

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.15pm at St Aidans Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

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

In attendance: Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Alex Burnett, Tracey Hughes (Healthwatch Barnsley), Jim Garside (resident).

b. Apologies

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Public Participation

- Tracey Hughes from Healthwatch Barnsley spoke to the Council about the work her team are doing on Adult Safeguarding in Barnsley. She shared information for groups and noticeboards etc, and confirmed that she can attend local groups to talk about the issue. The Chair will speak to the Pop- In and the Drop -In groups. There is also training available through BMBC on Adult Safeguarding.
- Jim Garside spoke to the Parish Council about his building project off of Bower Hill. Planning permission was obtained a couple of years ago and work is about to start. He wanted the Parish Council to be aware of the works and access arrangements to the land in case of any queries from the public. He will be using the farmers field behind the property to store the material that he is going to be digging out of his plot to make the hole for the underground part of the new build. The project will take approx. 2 years to complete.

4. Previous meeting minutes

4a. Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 15th May 2023, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AW, GS).
- Following the audit report, an Equal Opportunities policy was circulated and approved.
- Damon Brown from BMBC traffic will attend the September meeting.
- It was confirmed that the Reds In the Community Van will be in Oxspring on the 24th July.
- It is confirmed that the Ramp It Up Project will be at the Village Green in Oxspring on the 29th August.
- Trees on Sheffield Road that need cutting back were reported to BMBC, these have been done since the meeting.
- A missing Island Bollard from Sheffield Road has been reported to BMBC, this has not been replaced yet.
- I Goldthorpe confirmed that he did not want to be co-opted after all. The Parish Councillors acknowledged this and thanked him for his long service.
- The issues at the Cross Lane/Back Lane crossroads and state of the road surface and line markings were discussed again. Borough Councillor Burnett stated that he would raise the issue with BMBC highways.
- Cllr Chambers confirmed that she is talking to someone who may be interested in being a Parish Councillor.

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- Register of Interest forms were collected from all Councillors.

5. Business Matters

a. SID Additional Unit

- The third SID for the Thurgoland end of Sheffield Road was discussed. Permission has been previously obtained to use the new lamp post near the Waggon & Horses.
- It was agreed to get an updated quote and to place an order.

b. Community Allotment & Orchard

- Mowing has taken place at both.

c. Playarea Inspections

- There were no major issues on the latest safety inspection.

d. Allotment repairs

- The Chair and Alan Walker have put struts across the pedestrian gate opening at Clays Green allotments. This is now complete.
- Cllrs Chambers confirmed that her contact is not able to do any further work to the tap at Roughbitchworth. It was agreed to install a backboard and insulation for the existing pipe and place a box around the tap for the winter. Councillor Sedgwick will sort this repair with A Walker.

e. Titivator Update

- Litter picking has taken place.
- The Rose Garden has been weeded and mulch will be put down.
- The car park garden has been weeded and strimmed.
- TWIGS will be assisting on the 17th July at the playingfield car park garden and with hedgerow planting.
- Cllr Sedgwick requested to purchase compost for some Oak trees. This was agreed.
- Cllr Sedgwick reported that the seat in the Pinfold has a broken leg, caused by damage from the grass cutting equipment. It was agreed to replace the legs with possibly steel feet.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that the Village Green planter has still not been moved back into place following the damage from the grass cutters. This will be chased with BMBC. Borough Councillor A Burnett will raise the issue.
- Re the cutting at the playingfield, it was confirmed that it has been cut 3 times. Since the meeting BMBC have agreed to refund one cut so far. Cuts will be monitored and the Clerk will ensure that further cuts will be deducted from future invoices if the correct number are not done.

f. D-Day June 2024

- The Council discussed whether purchasing a Beacon for this event was a good idea.
- It was agreed not to pursue as there are no high points in the village.

g. Playingfield Container

- The 10ft container was placed in the field in June, near to the MUGA.
- It was agreed to purchase four shelving units.
- A thank you letter will be sent to Mr Fox for moving the container from the car park into the field.

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					
3 Jul 23	16	NORTHERN CONTAINERS	10FT CONTAINER STORAGE	2910.00	CAPITAL SPENDING (Asset
3 Jul 23	17	MELVYN CARR LTD	SCREWS	21.00	MAINTENANCE GENERAL
3 Jul 23	18	WINDMILL NURSERY	WILLOWS BASKETS	360.00	PLANTERS/BASKETS/TREE
3 Jul 23	19	ROBERT BARKER GARDEN	GRASS CUTTING PLAYAREA	350.00	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
21 Jul 23	SO	S TOLSON	SALARY	639.17	WAGES, PAYE, NI, PENS.,
21 Jul 23	SO	S TOLSON	IMPREST ACCOUNT	15.00	BANK TRANSFERS
				654.17	
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 June 2023 are c/a £1,054.02 and d/a £14,952.59, Money Market £23,000, Imprest a/c -£2.99.

c. Other Financial Matters

- The AGAR 2023 was submitted to the External Auditor in June.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications submitted to BMBC

- 2023/0429 – Shepherds Hut, Castle Hill House – No objections.

b. Other Planning Matters

Previous applications update:

- 2022/0257 – Cedarwoods, Sheffield Road – 2 storey side extension – under consideration
- 2023/0357 – A629 – Storage Building Oxspring Wire Mills – Approved
- 2023/0335 – Kon Tiki – variation to condition 2 – No objections – Approved
- 2023/0270 – 33 Mayfield – side extension – No objections – Approved
- 2023/0357 – Roughbitchworth Lodge – variation to condition 2 (double driveways, new house type) – under consideration
- 2023/0418 – Roughbitchworth Lodge – variation to condition 3 (to remove affordable housing) – under consideration
- 2023/0512 – 3 Old Mill House – new fence & gate – no objections.

8. Administration Matters

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a. Correspondence

- None.

b. Items to Report

- It was reported that a memorial bench on Willow Bridge had been thrown down the river bank. This has now been put back in place.
- It was reported that a building with nesting bats in has been removed at Little London and that the police are involved.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported Japanese Knotweed on the TPT. This will be reported to BMBC.
- It was reported that there are a couple of unused planters on Sheffield Road. Cllr Sedgwick may have some perennial plants that could be used.
- Cllr Chambers reported on the watering of the baskets at the Willows, which is mostly being done by residents. A system is in place.
- It was also reported that there is a regular smell of cannabis coming from one of the bungalows, this has been reported to police.
- Cllr Gratton-Rayson reported that she has found more dead badgers on Bower Hill. This has been reported to badger watch who will try to find out where the set is living.
- Cllr Mckay reported the cyclists on the anthills and spooking walkers on the footpath. Cllr Chambers reported that there are a number of people keeping an eye on the youths and warning them about not causing problems for walkers.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

8. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th September 23 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day _____ **2023.**