

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.15pm at St Aidans Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

Councillor A Walker	(Chair)
Councillor G Sedgwick	(Vice Chair)
Councillor N McKay	(NM)
Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG)
Councillor E Gratton-Rayson	(EGR)
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)

In attendance: Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk).

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor L Chambers.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Previous meeting minutes

4a. Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 8th November 2021, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AW, IG).
- The Winter Newsletter was printed and recently distributed. A number of residents have provided their contact details for future distribution by email, and a few residents have shown an interest in hanging basket sponsorship for 2022.
- The Clerk re-reported the fencing on Sheffield Road and the Welcome to Oxspring sign on Roughbitchworth. BMBC have now confirmed that they will be repairing the fencing on Sheffield Road shortly.
- A new tenant has accepted the vacant allotment plot at Roughbitchworth.
- The Remembrance Service took place in November and was well attended.
- A letter of objection was written to BMBC regarding the Willows planning application.

5. Business Matters

a. Titivator Update

- Titivator jobs completed include litter picking, putting the Willows planters into storage and putting the Christmas tree up. The lights are to be done this week.
- The brushcutter service was completed.
- Councillors discussed purchasing some further items in the future from the Titivator budget.
- The tree saplings have arrived and will be planted in the New Year.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson is considering a community day to plant the trees she has received from the Woodland Trust.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson will purchase a couple of new litter pickers from Titivator funds.

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b. Community Allotment & Orchard

- Cllr Gratton-Rayson is going to put muck around the trees.
- The polytunnel will be put up at the allotment if there is some mild weather.

c. Playarea Inspections

- Recent inspection reports were positive.
- The brake on the zip wire traveller has failed recently and an order has been raised with Axo for them to inspect and repair.
- The Chair will look into getting a sign for the zip wire regarding how the brake works.
- A new half round post is needed for the ramp on the junior Multi unit. Cllr Sedgwick will arrange this from Melvyn Carrs.
- Some grass mats need securing with tie wraps.

d. Matters raised at the Pop In Club

- The Chair and Cllr Stanley attended the Pop In club and spoke to the Council about Parish Council activities. A number of issues were raised including:
- It was requested that the Parish Council write to Oxspring school regarding parking on Sheffield Road facing the oncoming traffic.
- The retaining wall at the front of Saint Aidans was discussed and the Church are looking for funding to get the wall rendered. The Chair had recently had a meeting with SYFAB and will pass on some funding suggestions to Mrs Wade at the Church.
- The planters at the Willows were discussed at the Pop In, and the Chair explained that the Council had removed one at Berneslai Homes request. There is one still there, and it needs either removing or adopting by a resident. The Chair raised the idea of Sponsorship signs for the planters, to be discussed in the future.
- It was agreed that it was a really useful visit to the Pop In and that it will be done annually. It was also suggested that if "Pop In" members have questions for the Parish Council that these can be collated regularly and provided to the Parish Council meeting.

e. Speed Indicator Devices

- Cllrs met with Damon Brown from BMBC to look at locations for the SID's.
- The Council is now awaiting approval from the street lighting department for the chosen lampposts.
- It was agreed to go ahead with the project subject to receiving approval.
- No response has been received from the letter to BMBC regarding speeding. It was agreed to re-send.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

The following items were presented and **agreed** for payment. (AW,GS)

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Payments					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
6 Dec 21	BP/38	ONLINE PLAYGROUNDS	#SWING SHACKLES	51.36	MAINTENANCE PLAYAREA
6 Dec 21	BP/39	SAINT AIDANS CHURCH	HALL HIRE	104.00	ROOM HIRE
6 Dec 21	BP/40	BARNSELEY COLLEGE	NEWSLETTER PRINTING	52.50	ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY
6 Dec 21	BP/41	RAPID HIRE CENTRES	SERVICE BRUSHCUTTER	262.71	MAINTENANCE GENERAL
6 Dec 21	BP/42	SLCC	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION	134.00	SUBSCRIPTIONS
6 Dec 21	BP/43	BMBC	GROUND MAINTENANCE	1803.48	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:
6 Dec 21	BP/44	WINDMILL NURSERY	CHRISTMAS TREE	160.00	PLANTERS & TREES
20 Dec 21	SO	S TOLSON	CLERK SALARY	585.43	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS.,
20 Dec 21	SO	S TOLSON	IMPREST ACCOUNT	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
				3168.48	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				0.00	
Receipts					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
NONE					
				0.00	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				0.00	
Transfers					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
NONE					

b. Balances and Transfers

- The closing Balances for 30th November 2021 are c/a £8,104.56 and d/a £353.39, Imprest a/c £62.

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications submitted to BMBC

There was one new planning application:

2021/1531 – 22 Mayfield – single storey extension – no objections.

b. Other Planning Matters

The following applications are still **under consideration** with BMBC:

2021/0295 – 6 Sheffield Road – New dwelling in the garden

2020/1387 - Land at Roughbriar Lane - 7 dwellings

2021/0949 – Land off Bower Hill (Marshalls) – Retrospective application for agricultural building

2021/1042 – workshop at Kirkwood Mill

2021/1398 – 4 Toll Bar Close – rear extension

2021/1262 – The Willows – 2 semi-detached houses

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The following applications have been **approved** by BMBC:
None

The following applications have been **refused** by BMBC:
2021/1335 – 4 Sycamore View – Porch – appeal lodged.

The following applications have had an **appeal** lodged with the inspectorate:
2020/1269 – Land off Millstones – no further update

8. Administration Matters

a. Correspondence

- A request was received from BMBC to site some bins in the playingfield car park for the residents of Snowdon Hill to use while the private road was resurfaced. This was refused.

b. Items to Report

- The Chair has spoken to Mr Hughes re a number of jobs in the village and requested a quote. It was noted that the gate at field has since been repaired. The Chair will find out if Mr Hughes has done it.
- The Chair reported that the football club are still considering siting a container on the field. Cllr Stanley noted that the location would need to be agreed by the Council before the football club decide to purchase a container.
- Cllr Stanley informed the Council that the house at Little London has squatters. It was noted that the land has not been sold yet.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

8. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th January 22 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day _____ 2022.