

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oxspring Parish Council held on the 5 February 2024, at 7.15pm in St Aidans Church Hall.

Present: Cllr Ann Walker (Chair)
Cllr Graham Sedgwick (Vice Chair)
Cllr Norma Mckay
Cllr Emily Gratton-Rayson
Cllr Lisa Chambers
Cllr Ian Stanley
The Parish Clerk
Residents: Anthony Holley

1. The Chair opened the meeting and provided a reminder to all in attendance on the Council's expectations about audio or visual recordings of the meeting.

Public Participation

Anthony Holley of the property adjacent to Castle Dam spoke about the anti social behaviour issues at the Castle Dam carpark and the incident that was reported to the police the previous week. The Clerk had also reported the car park issues to the police. Mr Holley has reported issues several times to Crimestoppers. The police have acknowledged the issues and will drive by the site at night when they can. Installing a gate to be locked during night time hours was discussed. Cllr Stanley reported that he had spoken to the farmer who was not in favour of a gate.

RESOLVED to install fencing/a gate to the car park so that it can be locked at night. Vote (6,1). It was agreed to write to the farmer to inform him about the gate. It was agreed that the farmer and Castle Dam pond manager would have key/code access to the gate. Mr Holley agreed to assist in the locking/unlocking of the gate on a regular basis.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gareth Hinchliffe.

2.2 To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors

The reason for the apologies was accepted.

3.1 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

No members of the council had any requests for dispensation.

3.2 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No members of the council had any declarations of interest.

4. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 15 January 2024, as a true and correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Oxspring Parish Council held on 15 January 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**

5.1 ***Cllr G Hinchliffe***

Cllr G Hinchliffe was absent and so unable to submit the required forms.

RESOLVED that he complete the Register of Interests forms and Eligibility forms and send to the Clerk prior to the next meeting. Cllr Chambers agreed to speak to Cllr Hinchliffe.

5.2 ***TPT issues***

The Clerk has requested that Sarah Ford meet with Councillor Stanley to look at issues on the TPT and the steps at Roughbitchworth. No response has been received. It was also noted that no reply has been received from BMBC regarding the Willow Bridge.

RESOLVED that the Clerk report the Willow Bridge concerns to Historic England and request that they inspect the bridge or request BMBC to inspect/maintain it.

5.3 ***Rubbish on the riverside***

This was reported to DR Balingwire and was cleared.

5.4 ***Rubbish on the Willows***

Rubbish outside a property was reported to Berneslai homes.

5.5 ***Playingfield Drainage***

Cllr Stanley stated that he hopes to obtain a metal detector soon to look for the drain covers. Cllr Sedgwick suggested all interested parties in the drainage issues get together to look at the problems.

6. **To consider and decide upon the following planning applications**

2023/1066 – Land West of Millstones – rural exception site 6 properties.

RESOLVED to send the proposed letter of objection.

2024/0058 – 2 Mayfield Court – rear extension to single storey dwelling.

RESOLVED Councillors are requested to view this application and send comments to the Clerk.

7. **Planning Decisions and information**

7.1 2023/0357 – Roughbitchworth Lodge – variation to condition 2 (double driveways, new house type – under consideration

8. **Matters requested by councillors**

8.1 ***Anti-social behaviour at Castle Dam***

This item was discussed under public participation.

8.2 ***SID Statistics***

The Clerk will contact Elancity regarding the timeline for the iOS update for downloading statistics on the newer model device. In the meantime Cllr Sedgwick will download monthly statistics with his android phone.

SID statistics from Roughbitchworth Lane and Sheffield Road SIDs were circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed. It was noted that the results were fairly good. It was noted that the speed camera van has visited the village recently also.

RESOLVED that the Clerk analyse the data to find out what times of day the high speeds are occurring.

The Clerk reported that Penistone Town Council had decided not to install their SID and have offered to sell it at a discount to the Parish Council. The Council discussed potential locations.

