

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2008, At 7pm in Oxspring School.

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 W Taylor.	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk)

b. Apologies.

None

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

No prioritisation was necessary.

3. Community Matters.

Public Participation Adjournment.

None

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

- The Chair signed the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (CB, 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.
- Councillor Shaw has received a quote from Oxspring Wrought Iron for fixing a metal handrail at the Anthills for £750-£800. The Chair has received a quote for the same work for £560 from J Mitchell. The difference between the works quoted is that Oxspring Wrought Iron will fix a convex shaped handrail, J Mitchell will fix a boxed handrail. The Councillors voted in favour of Oxspring Wrought Iron doing the work. Councillor Shaw is to contact them for an in depth accurate quote, and to ask them to do the work. **Agreed** (IS,FS).
- Councillor Shaw had received two quotes from Impress Drives for sorting the pile of rubble at the Anthills. The first quote is for £282 to provide a digger and a skip and for us to sort the rubbish. The second quote is for £646.25 for Impress Drives to dig it out & remove all the waste. The Councillors voted in favour of the 2nd quote during February. On the 21st February Councillor Shaw gave Impress Drives the go ahead to proceed. The work has now started. Councillor Shaw to obtain an invoice from Impress Drives.

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- Councillor Taylor provided the Clerk with the measurements and location for the Tanyard Planter. The Clerk is to obtain a license from BMBC for this roadside planter.
- The Chair arranged in February for the moles in the playground to be caught at a cost of £50. All moles have been caught and the entrance blocked up. The Chair has paid for this to be done, it was **agreed** to reimburse the Chair in this months payments. (CB,IS).
- The Clerk is to change the title of the Bower Hill Bridge earmarked fund to the Toll Bar Post Planter fund, as this is what the remaining money is to be spent on. The chair has received two quotes from Mr Mitchell for the repair of the planter for either £650, or £450 in rough stone. It was **agreed** to proceed with the £450 quote. (CB,FS).
- It was **agreed** to purchase three 120 litre lidded litter bins from Broxap Street furniture at a cost of approx £156 each. Two are for the playground (car park & entrance), and one is for the Playingfield (to go at the side of the seat). (IS,FS). The Clerk is to purchase the bins. The old open top bins in the playground are to be reused as planters in the Memorial garden/strip park. The chair is to get a quote for removing the old bins, new concrete pads and installation.
- The Clerk reported that Mr Clark, the new tenant for Allotment Plot 7 at West Crescent had requested permission to erect a greenhouse with dimensions 10ft by 8ft. It was **agreed** to grant permission subject to the height not being over 8ft. (CB,BT).
- The new bus shelter on Sheffield Road was discussed. The Clerk is to write a letter to SYPTE as the Council is not happy with the new shelter, in particular the position of it and the width of the sides, which result in little protection from the elements.
- The Clerk is to ensure that the land registry payment made in February is to be taken from the Strip Park earmarked fund.
- It was decided that the 2003 Parish plan would be discussed at the June meeting.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Booth has had a meeting with Colin Bower of Silkstone Parish Council regarding Silkstone Sports Pavilion. Silkstone PC actually owns the pavilion and didn't do it the way OPC are proposing with a Charitable Trust. They obtained a grant from England Sport.
- Councillor Booths report to the Council was discussed, in particular the avenues for funding.
- The Clerk is to make an application to the Area Forum for funding of £1500 from the 2008/2009 Community Support fund.
- The Clerk is to write to the Secretary of the Football Club and request that they contribute what they can towards the £5000 architect/survey fees that will be due shortly.
- Councillor Booth has arranged a meeting with the Charity law solicitor that will be attending the Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) offices on 15th April. Councillor Shaw has agreed to attend with Councillor Booth.
- Councillor Booth is circulating the file of booklets and information on the new build for all Councillors to read.

