep.
- It was noted that other user groups make donations to OPC for being able to use the field.
- It was noted that Silkstone Parish Council charge £25/game for Junior football teams and £30/game for Senior teams. BMBC confirmed to the Clerk that they charge £335 pitch hire for a senior team and £175 for a junior team for the season.
- The Clerk is to invite the Football Club to the next meeting. (IS,CB).
- It was agreed that drainage on the field needs improving, and this is something that the football club have complained about as there were several weeks during last winter where the pitches were unplayable.

d. Bee Friendly Planting

- A meeting had been held with Peter Riley from Penistone Friends of the Earth in May. It was decided that Bower Dell was not a suitable site for the planting. The area at Bower Dell between the 2 road bridges was looked at and this was decided as suitable.
- Other areas looked at were the Village Green, Gordon's Garden, the Anthills and Castle Green.
- It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would sponsor a planting project at the Anthills. The Parish Council will pay for the plugs and Penistone Friends of the Earth will do the planting with Oxspring School. The Clerk will inform PFOE. (RC,CB).
- It was suggested that the Heritage group grant would pay for another site with the Bower Hill bridge site being the most suitable. The Clerk will contact BMBC regards getting permission to plant here, and will also inform PFOE. PFOE will contact the Heritage Group about the grant.

c. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
4 Jun 11	TRF	HSBC	Transfer c/a to d/a	9000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st May 2011 are c/a £11082.37 and d/a £15955.05, Imprest a/c -£8.54.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £809.78 and receipts of £10,095 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,BT)

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c. Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk will renew the bond as required.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were three planning applications to consider:
- 2011/0677 – Wind Turbine, Toffs Lane – The Council **agreed** to oppose the application. Councillor Booth abstained from voting. (IS,IG). The Clerk is to give the objections to BMBC. These were visual impact, strobing, noise and impact on wildlife and birds.
- 2011/0577 – 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).
- 2011/0671 – 18 Longley Ings – loft conversion. Comment to be made on the roof height. No objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- The Clerk reported that a Parishioner had reported that the bin at the play area had been knocked over again, and that youths had been driving on the green, churning up the grass, it was also reported that the bins were overflowing. The Clerk will report the bin to neighbourhood pride. The Chair reported that he had already had the barrier put back up, and he will re-look at the grass damage.

b. Items to Report

- The Chair reported that he had attended the Hydro Electricity meeting for the River Don and reported back to the Council.
- It was requested that the police are informed about the loitering and littering at the village green after dark. This mostly appears to be on Thursday and Friday evenings. The Clerk will report.
- The Clerk will inform the TPT officer that there was an incident where someone fell on the steps to the TPT at Roughbitchworth Lane. The steps need attention, and also there is no disabled access here.
- Litter at Bower Dell was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would do a litter pick here on Saturday 23rd July 10am. The Clerk will inform Neighbourhood Pride of the date. Bags are to be left at the Rookery for Neighbourhood Pride to collect. Councillor Taylor will ensure they get collected on the day.
- The Clerk is to request with Stephen Green (via John Wade) if the PC may collect litter along the Rocher from Willow Bridge to Millstones.
- It was noted that Roy Oates from Penistone Recycling Centre has died. The Council is to send a condolence card, via Dysons Funeral directors.
- The Clerk is to report to BMBC that the seat at Bower Dell is not accessible as the grass has not been cut up to it.
- Councillor Stanley reported that the trees along Sheffield Road need trimming as visibility is impaired for drivers.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Playingfield Exercise Track.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 18th July 2011 at 7pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2011.