

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.15pm at St Aidans Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

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

In attendance: Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk)

b. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor I Goldthorpe.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Public Participation

- Damon Brown, BMBC Traffic, attended the meeting to update the Council on speeding and traffic issues raised at a previous meeting.
- Four Lane Ends junction – Damon informed the Council that this junction has been added to a “Worst First Site” list of dangerous locations within the Borough that are to be looked at within the current financial year. They will be assessing this location for a traffic scheme.
- Bower Hill – the Parish Council again requested that the speed limit be reduced on this road. Damon agreed that this road will be assessed as part of the Four Lane End crossroads assessment as all four sides of the crossroads have to be looked into. He stated that they will take the Parish Council’s requests for a reduced speed limit into consideration as part of the assessment.
- Reduced speed limit around schools – BMBC have trialled a 20mph limit around a number of schools in the Borough and are now going to extend this trial to all schools.
- Back Lane/Park Lane crossroads – the Parish Council reported again that there had been near misses on this crossroads and Damon confirmed that this junction is down to have the white lines repainted and all give way signage put in place correctly.
- Roughbitchworth Lane, Little London development – the Parish Council provided planning application details to Damon in order that he can assess the traffic implications of the new access to this site with a view to possible installation of traffic lights as requested in our letter to highways.
- Lower Roughbitchworth, The Paddock development – the Parish Council provided planning application details to Damon in order that he can assess the traffic implications of the two proposed accesses to this site in conjunction with the Parish Council’s requests that a traffic improvement scheme is provided for Lower Roughbitchworth. The Parish Council again raised the request to have this road either blocked off midway or for it to be one way.
- Preliminary speed data from the SID’s was looked at and discussed.

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- The request to lower the speed limit between Oxspring and Spring Vale was discussed in conjunction with the preliminary data. Further data will be required.
- The Council thanked Damon for his time and he left the meeting at this point.

4. Previous meeting minutes

4a. Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 12th June 2022, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AW, GS).
- All new hanging baskets and signs have been installed and all issues corrected.
- Damon Brown, BMBC Traffic, is attending the meeting to update on the previous meeting.
- Bower Dell was used for the duck race on the 8th July, it was very successful with £4200 of funds raised for the PTA.
- The environment agency, BMBC and Penistone Town Council were informed about Japanese Knotweed near Willow Bridge and Spring Vale community gardens. BMBC confirmed that they will look into it. It was also noted that there is some near Willow Bridge in the grounds of the adjacent property. It was agreed to write to the landowner.
- A damaged pavement near the Roughbitchworth Lane school entrance was reported to BMBC and has been repaired.
- A missing handrail on the Willows Access slope was reported to Berneslai Homes.
- Pavement parking at the Willows was reported to Berneslai Homes and BMBC Highways.

5. Business Matters

a. Titivator Update

- The Titivators have done regular litter picking this month.
- Grass and weeds around the new saplings in the playingfield have been removed and they have been watered. Twigs have helped with this job.
- The soft fruit bushes and trees in the Orchard have also been watered.
- An overhanging branch has been removed from the pedestrian bridge on Roughbitchworth Lane and the surface cleared of weeds.
- The titivators helped put up the new hanging basket signs.
- A battery-operated strimmer has been purchased.
- Compost has been purchased for the various gardens.
- TWIGS have agreed to help with various jobs in August.
- The planters were discussed and it was agreed to ask First Impressions for a quote to water them.
- It was noted that there have been a lot of people using Bower Dell and litter has been an issue. It was agreed to purchase some CCTV and litter signs for the Dell.
- Both memorial trees in Bower Dell have been vandalised. It was agreed to offer to replant new trees at the Parish Council's expense in the Pinfold instead, as it is felt that this location will be less susceptible to vandalism.
- It was reported that there are a lot of overhanging trees along Sheffield Road from Wintwire to the school. The Clerk will report to BMBC.
- It was agreed to gather a weed pulling group together for this Sunday to tackle the weeds along Upper Roughbitchworth Lane pavement and along Sheffield Road.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that she is dealing with Himalayan Balsam in the culvert.

b. Community Allotment & Orchard

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- The orchard has been mowed and fruit is growing.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson has put a sign up in the community allotment asking people to be careful when reversing.

