

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly
On Monday 14th May 2018, at
6.45pm in Saint Aidans Church.**

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)
Councillor Walker	(AW)
Councillor G Sedgwick	(GS)

In Attendance

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk), Mr B Taylor (resident).

Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills, Councillor E Gratton-Rayson, Councillor F Shaw, Councillor Stanley (GS, AW)

Councillor Goldthorpe in the Chair as retiring Chairperson of Oxspring Parish Council read the Notice of the Annual Assembly.

Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Monday 8th May 2017, and Matters Arising from them.

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were agreed to be signed by the Chair as a true record. (GS,AW).

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017

These together with the Internal and External Auditors' reports and certification of accounts were circulated for examination and comment or questions.

There were no questions from the Public or Councillors present.

Reports of the Parish Council Representatives and Associated Bodies.

Oxspring Parish Allotments Manager.

Mrs Steph Tolson. The Clerk presented the Council's Allotment register which was circulated amongst Council members. She then read out the following report:

There are no vacant plots.

All allotments for the Year starting 1st April 18 have been fully paid.

There are currently 8 names on the Waiting list. 6 of those on the list are Oxspring residents, 2 of which are requesting specific plots. One of those on the list has a plot but wishes to swap to a different one.

Seven people joined the waiting list in the last year. 3 plots had tenant changes during the last financial year, 1 at Clays Green, and 2 at Roughburchworth.

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The Titivators

Councillor Gratton-Rayson sent a written report:

Bower Dell old bridge has recently been cleared and spraying will take place very soon to keep the weeds down. The area opposite the school has been looked at as a possibility for a flower bed. A resident at Woods Cottage has asked the Titivators to trim the laurel hedge next to Gordon's Garden.

Oxspring Parish Council Chair's Report.

Councillor Goldthorpe submitted a written report which he read out.

The report was as follows:

The last year has been a very busy year for the Parish Council. Several projects have been completed and several items of maintenance work in the village have been carried out.

Oxspring Open Gardens took place again in 2017 and it was a very successful event with lots of lovely feedback. £400 was raised for Bluebell Wood Hospice.

The Parish Council took part in the RHS Village in Bloom award in 2017 and won a GOLD "It's Your Neighbourhood" award, which was an amazing achievement. Huge thanks goes to all who contributed towards making the village look fantastic, but special thanks must be given to Emily for all her hard work in bringing it all together so wonderfully and organizing everything. The judge gave some fantastic feedback.

The Titivators have made a large contribution towards keeping Oxspring in good shape this last year. They have done many jobs including weekly litter picks and general strimming and clearing of various areas around Oxspring. Specific areas that they have worked on and done planting are the Pinfold, Bower Dell and Gordon's Garden. The hanging baskets looked lovely again this year, and the tubs were installed again on the Willows railings.

Maintenance work has continued this past year at the village playarea. The access to Sheffield Road was fenced off and the steps removed, leaving the access from the car park as being the only access. This has made the playarea a safer place for young families. On the village green, we have installed two pieces of fitness equipment, a bicycle and an Air Skier. These were grant funded. So far these have been a success. At the playingfield we have installed new basketball nets and are hoping to improve the playing surface this summer.

The Parish Council also received grant funding to have a War Memorial Plaque installed on the wall at Saint Aidans. This was achieved just in time for remembrance Sunday.

Plans are progressing with the Community Orchard, and trees were recently planted. A grant was received to help the project, and during the last year fencing has been installed and wildflower seeds sown. Plans are still underway for a Community Allotment, and the Parish Council recently won a grant through the Tesco Bags for Help scheme. This will hopefully be received soon so that work can start.

The Penistone Clean and Tidy team has been taken over by TWIGS, and they have helped in Oxspring this year, mostly by clearing the Castle Green site. They will also be doing some work on the Old Bower Hill Bridge.

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Once again the Tour De Yorkshire has passed through Oxspring. This was a great success and thanks goes to all those who helped. Yet again, Oxspring looked a picture with the bunting, banners and bikes.

The Oxspring Neighbourhood Plan has still been on hold this year due to waiting for the BMBC Local Plan to be agreed. However, this was examined this year and received delays as the inspector was not happy that there were no housing allocations in the villages. BMBC planning have revisited the Plan and added more housing allocations. 3 sites of which were in Oxspring. Following objections and just before the Local Plan hearings, fortunately BMBC removed sites EC6 & 7 on Sheffield Road from the Local Plan, much to the whole village's relief. It is hoped that the Oxspring NP will be able to be finalised during the next year.

This last year has also been a busy year on other counts, with many planning applications being considered, several reports of fly tipping, potholes, antisocial behavior at Castle Green, problems with street lighting etc being reported to BMBC.

Finally may I say thank you to all Councillors and our Clerk for all your hard work this last year. In particular to the Titivator Group for the great work they have done in making Oxspring an even more attractive village.

Observations from Members of the Parish.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

Signed this day _____ **2018**