

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 5th September 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 F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor B. Taylor	(BT)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Arthur Wood (Parishioner), David Greensmith (Parishioner), Robert Barnard (Borough Councillor).

b. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills and Councillor C Booth. (BT,FS).

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- A letter of resignation was received and accepted from Councillor Booth (BT,IS). The letter explained that he was stepping down as he didn't live in the village and there was now interest from other parishioners to stand on the Council.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Councillors Booth and Chitoriski to thank them for their hard work and service to the Council.
- The Clerk stated that Councillor Booth's resignation created a "Casual Vacancy" which would need to be advertised for 14 days. The Clerk will arrange. If a poll is not claimed by at least 10 local electors then the Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.
- The Council then heard from Mr Greensmith and Mr Wood in turn as to why they would like to be Councillors. The Clerk also presented a written application from Mrs Walker to the Council. A decision re co-option to fill Rob Chitoriski's vacancy would be made later in the meeting.
- The SID on Roughbitchworth Lane was discussed. It was agreed that it needs to be done in both directions. Councillor Barnard will arrange this and obtain the results. Traffic calming measures were also discussed. It was agreed that if the results show a speeding issue then he would raise traffic calming measures with BMBC.
- Councillor Barnard spoke about the Windfarm at Tofts Lane. He stated that there had been a few objections, but the application is not ready to go to the planning board yet.
- Other renewable energy sources were discussed, including solar and river turbines.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2011, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (BT,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.
- The Clerk reported that Penistone Friends of the Earth had thanked the Council for sponsoring the Bee Friendly Planting.

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- The litter pick that took place at Bower Dell in July was discussed. It was successful. Councillor Stanley raised the issue of litter that was drug related. The Clerk and Councillor Barnard will report this to the police, so that the site can be kept an eye on. Oxspring Parish Council will periodically look for signs that drug taking is taking place on the site, as it is not known if it is a current problem or whether the litter had been there a long time.
- The Clerk reported that she had not heard from the football club regarding a donation. Councillor Stanley reported that there are no longer any adult teams, just junior teams. It was noted that changing rooms are still needed on the site, but not necessarily showers.
- The results of the planter competition were announced. The winner was N Coldwell for the planter on Sheffield Road (opposite East rd), 2nd place went to J Saunders for the planter outside the playarea, and 3rd place went to J Wainwright for the planter on Sheffield Road opposite the Willows.
- The Clerk circulated a letter that had been received from MP Angela Smith in response to the Council's letter regarding the cutbacks proposed for BBC local radio.
- Councillor Barnard reported that there would be a consultation for Councillors at Saint Andrews Church in Penistone on the 29th September, and that invitations would be issued shortly.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Councillor Stanley informed the Council that they were now considering a smaller scale project with two small pods instead of a big building, and that they are looking to the FA for funding. He said that Mary Dyson has been giving advice.
- The Clerk reported that the latest version of the lease had been sent from OPC's solicitor to OPSCC's solicitor in August. The Chair reported that he is happy with the lease.
- The Clerk read out a letter from OPSCC regarding some alterations to the lease as a result of reducing the scale of the building. The Council discussed the issues raised and agreed a response. The Clerk will reply to OPSCC in writing.

b. Other Business

- The Clerk reported a request for a shed on allotment plot 11 at West Crescent. This was agreed subject to shed size and that it is located with consideration to the neighbours. (IS,IG).
- It was agreed that an allotment inspection would take place during September. (IS,IG).
- The Clerk is to check with Mr Mears that there have been no further problems at his allotment.
- The Chair reported that he had received prices for maintenance work at the play area. This includes concreting under the 3 seats and putting matting under the mushrooms and train. The concrete and labour quote is £500. The cost of the matting is £206. It was agreed that the work can go ahead. (IS, BT).
- The Council discussed the applicants for Rob Chitoriski's vacancy, and decided to offer the post to Mr Wood. He is to be invited to the October meeting to be co-opted.
- The other 2 applicants will be asked if they would like to keep their application in for Councillor Booth's vacancy, which will be decided in October if no election is called for in the meantime.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
19 Jul 11	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	19000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

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- The closing Balances for 31st August 2011 are c/a £904.14 and d/a £3981.27, Imprest a/c £23.12.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £1088.50 and receipts of £9.39 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,BT)

c. Other Financial Matters

- It was **agreed** that the Clerk will renew the investment bond later in September at a suitable amount.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning application considered:
- 2011/0954 – 24 East Road – No comment.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- The Clerk reported that Thurgoland Parish Council had invited Councillors to attend the launch of their new website.

b. Items to Report

- None.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7pm at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ **2011.**