

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2012

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG) (Chair)
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), Ward Councillor Barnard, 37 members of the public.

b. Apologies.

No Apologies were received.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Councillor Barnard spoke to the parishioners present about the LDF and the Development Sites consultation draft.
- Two sites north and south of Roughbitchworth Lane have been allocated to housing in the consultation document, for a total of 111 houses.
- He explained that the consultation is seeking people's comments to the development sites and that comments should be made to BMBC.
- He spoke about the reclassification of land and that if objections are to be made they must be made based on valid planning grounds. E.g. Flooding, road systems, school capacity, in greenbelt, inadequate access, environmental impact etc.
- He stated that if the landowner did not want to sell the land it would be very difficult for the Council to buy it.
- He stated that now is the time to object to a site as it is in the very early stages, rather than later on when a planning application might be submitted for the land.
- He urged parishioners to send individual letters and explained that "pro-forma" letters or petitions are not usually successful.
- It was agreed to put a link to the consultation and explanation of how to comment on the Oxspring Parish website home page.
- It was agreed to set up a further public meeting and invite the whole village by flyer.
- The Clerk will request that a member of the Planning Policy department attends.
- Councillor Barnard stated that he would attend a further meeting.
- The deadline for comments is the 28th September.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th July 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.

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- The craters in Blackmoor Lane were discussed. The Clerk will forward BMBC's reply to Councillor Barnard.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Nothing to report.

b. Allotments

- Willows allotments to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Clerk has had a request to split an allotment at Roughbitchworth. This was **agreed**. (BT,FS).
- The situation regarding West Crescent allotment 1 was discussed. When the tenancy is due for renewal, the plot will be offered to the waiting list.
- The Clerk has checked the sale of property details for the house adjacent to the allotment; they do not include the allotment in the plot description or in any of the photos.

c. Bower Dell

- A meeting was held at the end of July with BTCV. The Clerk will chase the quote for the work.
- The Clerk will also chase up on the suggestion by Councillor Hand Davis that there is some S106 money owing to the Parish Council.

d. Boules Pitch

- Councillor Stanley stated that he has received quotes for crushed bricks, and therefore has full material quotes now.

e. Annual Walk Event

- This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

f. Other Business

- None.
- It was agreed that Councillors Shaw and Walker will judge the planters very shortly and notify the results to the Clerk. (FS, AWa).

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £1150.38 and receipts of £72.13 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
18 Jul 12	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	2500.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 30th August 2012 are c/a £661.87 and d/a £8568.20, Imprest a/c £14.89.

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- There was one planning application to be considered:
- **2012/0856– Moor View** – Resubmission. No objections.

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8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- A list of correspondence had been circulated, and the Clerk added to this with recently received items.
- The Clerk had received a complaint that the playingfield footpath is very slippery. Councillor Walker suggested that it was green algae. The Clerk will ask Neighbourhood Pride to spray the path ASAP and inform the person who reported the matter.
- The Clerk informed the Council that the purchase of land in front of Gordon's Garden has completed.
- The Clerk informed Councillors that they are invited to an event about BMBC's budgetary position and future challenges, taking place 6 to 8.30pm on Thursday 13th September.

b. Items to Report

- Councillor Mills reported that the Oxspring Open Gardens was a great success and raised £3100.
- Councillor Wood requested that we ask highways for 40 tonnes of tarmac planings. The Clerk will enquire.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Annual Walk event, Community Partnership Facilities, Willows Allotments, Bower Dell area project, Boules Pitch.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 1st October 2012 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ **2012.**