

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.15pm at St Aidans Church

1. Attendance

a. In attendance

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

In attendance: Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Damon Brown (BMBC Traffic)

b. Apologies

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Public Participation

- Damon Brown spoke to the Council to update on previous speeding and traffic issues.
- He confirmed that Oxspring will be having a “school safety scheme” implemented towards the end of this year. This will mean that there is a 20mph zone during school start and finish times.
- The crossroads at Cross Lane were discussed again. Damon will chase the work to get the road markings redone and check the signage at the junction. Councillors also spoke about the state of the road at this location and how it falls away at the sides.
- The Chair spoke about the traffic implications of the Little London site and requested that BMBC look at implementing lights to control the traffic over the bridge.
- The traffic implications of the Paddock building site were also discussed and Councillors requested that the road is blocked in the middle to make it a no through road.
- Damon confirmed that a traffic scheme is going ahead at The Fours crossroads with increased signage to ensure that the crossroads is more visible.
- Damon also spoke about a scheme that is borough wide to look at roads where they go from 60mph to 30mph limits. The scheme would mean that some roads will have a 40mph limit buffer between the two speed limits. The Council requested that this is considered for Bower Hill.
- The Chair enquired about having ballast on the verges near the bridge over Sheffield Road as the grass verges are ruined.

4. Previous meeting minutes

4a. Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 6th February 2023, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AW, NM).
- The precept request was issued to BMBC for £22,260.
- So far 12 new sponsors have signed up for hanging baskets this summer. 4 previous sponsors have not renewed.
- Broken lights in island bollards within the village were reported to BMBC, these have been repaired.
- The broken manhole cover on Sheffield Road was reported to BMBC and has been repaired.
- Allotment renewal invoices will be issued in March.

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- The nomination for the Chair to attend the Royal Garden Party was unsuccessful.
- The no left turn at the top of Lower Roughbitchworth Lane was reported to BMBC as cars are often seen turning left here. BMBC have stated they will visit the junction to assess the visibility of the signage.
- The light over the TPT near the playingfield has been repaired.

5. Business Matters

a. Titivator Update

- It was noted that the grass cutters have already been out cutting the grass verges and have cut down any bulbs that were growing. It was noted that this is not part of the Parish Council grass cutting contract but BMBC will be requested to not cut verges before the bulbs have finished going forward.
- TWIGS will be cutting back the grass overgrowing the footpath at upper Roughbitchworth Lane.
- Regular litter picking has taken place.

b. Community Allotment & Orchard

- It was agreed to put up the polytunnel at the Community Allotment when the weather is dry and warmer.
- The trees from Ashridge Nurseries have been delivered and Cllr Gratton-Rayson will be planting them. These include two for the Orchard, soft fruit for the allotment and two replacement memorial trees for the Pinfold.

c. Playarea Inspections

- There were no issues on the latest safety inspection.

d. Elections

- Parish Councillors were issued nomination packs for the forthcoming elections.

e. Flagpole

- It was agreed to write up a policy for flag flying.
- It was agreed to follow the flag flying policy for government and local authority buildings, and for dates that do not require a specific flag, the Parish Council will fly either the Union Jack, the England flag or the Yorkshire Flag.

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					
4 Mar 23	DD	SSE	ELECTRICITY PLAYINGFIELD	15.00	MAINTENANCE PLAYINGFIE
6 Mar 23	55	GALLAGHER INSURANCE	INSURANCE	1261.91	ADMINISTRATION
6 Mar 23	56	MARTYN HUGHES	#FENCING PLAYAREA REPAIRS	765.00	MAINTENANCE PLAYAREA
				2041.91	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				0.00	
Receipts					
Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
Current Account					
10 Feb 23	CR	VARIOUS	HANGING BASKET RENEWALS	270.00	HANGING BASKETS
20 Feb 23	CR	STEVE DICKINSON	HUNSHelf AMBLE DONATION	250.00	DONATIONS
28 Feb 23	CR	VARIOUS	HB NEW SPONSORS	850.00	HANGING BASKETS
				850.00	
Deposit Account					
NONE					
				0.00	

b. Balances and Transfers

- The closing Balances for 28th February 2023 are c/a £5,730.71 and d/a £3,876.88, Money Market £18,000, Imprest a/c £15.38.

c. Other Financial Matters

- A VAT reclaim will be made to the end of March.
- It was agreed to appoint Naomi Goddard of Town & Parish Audit as Internal Auditor for the year end March 2023.
- The money market account will be renewed in March.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning applications submitted to BMBC

- There were no new planning applications.

b. Other Planning Matters

Previous applications update:

- 2022/0257 – Cedarwoods, Sheffield Road – 2 storey side extension – under consideration
- It was noted that at the Little London site the trees that must be retained have been. Perimeter fencing has been installed to keep trespassers out of the building site.
- The broken fence at the Paddock has been fixed and it was noted that the builder has to repair the broken wall near the village green end.
- It was noted that Marshalls have removed the rubbish that had blown from their site into the river.

8. Administration Matters

a. Correspondence

- None

b. Items to Report

- The Chair reported on plans for the Picnic in the Park on the 7th May. It was confirmed that Oxspring Primary School are doing the Maypole dancing.
- It was agreed that Councillors will do a register of any assets they are holding at their homes that belong to the Parish Council.

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- It was noted that the bus Shelter on Sheffield Road has been smashed. This has been reported to SYPTE.
- A notice to advertise Indoor Bowling at St Aidans will be placed on social media.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

8. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd April 23 at 7.15pm at Saint Aidans Church.

Signed this day_____ 2023.