

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Oxspring Parish Council held on the 16 February 2026, at 7.15pm in St Aidans Church Hall.

Present: Cllr Ann Walker (Chair)
Cllr Graham Sedgwick
Cllr Ian Stanley
Cllr Ian Yems
Cllr Emily Gratton-Rayson
Cllr Alan Harley
Cllr Lisa Chambers
The Parish Clerk

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

None.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence

None.

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

The reasons for the apologies were approved.

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

None.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2026, as a true and correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Oxspring Parish Council held on 5 January 2026 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 Planning have confirmed that they are still investigating several issues with the Little London site, including the extended decking and rubbish on the TPT and are awaiting a reply from the developer and will update the Parish Council in due course. The Clerk will chase up.
- 5.2 Cllr Burnett has escalated the issue with the 20mph signs to BMBC Cabinet and the school governors have also contacted BMBC. Since the meeting we have been informed that the new batteries are being installed this week.
- 5.3 The precept request was sent to BMBC.

- 5.4 The laurel trees planted alongside the fencing on Bower Hill has been followed up with BMBC Streetworks, who have confirmed that they are still investigating. The Clerk will chase again.
- 5.5 The stiles at Manor Lane were reported to BMBC footpaths. BMBC have confirmed that the responsibility of stiles belongs to the landowner. They will investigate the loose stones and will contact the landowner and update the PC in due course. Re the metal stile design and dog access, there is no legal requirement for a stile to be accessible for dogs and therefore BMBC have no enforcement powers to request that the landowner change the design of the metal stile.
- 5.6 Pothole issues have been reported to BMBC via Cllr Burnett. The Chair stated that she will also report the potholes individually.

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

- 6.1 2025/0976 - Erection of a first-floor side extension - 7 Wood Cottages, Sheffield Road, Spring Vale, Sheffield, S36 8ZR – No objections
- 6.2 2025/0946 - Erection of new storage shed for farm equipment, Willow Lane Farm, Oxspring Lane, Oxspring – No objections

7. **Planning Decisions and information**

- 7.1 2025/0775 - Development of 4 residential dwellings - Land east of Bank View, Bower Hill Road – under consideration
- 7.2 2025/0930 - Variation of condition 2, in relation to application 2020/1387 "Residential development of 7no. dwellings to allow for amendments to house type D – Under consideration.
- 7.3 2025/0797 - Demolition and re-build of existing house with associated work to boundary walls - Berry Well, Kirkwood Bridge Lane, Spring Vale, Sheffield, S36 6AX – under consideration
- 7.4 2025/0889 - Removal of side conservatory, and erection of single storey side and rear extension to dwelling - 9 Millstones, Oxspring, Sheffield, S36 8WZ – approved.
- 7.5 2025/0976 - Erection of a first-floor side extension - 7 Wood Cottages, Sheffield Road, Sheffield, S36 8ZR – approved
- 7.6 2025/0946 - Erection of new storage shed for farm equipment, Willow Lane Farm, Oxspring Lane, Oxspring – Under consideration

8. **Matters requested by councillors**

8.1 **To discuss hanging baskets**

The Clerk notified the Council that the contractor, First Impressions, had withdrawn their hanging basket service. The Clerk is currently working with other Parish Councils to jointly source a new supplier, quotes have been requested from at least three suppliers. It was agreed to notify sponsors about the issue.

8.2 **Community Allotment & Orchard**

None.

8.3 **Titivator Report**

A waterproof box for the Christmas lights has been purchased for next Christmas. A list of new equipment provided by Councillor Yems was discussed and the items to purchase was agreed. It was also agreed to research ladders.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Yems will contact Adam from Greenotes CIC about funding opportunities and also the Ward Alliance.

8.4 **Playarea Inspections**

The latest report stated that all equipment is safe to use.

8.5 **To discuss any allotment issues**

It was RESOLVED to keep allotment rental fees the same for 2026.

8.6 **Tree works update**

Cllr Grattan-Rayson's contacted and met with Jack Ridgwick to obtain a quote for the tree works on the play area boundary. The resident at Wood Cottages next to the boundary has agreed to share the cost.

Jack Ridgwick also agreed to provide Cllr Grattan-Rayson with a contact for an official tree survey of all the Parish Council trees so that the survey is held in a legal document.

8.7 **To discuss Parish Council grant opportunity**

The Parish Council will offer a small grant opportunity during the 2026/27 financial year. The individual limit will be £250, and the total amount set aside in the budget will be £1000. The updated budget is shown in section 10.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Yems create a poster.

8.8 **To discuss the bench repair at Castle Dam**

Due to the wet weather this is moved to the next agenda.

8.9 **To discuss Japanese knotweed works by Cllr Grattan-Rayson**

The Japanese Knotweed has now died down and will not be visible until the Spring.

Regarding the Japanese Knotweed on the Wintwire site it was RESOLVED to write to Mr Robinson and outline the work that Cllr Grattan-Rayson can do this summer on the land from his property up to the Wireworks, in return for an agreed contribution. The land from the Wireworks up to Argo that belong to his business will be assessed separately.

8.10 **To discuss Parish Council electoral nominations**

The Clerk provided Councillors with application packs for the elections. Cllrs need to contact the Clerk for electoral numbers of nominees. The packs need to be returned to Barnsley Town Hall by hand, they cannot be posted, Nominations open on 31 March and close at 4pm on 9 April. All packs must be returned to BMBC between these two dates and must be by appointment with electoral services.

8.11 **New Website Progress**

Mr Rivett has now created an accessible website but there is still a lot of pages and content to add. The Clerk and Cllr Yems can create accessible pdf's to be added to the site for the document pages. The plan is for the set up of the site to be complete this month.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Yems will contact Mr Rivett with a number of technical questions, and will also contact him regarding Cllr Harleys email issues.

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

None.

10. **Financial Matters**

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

- 10.1 RESOLVED to note the balances in the current, savings & money market accounts.
- 10.2 RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation to 31/1/26.
- 10.3 RESOLVED to accept the Receipts and Payment report to 31/1/26.
- 10.4 RESOLVED to accept the budget versus actual report to 31/1/26.
- 10.5 RESOLVED to approve payment to:

Payments

Date	Ref	Name	Description	Gross amount
Current Account				
26/01/2026	DD	Scottish Water	Water bill allotments	34.46
04/02/26	DD	Ovo Energy	Playingfield electricity	18.00
16/02/26	70	Microsoft	Microsoft 365 subscription	84.99
16/02/26	71	Garden Style	Ground Maintenance Field	300.00
16/02/26	72	S Tolson	expenses clerk	8.32
16/02/26	73	Amazon	waterproof box tree lights	23.39
				469.16
Deposit Account				
none				
				0.00

Receipts

Date	Ref	Name	Description	Amount
Current Account				
01/02/2026	cr	OUFC	Pitch maintenance contribution	210.00
				210.00
Deposit Account				
none				
				0.00

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Description	Amount
8 Jan 26	trf	HSBC	bank transfer	3000.00

10.6 *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 January.

10.7 *To receive a report on Earmarked Funds*

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

10.8 It was RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2026/27:

Full Year Forecasts		
		2026/27
Receipts		Budget
Precept		25,830.00
Precept LCT grant		1,070.00
Grants		-
Allotments		1,555.00
Bank interest		705.00
Donations		500.00
Gas Governor rent		5.00
VAT reclaimed		3,000.00
Hanging Basket sponsorship		3,385.00
Total Receipts		36,050.00
Payments		
Contracts gnd maint		5,600.00
Maintenance other		1,700.00
playarea maintenance/ equipment		1,000.00
playingfield maintenance		750.00
Planters/baskets/christmas tree		7,000.00
Salary		13,500.00
playarea inspections		500.00
postage/stationery/office		250.00
Subscriptions		700.00
Administration/bank charges		50.00
Insurance		1,300.00
Room hire/meeting costs		450.00
Audit		650.00
Allotments		500.00
Equipment/assets		800.00
S137 Payments		100.00
Project Work		-
Training		200.00
Small grant scheme		1,000.00
Total Payments		36,050.00
Surplus (Deficit)		-

11. **Correspondence received**

- 11.1 A quote from Town Parish Audit for £400 was accepted and it was RESOLVED to appoint them as internal auditor.
- 11.2 Correspondence from Berneslai homes re the Willows planters was discussed. It was RESOLVED to remove both planters when the weather improves.
- 11.3 Quotes for field grass cutting are being reviewed, for discussion at the next meeting.

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

- 12.1 It was RESOLVED to obtain SID readings for the March meeting.