c. Playarea Inspections

- Recent inspection reports were positive.
- Alan Walker has obtained a timber round to repair the ramp on the junior multi-play and Cllr Stanley will arrange to get the timber cut.
- It was noted that the train is starting to deteriorate but is still safe. This will be replaced as part of the first phase of improvements if s106 funding is made available.
- The Chair has contacted Mr Hughes to make repairs to the post by the swings and the external fence.
- Alan Walker will repair a couple of trip hazards by infilling with soil and the titivators will trim round the seat.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that the grass cutters have cut the sleepers on the planters, and also the bench legs at the Pinfold. The Clerk will report to BMBC.

d. Speed Indicator Devices

- Further data will be collected towards the end of the Summer.
- The lamp post at the Waggon has been replaced and Cllrs will look at installing the solar panel for the new SID.
- The chair expressed her concerns for vandalism of the SID in this location.

e. Neighbourhood Plan Review

- The Chair attended a webinar recently on how to conduct a Neighbourhood Plan review.
- It was noted there was no legal requirement to conduct a review.
- The chair explained the process and it was agreed to wait until BMBC decide by January 2023 whether to conduct a review of their Local Plan. If BMBC don't change anything in their Local Plan that affects the Oxspring NP, then it was agreed there may not be a need to change anything in the ONDP.

g. OUFC & field Pavilion

- OUFC will sort the container shortly, the area needs to be prepared while the ground is dry.
- The Parish Council and OUFC are in talks to prepare the ground, remove the bench and put down a base.
- Legal matters re the board of trustees for the old sports hut are being dealt with before any progress can be made on the Pavilion project.

6. Financial Matters

a. Payments and Receipts

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

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<u>Payments</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Gross amount	Account
Current Account					
15 Jul 22	DD	SSE	ELECTRICITY PLAYINGFIELD	42.73	MAINTENANCE PLAYINGFIELD
18 Jul 22	24	JOB EARNSHAW & BROS LTD	#TIMBER ROUND	72.99	MAINTENANCE PLAYAREA
18 Jul 22	25	FIRST IMPRESSIONS	HANGING BASKETS 2022	3180.00	PLANTERS/BASKETS/TREE
18 Jul 22	26	BMBC	GROUND MAINTENANCE	1839.67	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
18 Jul 22	27	AMAZON	#CORDLESS TRIMMER	161.65	MAINTENANCE GENERAL
18 Jul 22	28	SCREWFIX	FIXINGS FOR SIGNS	20.30	PLANTERS/BASKETS/TREE
18 Jul 22	29	KDA	COMPOST	9.90	MAINTENANCE GENERAL
22 Jul 22	SO	S TOLSON	SALARY	595.83	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS.,
22 Jul 22	SO	S TOLSON	IMPREST ACCOUNT	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
				5938.07	
Deposit Account					
7 Jun 22	TRF	HSBC	MONEY MARKET REINVEST	33000.00	
				33000.00	
<u>Receipts</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
7 Jun 22	CR	HSBC	MONEY MARKET INTEREST	14.52	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS
17 Jun 22	CR	VARIOUS	ALLOTMENT RENTS	38.00	ALLOTMENTS
				52.52	
Deposit Account					
2 Jun 22	CR	HSBC	INTEREST	1.72	INTEREST on INVTS & A/CS
7 Jun 22	TRF	HSBC	MONEY MARKET MATURITY	18000.00	
				1.72	
<u>Transfers</u>					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
NONE					

b. Balances and Transfers

- The closing Balances for 30th June 2022 are c/a £7956.28 and d/a £10855.68, Money Market £33,000, Imprest a/c £4.56.

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications submitted to BMBC

There was one new planning application.

- 2022/0502 – 5 Psalters Drive – Porch extension – No objections
- 2020/1387 – Land at Roughbitchworth Lane (the Paddock) – 7 dwellings – resubmitted for consultation – The Council discussed issues regarding flooding, site access, traffic issues. New comments will be submitted to BMBC.

b. Other Planning Matters

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Previous applications update:

- 2022/0257 – Cedarwoods, Sheffield Road – 2 storey side extension – under consideration
- 2022/0262 – A629 – agricultural barn – Approved
- 2022/0007 – Little London reserved matters – (previous appl 2018/1433) – under consideration
- 2021/1335 – 4 Sycamore View – Front Porch – appeal allowed, therefore approved

8. Administration Matters

a. Correspondence

- All matters discussed earlier in the meeting.

b. Items to Report

- Cllrs reported the weeds in the squares at the Willows. The Clerk will report to BMBC.
- It was agreed that a local resident may hold a fundraising for charity “lemonade stall” on the village green.
- The Chair reported that she is attending a presentation regarding a road rally that goes through Oxspring next year.
- The Chair reported that she is attending an Age Concern presentation.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

8. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th September 22 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day _____ 2022.