RESOLVED to contact Penistone Town Council to ask how much they would sell their unit for.

8.3 **Community Allotment & Orchard**

Nothing to report.

8.4 **Titivator Report**

Nothing to report.

8.5 **Playarea Inspections**

No reports received since the last meeting.

It was noted that one of the talk tubes has rusted, and that the zip wire seat height may need adjusting. It was also noted that a new springy would be a good idea as the older one is now showing wear and tear.

Axo Leisure have offered a swing unit from a school that they are replacing equipment in.

RESOLVED to request an acceptable donation price for the swing unit and a quote for installation.

The Chair updated the Council on the s106 funds for future playarea improvements. The application was for the two climbing frames and the zip wire. The Chair is meeting with J Birch of BMBC to look at the playarea and to discuss the tender process.

8.6 **OUGC New Community building**

No update received.

8.7 **Playingfield car park resurface**

The Chair reported that the playingfield car park is full of potholes. It was discussed that getting some planings would be a good idea.

RESOLVED to find out who offered to obtain free planings from the Anthills group.

8.8 **Plans for the Anthills**

No update.

RESOLVED that the Clerk provide an Anthills boundary map to Cllr Chambers.

9. **To receive and consider for decision any recommendations from the Council's Committees**

None.

10. **Financial Matters**

10.1 *To receive and note current bank balances*

Bank balances in the current and savings accounts were noted.

10.2 *To receive and note a bank reconciliation/finance report to 31 January 2024*

Relevant documents had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

10.3 *To approve the following accounts for payment*

RESOLVED to approve payment to:

<u>Payments</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
5 Feb 24	45	MELVYN CARR LTD	WEEDKILLER	30.00	MAINTENANCE GENERAL
5 Feb 24	46	MARTYN HUGHES	GATE REPAIR	150.00	MAINTENANCE PLAYINGFIELD
10 Jan 24	DD	SCOTTISH WATER	WATER BILL ALLOTMENT	20.20	ALLOTMENTS
4 Feb 24	DD	OVO ENERGY	ELECTRICITY PLAYINGFIELD	20.00	MAINTENANCE PLAYINGFIELD
				220.20	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				0.00	
<u>Receipts</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
31 Jan 24		VARIOUS	HANGING BASKET SPONSORSHIP	1801.00	HANGING BASKETS
				1801.00	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				3602.00	
<u>Transfers</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
NONE					

10.4 *To note payments already authorised*

It was noted that the Clerk's salary as per the contract of employment, had been paid for the month of December.

10.5 *To receive a report on Earmarked Funds*

Relevant documents had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The report was noted.

11. **Correspondence received**

11.1 Request to pollard a tree at West Crescent allotments. This was agreed.

11.2 Issues at Castle Dam – discussed in public participation.

11.3 Rent notification letter from St Aidans. No increase.

11.4 Parking on Sheffield Road on OUFC match days – issues were discussed, and the club has requested that parents/supporters do not park on the pavement.

11.5 NALC - Procurement thresholds changes and tendering procedures were noted.

11.6 YLCA newsletter – noted the New Years Honours article. It was agreed to put this on the Facebook page.

12. **To receive items to report from Councillors**

12.1 It was reported that a grate in the pavement near the Pinfold is sticking out of the pavement.
RESOLVED that the Clerk will report to highways.

12.2 Cllr Stanley discussed the Parish Council making donations and grants. In particular to Oxspring Friends. The Clerk informed the Council that grants can be made to groups, but not individuals up to the s137 limit which is currently £10.81/per elector.

13. **Items for the next ordinary meeting of the Council**

The Chair reminded members that the councillors are to provide specified agenda items to the Clerk at least one week prior to the next Council meeting in accordance with the Council's adopted policy.

14. **Employment matters**

14.1 None.

15. **Date of the next meeting**

It was noted that in accordance with the agreed schedule, the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 11 March 2024.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Clerk: Date:

Chair: Date: