

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

OXSPRING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REFERENDUM RESULT

Local people turned out to give their views and voted in favour of the Oxspring Neighbourhood Plan at the Referendum which was held by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

On Thursday 2nd May 2019, voters in Oxspring took to the polls to vote, in their Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. A majority voted in support of the Plan with 85% in favour of the Plan going forward. In total, 407 votes were cast with a percentage turnout of 44.6% (average turnout across Barnsley was only 25%).

The Referendum was held to determine local support for the Plan, and whether this should form part of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's process for assessing future planning applications across the neighbourhood area. The Plan has since been formally adopted by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Oxpring Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all those who turned out to support the hard work that went in to producing the Plan and a particular thank you goes to those who turned out to vote to ensure that the Referendum was a truly representative view of the residents of Oxspring.

SO WHAT NEXT... *As well as the Neighbourhood Plan being a blueprint for all future planning applications in the village, there are other things that we would like to progress. You will note further down in the newsletter that we have been successful in obtaining a grant for new sports equipment for the football field and we are also now attempting to get funding to re-locate the football changing facilities from across the main road and into the playing field so that the young football players do not have to cross the busy road that runs through the village. We will keep you informed.*

Community Allotment

*Work is planned to start on the **Community/family allotment** in the next few weeks. It will be situated in the allotments site at the top of Bower Hill near the cross roads.*

If any individual/couple or family wish to be involved in the project's evolution however small or great please get in touch, either through Emily Gratton-Rayson, craftygardener3@gmail.com, 01226 766322) or directly to Oxspring Parish Council.

Emily will put up regular updates around the village and if you want to send her your email she will let you know directly about all developments and dates.

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

We currently hand-deliver approximately 520 newsletters twice a year. This is time consuming and costly and as previously mentioned we are considering reviewing the way we deliver our newsletters in the future.

We would like to email as many newsletters as possible. If you are happy to receive it by email, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@oxspring-parish.com together with a note to confirm that you are happy for us to contact you in relation to Parish updates.

*We have a Data Protection Policy in place and assure you that we will **not** use your email address for any other reason than to contact you regarding Parish news.*

If you have previously responded and informed the Clerk that you are happy to receive email newsletters then you do not need to do so again. Your preferences have been recorded.

Oxspring Best Planter of 2019 Competition.

For those of you that tend to the Parish's roadside planters, the Parish Council are once again holding a Best Planter competition. The Planters will be judged in July or August. The judges will be looking for attractive displays, roadside appeal and good plant condition. The prizes will be: 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £30 and 3rd Prize of £20. There is up to £20 available per planter to reimburse for any plants purchased. Please send your claim and receipts to the Clerk to the Council. We wish you all the best of luck and are sure that you will produce some magnificent displays as you have done in previous years.

Multi Use Games Area

The Parish Council has successfully applied for S106 monies from Barnsley MBC to install a MUGA on the basketball pitch in the playing field on Sheffield Road.

Monies will be paid to the Parish Council to purchase this equipment as a result of development taking place elsewhere in the Borough and this money has to be paid to BMBC within 28 days of the development commencing. Hopefully, we will be able to get this new project off the ground sometime later this year.

Oxspring Bowling Club

Come and join the Oxspring Bowling Club. This indoor short mat bowling club starts up at the beginning of October through to the end of March. £2 entry with free tea and coffee.

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SEPTEMBER 2019 FAMILY CEILIDH

Oxspring Friends are considering hosting a Ceilidh at St Aidan's sometime in September, with music provided by a local band together with a pea and pie supper. We will be offering a table quiz to be completed during the evening with a range a prizes for both children and adults. There will also be a raffle and who knows you may be lucky enough to win one of the prizes.

However, before we commit to a lot of hard work and any expense we want to try to get a feel for how much interest there may be for such an event. If you think you and your family might like to attend can you please email the Parish Clerk just so that we have some idea if it is worth undertaking such an event. Email: clerk@oxspring-parish.com

Saint Aidan's Church Diary

Weekly activities include:

<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Monday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>	<i>Church Service: Sunday 9am – 10am</i>
<i>Ballet Class:</i>	<i>Monday 4.00 – 6.00pm</i>	
<i>Indoor Bowling Club:</i>	<i>Monday 1.00 – 4.00pm (October to March)</i>	
<i>Busy Bees (preschool):</i>	<i>Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am</i>	
<i>Brownies (girls 7-10):</i>	<i>Tuesday 6.15 – 7.45pm</i>	<i>For more information on Saint Aidan's</i>
<i>Kettlecise Fitness:</i>	<i>Tuesday 8.15 – 9.15pm</i>	<i>Church please contact:</i>
<i>Pilates Fitness:</i>	<i>Wednesday 9.30 – 10.30am</i>	<i>stjohns.pen@hotmail.co.uk</i>
<i>Pop-in Club:</i>	<i>Wednesday 2.00 – 4.00pm</i>	
<i>Rainbows (girls 5-7):</i>	<i>Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm</i>	<i>The hall is also available for hire at</i>
<i>Ranger Guides (monthly):</i>	<i>Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm</i>	<i>other times. Ring 764333 for details.</i>
<i>Slimming World:</i>	<i>Thursdays 7.00pm</i>	
<i>Hatha Yoga:</i>	<i>Friday 9.30am – 10.45am</i>	
<i>Yoga Flow:</i>	<i>Friday 11.00am – 12.15am</i>	
<i>Zumba Fitness:</i>	<i>Friday 6.15 – 7.15pm</i>	
<i>Hatha Yoga:</i>	<i>Friday 7.30pm – 8.30pm</i>	

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website is www.Oxspring-parish.com

On the website you can find all publicly available documents, plus a wealth of other information about Oxspring. If you have a news item for the website please contact the clerk at clerk@oxspring-parish.com

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Parish Council Elections

In May this year the term of office ended for all your Parish Councillors, and Councillors could either re-apply or step down. At the end of the process we have had a change of two Councillors.

Our new Councillors are Norma Mckay and Lisa Chambers. We welcome them both to the Council and wish them all the best as they get stuck in to their new role.

Freda Shaw

After over twenty years in office, Freda decided to resign as an Oxspring Parish Councillor. Freda will be sorely missed by the Council for her involvement and passion for the village and its environment, and also her invaluable contribution to decision making on the many initiatives and planning issues led by the Parish Council.

During her tenure as a Councillor, and as a member of the community, Freda was asked to set up various groups for the benefit of the village and its community. The first was to set up a charitable group, subsequently called Oxspring Friends, with the aim of raising funds to finance much needed projects and activities for all age groups and to benefit the village. Subsequently an executive committee (all volunteers) was put in place and Oxspring Friends was inaugurated in May 2000, and Freda was voted in as Chair. Many of the activities included the Senior Citizens tea and entertainment; Harvest supper dance; kid's Halloween Party and disco; Christmas Carol singing Evening; New Years Eve supper dance, and the popular weekly indoor bowling club.

Freda was approached by Rev Matthew Joy to set up a weekly 'pop-in club' and with other volunteers it is still thriving today.

Because of her passion for the village and it's environment, Freda set up the Titivators which started off as a small group of volunteers who 'tidied up' the village by litter picking, pruning rough areas and planting bulbs.

Freda is now enjoying her well deserved retirement with her husband Trevelyan, walking their beloved dog Ned, meeting and chatting to like-minded dog walkers and catching up with friends and family. The Parish Council, and we know many of the village residents, wish Freda a long and happy retirement.

Alison Mills

Another long standing member of the Parish Council, Alison Mills, has stepped down due to family commitments.

Alison has proved to be a hard working, loyal and committed Parish Councillor and we wish her all the very best in the future. We are sure Alison will continue to be involved in community life and no doubt her path will cross with Parish Council duties at some time in the future.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Carol Concert – St Aidan's' Church Hall 20th December 2019 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

It has been the usual practice to have a Christmas Carol sing-along at St Aidan's just before Christmas but this year we thought it would be a change to do something a little different. Oxspring Friends will be hosting the event on Friday 20th December and you will still be able to sing along to your favourite carols, but this year we will be accompanied by the Penistone Folk Ensemble. This is a group of musicians who play a range of instruments including the flute, ukuleles, mandolins, guitars and the accordion. Mr Malcolm Wainwright will still be leading the proceedings and the usual ladies will be on hand to ensure you get enough to eat and drink!

There will be all your favourite carols and we will also have one or two solo performances by a young guitarist from the village and one or two other regular attendees at the concert.

Free sherry and mince pies will be available on the night and this year we are also introducing a small Christmas Quiz for you to participate in during the course of the evening.

This event is free and open to all and we would like to invite you to make a note in your diary and to come along and support the new version of this event.

Your Council Contacts

Parish Councillors

<i>Chair - Ann Walker:</i>	<i>Tel 379895, Email: walker761@talktalk.net</i>
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Parish Clerk

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BMBC Penistone East Ward Councillors

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MP for Penistone & Stocksbridge

Angela Smith: Tel 01142 881855, Email: officeofangelasmithmp@parliament.uk

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Oxspring Parish Council meeting dates 2019

At Saint Aidan's Church

Monday 1 st July	7.15pm
Monday 2 nd September	7.15pm
Monday 7 th October	7.15pm
Monday 4 th November	7.15pm
Monday 2 nd December	7.15pm

The public may attend for 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting

Something to Report?

Here are some Useful Barnsley Council Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	772468	Pest Control	772050
Dog Fouling	772468	Planning Applications	772000
Illegal dumping/fly tipping	772468	Public Rights of ways	772142
Fly Posting/graffiti	775656	Road repairs/potholes	773555
Flooded Road	773555	Street lighting faults	774200
Footpaths roadside	773555	Traffic Light faults	773555
Education/schools	773500	Trans Pennine Trail	772574
Gritting/snow clearing	773555	Noise complaints	772468
Grass cutting/weed killing	775656	Litter Bins/street sweeping	775656
Household Waste/recycling	772045	BMBC Switchboard	770770

Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team – non emergencies - 101

Public Sewers 08451 242429 (Yorkshire Water)

South Yorkshire Police (Non urgent calls) 101

Polite Notices

Dog Fouling

It has been noticed that there has been an increase in dog fouling across the Parish in particular on the Trans Pennine Trail and Thorpes Lane. Please please please pick up after your dog. Please also take the bags home with you or deposit in one of the various bins around the village. Please do not leaving them hanging in trees or at the side of footpaths!

Fly Tipping

It has been noted that a lot of garden and builders waste/rubble is being dumped on the Trans Pennine trail in particular where gardens back onto the trail. Please take your excess waste to your local recycling centre.