

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 6th September 2010,

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 A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk). Members of the public: Alan Hey, Graham Clamp.

b. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Alan Hey from the "Protect Sheephouse Heights Action Group" spoke to the Council about a 3 party consortium that are considering putting in a planning application for 3 x 125m wind turbines at Sheephouse Heights. The company have been visiting groups and local interested parties in order to get them on board. Representatives from the company had a meeting with the Chair of Oxspring PC last week.
- Graham Clamp, the Chairman of Oxspring United Football Club, spoke about the work that has taken place on the playingfield. He requested that Fielding Construction revisit the site to sort out the pitch surfaces, as two of them are not useable, due to stones/shale on the surface, and no grass. Councillor Taylor reported that he had already spoken to Mr Fielding about the lower part of the field and this was due to be rectified. He will speak to him again about the top corner of the large pitch. It was previously agreed that the surface would be reinstated to how it was before the work took place, therefore Councillor Taylor does not perceive this to be an issue.
- The Chair mentioned the football group that play on a Monday night at the playingfield. Graham Clamp confirmed that this group are not part of Oxspring United Football Club. Councillors are to enquire who the group are.
- Graham Clamp thanked Councillor Booth for all the work he has done on the Community Building project. As securing funding for the building is a long way off, he reported that the football club would be interested in putting portable cabins on the site either instead of the building or as a temporary measure. He asked if the Council would allow this, and stated that he believed planning permission would not be required. The Council **agreed** that this would be something that they would consider if Graham gathered all the relevant information together and presented it to the Council at a future meeting. (IS,IG).

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4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2010, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AM,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 winners of the planter competition were noted, and prizes will be distributed this week.
- The meeting discussed the complaints from Mr Murphy regarding the allotment behind his house. Councillor Shaw will measure the height of the fence in question and report back to the Clerk. The Clerk will write to Mr Murphy regarding the points raised.
- The allotment tenancy contract was discussed and it was **agreed** to review the contract and allotment policies at a future meeting. The Clerk will obtain a current allotment contract from BMBC. (IS,IG).
- The litter bins were delivered and installed in August at the playingfield car park and the village green.
- It was noted that the Council's comments on the Foxfields planning application have been submitted to BMBC.
- The reply received from BMBC Highways regarding the reasoning for the 40mph speed limit on Sheffield Road was read out by the Clerk.
- The reply received from Sarah Ford regarding the resurfacing works on the TPT was read out by the Clerk. The date for when the work will be completed is not yet known.

Councillor Mills left at this point.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Booth reported that the next scheduled meeting is next week. Agenda items for the meeting include the strategy of the business plan and finalising the design brief.

b. Culvert Repair

- The Council thanked Councillor Taylor and the Chair for all their recent work on the playingfield. (CB,FS).

c. Playingfield Development Plan

- The drainage work that has now been completed was discussed.
- The Clerk is to thank Mel White for his help and advice re the playingfield drainage. The Chair is to provide contact details.
- Councillors were pleased with the new path/ramp that has been put in from the car park to the field.

g. 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
28 Jul 10	TRF	HSBC	Bank Transfer d/a to c/a	23500.00	BANK TRANSFERS
26 Aug 10	TRF	HSBC	Bank Transfer d/a to c/a	26000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st August 2010 are c/a £2224.39 and d/a £4886.99, Imprest a/c £40.87.

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b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £32152.66 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (CB,FS)

c. Other Financial Matters

- It was **agreed** that the Clerk renew the High Interest Deposit bond at an appropriate amount at the end of September. (CB,FS).
- The Clerk reported that the External Auditors, BDO LLP, had completed their audit of the accounts ending March 10, with no issues arising.
- The Audited Annual Return was circulated, and then accepted and approved by the Council. (CB,FS).

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There were no planning applications to consider.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- Councillor Taylor indicated that he would attend the next Berneslai Homes Impact meeting.
- Councillors Booth and Taylor indicated that they would attend the Borough Council liaison meeting.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Mills reported that the marker posts near the playingfield car park entrance have been knocked down. The Clerk will report to highways.
- Councillor Shaw reported the pool of stagnant water at Thurgoland Bank. This is in Thurgoland Parish. The Clerk will report this to Thurgoland Parish Clerk.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Culvert repair, Playingfield Development Plan, allotment policy.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 4th October 2010 at 7pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day 2010.