

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly On Monday 8th May 2017, at 6.45pm in Saint Aidans Church.

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)
Councillor Stanley	(IS)
Councillor Walker	(AWa)
Councillor E Gratton-Rayson	(EG)
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)
Councillor G Sedgwick	(GS)

In Attendance

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Barnard, Karen Dennis (Age UK).

Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Mills. (FS,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 16th May 2016, and Matters Arising from them.

There were no matters arising.

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

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016

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 17 have been fully paid.

There are currently 7 names on the Waiting list. 2 of those on the list are Oxspring residents, both of which are requesting specific plots.

One person joined the waiting list in the last year. 4 plots had tenant changes during the last financial year, 2 at Clays Green, and 2 at Roughbitchworth.

The Titivators

Councillor Gratton-Rayson gave a report:

The Titivators have had a busy year with litter picking, planting, and strimming and tidying.

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Weed spraying will take place soon at Bower Dell, the alleyways at Mayfield and the footpath at the playingfield. She will also be strimming a 2 meter path in Bower Dell.

Cllr Gratton-Rayson is hoping to arrange a community workday soon to work on getting rid of the Himalayan Balsam at Bower Dell.

An article regarding the “help yourself Planters” will go in the next newsletter.

Other work is ongoing at the Rookery and Pinfold.

The Titivators would like to thank residents Bill Taylor, John Hattersley and Alan Walker for all their hard work this past year. In the absence of Alan Walker in the coming weeks a group litter pick may be organised, and the Council wished him all the best for the coming weeks. Thanks was also given to Councillor Sedgwick for his work on the dry stone wall at the playingfield car park.

Oxspring Friends.

A written report was read out as follows:

How funds were raised:

- Stalls at the twice yearly Charity Bonanza at the Community Centre, Penistone.
- Grants for the purchase of equipment for the indoor bowling club.
- Most recently, a cake stall at St Aidans during the Tour de Yorkshire.
- Donations.

Calendar of Events during 2016/2017:

- May 2106 – senior citizens tea with entertainment, quiz, bingo
- Christmas Carol singing evening
- Weekly indoor bowling club (October to April)
- Proposed family fun day.

General note:

- Due to the lack of members of the village attending the last senior citizens tea we decided that maybe the culture of the village had changed somewhat and the tea had run its course. At a recent meeting the proposal for a family fun day instead of the tea was discussed. Details still to be worked out.

Oxspring Primary School PTA

A verbal report from **Cllr Gratton-Rayson:**

The Duck race is taking place on Friday 16th June.

The playground has new markings which have been a hit with the children.

A new climbing frame and tyre system is soon to be installed.

A permanent hole for installing the maypole will be made in the playground.

Funds were raised for the PTA at the recent TDY event.

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.

Work on the Oxspring Neighbourhood Plan has taken a back seat for a few months this year as we have been waiting for BMBC to complete their local plan before they take our NP to regulation 16. This should hopefully happen by this autumn.

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The long awaited project of rebuilding some of the village's dry stone walls has finally happened this year, with a large section being done as a joint project with ward alliance funding, the landowner and the Parish Council. The repaired wall looks great.

A survey was done of all village seating in 2016 and then a plan made to repaint and refurbish all the Parish owned seats. This work was carried out and all the seats are looking good again.

Oxspring Open Gardens took place in 2016 after a couple of years break and it was a very successful event. £360 was raised.

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 Titivators installed hanging tubs on the Willows railing last summer and these looked lovely, and will continue every summer from now on. These complemented the new hanging baskets that the Parish Council arranged on Sheffield Road for the first time last year also. These were done through a contract with BMBC and received many compliments from residents. So much so that we are increasing the number of baskets for the summer of 2017. Councillor Gratton-Rayson has been on a hedge laying course which will hopefully come in hand in the future.

Maintenance work has continued this past year at the village playarea. Two new bridges with smaller gaps were installed onto the toddler multi unit, and these have been met with approval from residents. Other refurbishments were also made to the Toddler Unit. A new Notice Board was installed in front of the school, and a new double bin installed at the village green due to the old one being damaged.

It was agreed by the Council to apply for Yorkshire in Bloom for the Summer of 2017. We have entered into the "It's your neighbourhood" category which looks at horticulture, environment and community within the village. Councillor Gratton-Rayson has been busy compiling a portfolio for it. The village will be judged in July.

The Parish Council is looking at creating a Community Orchard in a corner of the playingfield and a community allotment at the Clays Green Site. Plans are progressing for both of these.

The Penistone Clean and Tidy team did some works around Oxspring this year with the main one being tidying up the Willow Bridge area which was very successful. We are now hoping to pursue the creation of a new path at the top of the playingfield to the TPT with the teams help.

The most recent project for the Parish Council has been the Tour De Yorkshire passing through the village at the end of April. This was a great success and thanks goes to all those who helped. Oxspring looked a picture with the bunting, balloons, banners, bikes, themed planters, the Yorkshire Flag and all other decorations. The musical entertainment on the day was a delight and the refreshments served in the various parts of the village were another highlight of a spectacular day.

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 the playingfield carpark, 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 and the Tour de Yorkshire group for the great work they have done in making Oxspring an even more attractive village.

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Observations from Members of the Parish.

Karen Dennis from Age UK attended the meeting and this was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

She explained in detail the Age UK Social Inclusion project to the Council.

This is a project that tackles loneliness and isolation and is being funded by Penistone Council for a year.

She explained how the project will help introduce people to groups or find activities for them. They will go out and meet people in their homes and find out their social needs.

She explained in detail how the dial –a ride service worked including the shopper bus, individual and group hire. She also explained the community volunteer driver scheme.

Other schemes talked about were the befriending service and the good neighbour scheme.

They are also working with the U3A with a view to setting up groups in the Penistone area.

There is another public meeting about this on the 16th June at Saint Johns Community Centre 10.30am.

There is also a dementia awareness course on Friday 9th June from 10am-12 in Penistone library. This is free.

The Council thanked Karen for attending and took her contact details.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed this day **2018**