

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4th March 2013

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

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

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

b. Apologies.

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- None.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013, 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.
- The Footpath extension near the playingfield was discussed. BMBC appear not to have it in the schedule anymore. All information and photos have been passed on to BMBC again. Councillor Barnard is chasing this with Paul Tiggardine.
- Councillor Taylor spoke about the grass verge at Roughbitchworth Lane. He had met with Northern Power Grid who were liaising with BMBC Highways, who are arranging the road and verge to be put right with the contractor. Councillor Taylor is still liaising with both to make sure all the issues are dealt with.
- Re the S106 money, Councillor Barnard is not getting replies from Jerry Green either. He is going to take this up with the Chief Executive.
- Regarding the road to the recycling centre at Spring Vale, Councillor Barnard informed the Council that it was owned by the Shrewsbury Hospital Trust and that this information has been passed onto Penistone TC and BMBC Highways. He explained that the legal position was not clear in the case of an un-adopted road being used as access to a public facility. Councillor Barnard will take this up with Penistone and Barnsley and if necessary contact the Trust also.
- The Willows allotments were discussed and this will be an agenda item for April. Permission was given for a shed behind number 46. Councillor Taylor will show the resident exactly where it can be placed.
- Councillor Barnard is requesting a SID to be placed on Sheffield Road at the 40mph section.
- The 40mph section was discussed and it was noted that the police would not support a reduction in the limit because it would be unenforceable. The reason for this is that the road goes from built up to rural and people naturally speed up. The Clerk will raise again with Highways. The narrow footpath for residents walking into Oxspring from Longley Ings is an issue.

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- Councillor Stanley will put an article in the next newsletter about the fishing club, and then hopes to hold a public meeting.
- The water that drains off the playingfield in heavy rain down Sheffield Road was discussed. It was noted that the water is coming from BMBC TPT land, across our land and back onto BMBC highway land.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley reported that OPSCC is not going to be wound up. Meetings will still be held and a full review will take place during the next year.
- Chris Booth is also a trustee now.
- The Clerk will reply with the Councils views and request an update of the financial position of the trust.

b. Bower Dell

- Councillor Wood reported that work is ongoing. The walls and stile have been done, and the hedge laying has started. Many trees have been cut down and cleared. The trees on the roadside are to be crown lifted.
- It was noted that the area would need to be maintained afterwards.
- The Clerk will inform Chris that we are ready for his native species trees. Seeding in this area would be required as well as trees.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

- The 2 drop in sessions and the public meeting were discussed. Planning Aid will attend all meetings. Parish Councillors are requested to share the attendance at the drop in sessions as they are quite long.
- A letter has been drafted to Helen Willows inviting her to the meetings. The Clerk will send.
- The public meeting is intended for those that are really interested in getting involved with the aim of getting the steering committee set up.
- Draft T & C's for the steering committee have been drawn up.
- A Flyer advertising the drop in sessions will be distributed to every house in the Parish. It will also be advertised in the Chronicle.
- Councillor Walker has been speaking to the school about them doing a design that could be printed on all NP documents.
- The Clerk will arrange for a section on the website specifically for NP information and documents.
- Councillor Walker will do an article for the forthcoming newsletter to advertise the public meeting.
- The Clerk will get a copy of a Flood History map from the Environment Agency if possible.
- The neighbourhood area Boundary was discussed and as certain areas that are in Hunshelf were discussed as potentially required in the area, it was agreed to leave the setting of the Boundary to the Steering Committee.

d. Playingfield Footpath

- Councillor Taylor reported that the area he had sprinkled was fine so far. It was agreed to leave it for several months.
- In the meantime he would do another stretch at the back which is the slippiest.

e. Grounds Maintenance

- The Clerk will contact Andy Birtles about changes to the Grounds Maintenance contract. A reduction for the Willows will be requested due to allotment plots being taken, and it was agreed to reduce the cuts at the Anthills to two per year.
- The Clerk is to request that she is informed when the Pinfold is cut so that it can be monitored.
- The Clerk will renew the contract. (IS,BT).

f. Wall at Sheffield Road

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- Councillor Stanley is meeting with Andrea Jackson, the farmer and a highways engineer shortly. He will report back at next meeting.
- Quotes have been received from Hadrian's Dry Stone Walls. To repair the 2 small sections (7 sq meters) is £540. To take down and rebuild the long section of 130 meters to a height of 1.3m is £18566, and to a height of 1.6m is £21957. This includes: labour, sand, cement, mixer hire, plant hire, diesel & skip hire. Does not include extra stone. 10 tonnes extra required for 1.3height, and 40 tonnes required for 1.6height.
- Councillor Wood is obtaining another quote.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There were no transfers during the month.
- The closing Balances for 31st January 2013 are c/a £3265.85 and d/a £3117.76, Imprest a/c £0.89.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £776.56 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,FS)

c. Other Financial Matters

- The renewal quote for playground inspections of £324 was agreed. (IS,FS).
- The renewal quote for insurance of £2416.11 was agreed. (IS,FS).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning application to consider:
- 2013/0009 – Oxspring Wire Mills – office block – no objections.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- None.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Wood reported the state of the A629 from Scout Dyke to the Travellers, and the B6449 from the Travellers to Dodworth. The Clerk will report to highways.
- Councillor Wood reported a car accident on Roughbitchworth Lane (lower).
- Councillor Wood reported that he had asked Farmer Thorpe about a footpath along his side wall near the playingfield. The answer was no. Mr Thorpe requested that the gates along the border with his field were locked. The Council said no as the locks get broken.
- Councillor Wood reported that rubbish had been dumped on the old Bower hill Bridge. The Clerk will report.
- Councillor Walker reported broken fencing at the junction of Bower Hill/Roughbitchworth Lane, and fence leaning opposite the school. She also reported the fence down the steps to the TPT at Roughbitchworth Lane. The Clerk will report.
- Councillor Mills reported that the next open gardens will be on Sunday 14th July.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

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b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Bower Dell area project, Neighbourhood Plan, playingfield footpath, Wall at Sheffield Road, Willows allotments.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 8th April 2013 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2013.