

# OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2014

At

7.15 in Saint Aidan's Church

## 1. Attendance

### a. In attendance

Councillor I Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chairman)
Councillor A Walker	(AWa)	(Vice Chair)
Councillor A Mills	(AM)	
Councillor F Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor I Stanley	(IS)	
Councillor B Taylor	(BT)	
Councillor A Wood	(AW)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Mr Richard Haigh (Resident).

### b. Apologies

None.

## 2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

## 3. Community Matters.

### a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Mr Haigh asked for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. Section 5a of the meeting was taken at this point to update the Council and Mr Haigh about the Neighbourhood Plan. He specifically enquired about housing and education policies. Councillor Walker confirmed to Mr Haigh that it is the Neighbourhood Plan Committees intention to request that the land above Tollbar on Roughbirchworth Lane is put back to greenbelt and it's status as "safeguarded" be removed. It does not intend to offer a trade-off of other land as a replacement for this.

### 4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th October 2014, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (FS,BT). The Clerk had circulated action reports from the minutes and provided the latest update in addition. The Chair and other members reported on their actions.
- There was no feedback on the lifting of grates/manholes to road surface levels.
- The Chair reported that he is contacting some local joiners to get a quote for a Notice Board for the Village Green.
- It was agreed to apply for match funding from the Ward Alliance for 3 seats and their bases at the Play Area. The total project cost is £1276. The Parish Council will apply for a 50% grant and match fund with earmarked funds.
- The quote from AE Evans for a new swing bridge for the large multi unit at the Play Area was discussed, as was the quote for the supply of replacement panels for the Log Train. It was agreed to purchase these items at a total cost of £1396. It was noted that J Mitchell will be contracted to install the items and make safe the large multi unit if work takes longer than a day. The Chair will look into replacement board for the bridge edge on the small multi unit.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

## 5. Business Matters.

### a. Neighbourhood Plan

- Policies on all topics are being written with the exception of housing.
- BMBC's Local Plan has gone out for consultation. The Parish Council has not yet been notified by BMBC.

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The Local Plan identifies no housing sites for Oxspring. The housing needs assessment is being revisited as a result of this. The local plan is for 2014 – 2033.

- The land above Tollbar is still categorised as safeguarded land. This means that there is no intention for it to be a housing site before 2033, although BMBC could review this if other sites for development elsewhere fell through. The Committee is going to request that this safeguarded land is put back into the green belt. BMBC cannot propose sites for development if they are in the green belt.
- It was also noted that the landowner for the land above Tollbar has stated that he will not sell the land.
- The Local Plan identifies one site in Oxspring for employment.
- The Clerk will ask for a copy of the Local Plan consultation.
- There is a NP committee meeting next week which will look at the way forward for the Neighbourhood Plan in the light of there being no housing sites identified by BMBC in Oxspring.

### b. Playingfield Drainage

- The work to the playingfield drainage has started, and the problem has been found.
- There was a drain pipe that used to go into the old culvert that does not go into the new one, and it had been blocked off as the old culvert was blocked, resulting in the water having nowhere to go. This is now being attached to the new drain.

### c. Playingfield Footpath

- It was noted that the footpath is narrower in places due to grass encroaching onto it. It was agreed that the surface needs to be scraped; a quote will be sought from J Mitchell.
- Councillor Wood is attempting to obtain a price for grit from an aggregate company.
- Once it has been cleared, it was agreed that it should be sprayed with weed killer twice per year.

### d. Titivators

- It was noted that the time capsule has been returned to the Pinfold.
- Councillor Shaw gave an update.
- Work done this month has included litter picking, strimming and cutting back sections in Bower Dell and clearing the river inlet.

### e. Grass Verge Sheffield Road

- Councillor Stanley has received information from BMBC about permissions to work on the grass verge. He will forward this to the Clerk.

### g. Other Business

- Newsletter; It was agreed that the newsletter would be published by the 18<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Walker will provide a NP update and information on 2 NP public events for the newsletter. The Clerk will contact the new head at the school to see if she would like to write a piece. The newsletter will also feature a section to see if any of the WW1 casualties had been from Oxspring.

## 6. Financial Matters

### a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

#### Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
9 Oct 14	TR	HSBC	transfer d/a to c/a	2000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 are c/a £2141.87 and d/a £8300.31, Imprest a/c £33.54.

### b. Payments and Receipts