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b. Topsoil for playingfield/culvert repair

- At the Finance Sub committee meeting it was proposed to spend up to £1000 on topsoil for the playing field. However, it was decided that the topsoil cannot be done until the Culvert is sorted. Councillor Stanley is to find a drainage expert/engineer to quote us on finding a solution for the Culvert.

c. Boules Pitch Proposal

- The possibility of a Boules Pitch somewhere in the village was discussed. It was decided to enquire on the next newsletter whether the community would be interested in this.
- The Chair also reported that he had been given some information from a village resident about setting up a “Playground for the elderly”, (a selection of outdoor exercise equipment) in the village. This is to be surveyed on the newsletter also.

d. Allotment Vandalism

- The recent vandalism at Roughbitchworth Allotments was discussed.
- It was **agreed** that a secure tap is needed on Roughbitchworth allotments, such that only the Allotment tenants and the Council have access to it. (CB,AM).
- Councillor Stanley is to arrange fixing the broken tap and putting a locked box around the tap.
- The Clerk reported that Mr Grey has patched up his shed and no longer wants to replace it.
- Putting a sign on the gate was discussed and decided against.

e. OPC Website

- The Clerk reported that Mr Rivett had done a lot of work on the new website and gave them Mr Rivetts web address where the site in progress can be viewed.

f. Community Bonfire

- This was discussed at length. The Council do not wish it to be held on the playingfield due to the grass being ruined. It was **agreed** that the Wagon & Horses could hold it on the Playingfield car park, however the clear up afterwards has always been an issue. (IG,IS). Councillor Shaw is to talk to Carol Dickinson, and explain that the Council will give the go ahead subject to certain conditions. A £250 bond would be required, and the site and car park would have to be clear of debris within 48 hours. If not the bond would be forfeited.

g. Other Business

- It was discussed that all projects would be allocated a leader going forward. The following Councillors were allocated to the current projects underway:

Community Partnership Facility – Councillor Booth

Anthills Rubbish – Councillor Shaw

Anthills Handrail – Councillor Shaw

Tollbar Planter – Chair

Litter Bins – Chair

Tanyard/Willows Planters – Councillor Taylor

Topsoil Playingfield – Vice Chair

Culvert Repair Playingfield – Vice Chair

Strip Park/Memorial Garden – Councillor Chitoriski

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6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

- The following items were presented and **agreed** for payment. (CB,RC)

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
3 Mar 08	55/101519	Penistone Town Coun	#Paramount Cinema Donation	670.00	S. 137 PAYMENTS
3 Mar 08	56/101520	Oxspring Primary Sch	Notice Board Donation	15.00	S. 137 PAYMENTS
3 Mar 08	57/101521	NGN Technology	Printer Cartridges	101.00	ADMINISTRATION
3 Mar 08	58/101522	Communicorp	LC Update Subscription	65.00	ADMINISTRATION
3 Mar 08	59/101523	Communicorp	Clerk/Council direct subscription	9.50	ADMINISTRATION
3 Mar 08	60/101524	Mr I Goldthorpe	Mole Catching	50.00	MAINTENANCE
3 Mar 08	61/101525	Stephanie Tolson	Clerks Overtime 07/08	415.89	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS., EXPENSES

Deposit Account

29 Feb 08	348	HSBC	Bond Reinvestment	32000.00	INVESTMENTS
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Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Deposit Account					
29 Feb 08	348	HSBC	Bond Interest	383.12	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS
29 Feb 08	348	HSBC	Bond maturity	32000.00	INVESTMENTS

b. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing balances for 29th February 2008 were:
c/a £1159.74, d/a £6106.29, Imprest a/c -£13.27.

c. Other Financial Matters

- None

5. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications for consideration by the Council

b. Other Planning Matters

- The Clerk is to contact the solicitor to enquire about the deeds for the Memorial garden.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

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

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Booth is to arrange with the Clerk, a separate meeting for a man from CPRE (Campaign Protection Rural England) to come and talk to the Council. This will be held at the school. Date to be notified.
- The Clerk is to write to BMBC (and copy to the Borough Councillors) regarding the road surface complaints that the Council has made, for which nothing has been done so far.

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9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Spring Newsletter, New OPC Website, Tanyard Planter.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 7th April 2008 at Oxspring School.

Signed this day_____ 2008.