

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd October 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 A. Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F. Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	
Councillor A. Wood	(AW)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Ann Walker (Parishioner), Helen Sparks (Parishioner).

b. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

Item 5a and b will be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- The Clerk reported that Councillor Booth's vacancy was advertised and no poll was claimed in September. The Council may now co-opt for this vacancy.
- The Council heard from Mrs Walker and Mrs Sparks in turn as to why they would like to be Councillors. The Clerk also informed the Council that Mr Greensmith who attended the last meeting would still like to be considered also. A decision re co-option to fill Chris Booth's vacancy would be made later in the meeting.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011, 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 Chair confirmed that the grass matting had been delivered and the maintenance work to the play area would take place shortly.
- The Clerk and Councillor Shaw spoke about the allotment inspection, and confirmed that any matters arising had been followed up.
- The Chair and Councillor Taylor attended the Councillor consultation on the 29th September in Penistone, and reported on some of the issues raised. Items discussed included the cuts to Neighbourhood Pride, emptying of bins and the idea of snow wardens. The issues of people taking grit bin contents for their own use elsewhere was discussed. The public are urged to report cars that take grit away to BMBC.
- The Speed Indicator Device will be returning to Roughbitchworth Lane to face the other direction, but we need to wait our turn.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Co-option of new Councillor

- Arthur Wood was co-opted onto the Council. (IG,BT)

b. New Councillor Declaration of Office

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- The Clerk gave Mr Wood a Councillor Declaration of Office pro-forma for completion. This was completed and read out by Mr Wood and countersigned by the Clerk.
- c. **Community Partnership Facilities**
 - OPC's solicitor has sent the 7th draft of the lease to OPSCC's solicitor for approval.
 - The letter received from Chris Booth on behalf of OPSCC was discussed. The Clerk will reply in writing confirming that his plan C will form the basis for the identification plan attached to the lease, with the red hatched area showing the phase 1 footprint and the remaining outline showing the land being leased. Final detailed planning permission for the phase one building will determine the final red hatched area and hence the final identification plan that will get attached to the lease on completion.
 - The Clerk will also confirm in writing that if the phase 1 building is only part of the leased land, that for the remaining land not built on, the Council will waive OPSCC's liabilities to this land provided it is left open and available for free public access, and that OPC will continue to maintain it and cover it for public liability. This was voted on and agreed. (IG,FS). Councillor Taylor voted against this.
- d. **Other Business**
 - Chris Booth had written to the Clerk about planting in the gaps between the car park and playingfield. It was agreed that this could be looked at. The Clerk will enquire whether the remains of the Heritage group funds could help purchase the Rosa Regosa plants.
 - The Clerk enquired whether Councillors were interested in applying for EPIP funding to place some wayside seats at the playingfield or the Anthills. This was discussed, and it was decided not to pursue it, as it was felt there were enough seats at present.
 - The Council discussed the three applicants for Chris Booth's vacancy, and took a vote. It was agreed to offer the post to Mrs Walker. (IS,IG). She is to be invited to the November meeting to be co-opted.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

Payments of £1262.72 and receipts of £31.98 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,BT)

b. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
12 Sep 11	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th September 2011 are c/a £1180.42 and d/a £8503.86, Imprest a/c £23.44.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk reported that the External Auditors, BDO LLP, had completed their audit of the accounts ending March 11, with no issues arising.
- The Audited Annual Return was circulated, and then accepted and approved by the Council. (IS,AM).
- The High interest deposit bond was renewed at the end of September for £23,000.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to be considered.

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- The Clerk stated that the S106 money for the land at Foxfields was paid by the first developer to BMBC, and this is now being transferred to the latest application on this land. The Clerk is enquiring as to when this will be passed onto the Parish Council for use on the village green playarea.

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

- It was agreed to discuss meeting times on the next agenda.
- The Chair noted that a Parishioner who lives close to Bower Dell is watching the area and reports to the police anything suspicious or unacceptable behaviour. She has also found the old Bower Dell sign and is going to paint it. The Chair will then arrange for it to be concreted in.
- Councillor Mills has seen a lot of dog fouling at the playingfield. She has reported it to the dog warden who is going to watch the area.
- It was reported that the Waggon and Horses have had a bouncy castle on the playingfield again. The Clerk will enquire with the Councils insurance about the situation and what the consequences are if the user isn't covered with their own insurance. The Clerk will write to the pub stating that they must request permission and have their own insurance in place.
- The smell coming from the Brammall Abattoir was discussed. The Clerk is to notify environmental health.
- Councillor Mills reported that Oxspring Open Gardens would like to put an article in the next newsletter, and they are planning on opening the event up to the whole village.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, meeting times.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

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

Signed this day _____ **2011.**