

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th March 2012,

At

7.15pm in Saint Aidan's Church.

1. Attendance.

a. In Attendance.

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair)
Councillor I. Stanley	(IS)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor F. Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	
Councillor A. Walker	(AWa)	
Councillor A. Wood	(AWo)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Barnard.

Residents: Christine Sharp, Elaine Marsh.

b. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A. Mills. (IS,IG).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Christine Sharp asked about the exercise track at the playing field. She enquired why it had been done and whether the Council felt it was value for money. The Chair explained the reasons for its construction and that a grant had been received that part funded it. The maintenance of the track was discussed and whether it was good for running on at present. Councillor Stanley will meet with C Sharp at the playingfield to look at maintenance issues.
- Elaine Marsh spoke about dog fouling in the Willows estate. She was informed that the dog warden can be contacted at BMBC if times are known when the offence is happening or if the culprit is known. She also felt that litter was a problem in the Willows. Councillor Walker stated that she would ask her husband to do a litter pick there as he does litter picks in the village. It was also noted that a "Community litter pick" was due. This has now been arranged for Saturday the 17th March. Posters will be put up in the village. Councillor Taylor and Elaine Marsh attend the Berneslai homes meetings, and they stated that they would bring up the issues of litter and dog fouling with them, and also request permission to put a notice up on the estate.
- Elaine Marsh also reported that there is an "Oxspring Award Book" in Sheffield library archives. She reported that her sister has a copy of the book and it is available to anyone who is interested in looking at it.
- Councillor Barnard spoke about the budget cuts at BMBC and reported that BMBC have not increase their part of the Council Tax for 2012, although the police and fire authorities have increased their elements.
- Councillor Shaw asked Councillor Barnard about the stone wall along Sheffield Road. It was reiterated that this was not BMBC's responsibility. Councillor Barnard stated that he would get copies of the letters that BMBC had sent to the landowners. He will also enquire whether there is any scope for enforcement action within the Localism Act.
- The fence from Willow Lane to Wood Cottages was reported as leaning; Councillor Barnard stated that he would report this.
- He also reported that he has not got the information on the SID for Roughbitchworth Lane yet.

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4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (BT,FS). 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.
- It was noted that we cannot get a litter bin on Sheffield Road nr the Rookery.
- It was noted that we cannot get the street lighting upgraded at the Willows.
- The letter from C Booth was discussed. Councillor Wood had met C Booth at Bower Dell and it was agreed that some self seeder trees would be removed and some native species would be planted in their place. It was noted that OHG would fund these new trees and the Laurels at Gordon's Garden.
- The item regarding the Trough nr the playingfield was discussed. It was noted that there was no damage to the Trough but that the conifers should be removed so that the roots don't cause damage. Action Councillor Mills.
- Councillor Taylor reported that he would report again the water near the Wagon and Horses to Yorkshire Water board.
- A BMBC engineer has been out to look at the wall at the village green and Roughbitchworth Lane. It was noted that the walls are the landowners' responsibilities. Councillor Wood reported that he had obtained a quote to fix this wall for £370.
- The Clerk reported that she is in the process of obtaining the S106 money for the Foxfields development.
- The Chair has spoken to Andy Birtles at BMBC regarding getting the field spiked. The Clerk will obtain a fixed price and arrange.
- Councillor Shaw asked about charging for use of the field. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley reported that there was nothing to report as there had been no recent meetings.

b. Gordon's Garden Planting

- Councillor Shaw is arranging to meet Elaine Down at Gordon's Garden to look at the best way of stopping the mowers damaging the trees.

c. Bower Dell Maintenance Project

- Councillor Wood reported that he had obtained quote from 3 suppliers to do the following work:
Rebuilding the wall and Style, clearing soil so that the gate can be shut, cut and lay the hedge to 4 ft, replace the fence over the Culvert, thin and clear brambles, 1 new bench, crown lift some trees and remove the centre piece. The quotes ranged from £2220 to £3550 plus vat. A quote was also obtained to install a wire fence at the playingfield car park for £470. It was agreed that the Clerk would apply to the CSF for funding for the project. It was agreed that the project would go ahead if grant funding could be obtained.

d. Planting at Playingfield

- The new fence was discussed under the previous agenda item and planting would be looked at if the project goes ahead.

e. Jubilee Boundary Walk

- Councillor Walker reported that she had done the walk and had a quote for the roundels of £1 each. It was agreed that the walk should be signed in both directions, this would cost £90. Councillor Walker will contact the BMBC Footpaths officer re permission to put the roundels up. The colours were agreed to be red white and blue if possible.
- A date was set for the opening of the walk of the 1st July.
- Councillor Walker spoke of badges being available to those completing the walk.

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- It was agreed that a gazebo would be put in Bower Dell serving refreshments at the end of the walk. The Clerk will check the insurance arrangements for this.
- Councillor Walker is in the process of making a booklet to accompany the walk.

f. Boules Pitch

- Councillor Stanley will have the quote for the April meeting.

g. Other Business

- None.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

- Payments amounting to £639.78 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,IG)

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
2 Feb 12	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	1000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 29th February 2012 are c/a £730.21 and d/a £4023.34, Imprest a/c £45.85.

c. Other Financial Matters

- It was agreed to renew the Grounds Maintenance Contract. The Clerk will submit the papers. (BT,IS).
- The Parish Councils insurance was reviewed. (BT,IS). It was **agreed** to renew the insurance. (IS,IG).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were 3 planning application to be considered:
- 2012/0095 – Sycamore Farm buildings, Roughbitchworth Lane. There were no objections.
- 2012/0150 – Bird Lane House Farm, 2 wind turbines. There were no objections.
- 2012/0231 – Springvale Nursery, new toilet block. There were no objections.

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 Walker distributed an article she had written for the newsletter. This was discussed. Some amendments would be made.
- The Clerk will write the newsletter for distribution mid April. Items to include: Seniors Tea, Charity Bonanza, Open Gardens, litter pick, dog fouling, Jubilee Walk.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Planting at Gordon's Garden, Bower Dell area project, Playingfield Charging, Jubilee Boundary Walk, Boules Pitch.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2012.