

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Assembly On Monday 12th May 2014, at 6.45pm in Saint Aidans Church.

Present

Councillor I. Goldthorpe	(IG)	(Chair.)
Councillor Shaw	(FS)	
Councillor Stanley	(IS)	
Councillor Wood	(AWo)	
Councillor Walker	(AWa)	(Vice Chair).

In Attendance

Mrs S Tolson (Clerk), Graham Sedgwick (Titivator).

Apologies.

Councillor W. Taylor, Councillor Mills. (IS, FS)

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 13th May 2013, 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, FS).

The Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013

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.

The Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Walker gave a verbal report.

There have been issues recently with the Neighbourhood Plan receiving a lot of negative comments, it appears that some residents have got the wrong idea about what the NP is about, and many say that they have not been informed. It appears many people have not read the newsletters and flyers that have been posted through their doors. There were 140 responses from the questionnaires, which we are told is a good response. However, the group are discussing ways to get more questionnaires back and are considering another public drop in session. Permission has been obtained for the banners from BMBC with an associated cost.

The Titivators

The Titivators have had a busy month with litter picking, the Rookery, Pinfold and Bower Dell. Also, the remains of the equipment has been purchased as has storage for it. The Ward Alliance Grant has now been spent and a project evaluation form completed. The next job to be started is the old Bower Hill Bridge area, and also the planting of the wild flowers recently purchased. At the Pinfold a time

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capsule buried by the Heritage Group in the year 2000 has been unearthed. The Chair will consult with Chris Booth as to whether he wants to update it or if he wants it just putting back as it is.

Oxspring Friends.

Councillor Shaw gave a verbal report. The report was as follows:

The bonanza was a success and raised £80 this year. Thanks to those that donated prizes. On Saturday 17th May there is the Seniors Tea, so far 33 replies have been received. It will be a great night with fun entertainment.

OUFC

Councillor Stanley gave a verbal report. The report was as follows:

There have been 6 teams this year, under 7's, 11, 12, 13, 14 and under 16's. The club has won an award via the Glove Sponsorship Deal and have had a goal keeping coach plus there are 6 other coaches with carrying qualifications. The club also now has a website and follows the FA code of respect.

OPSCC

Councillor Stanley reported that OUFC are working through a plan with the football association, therefore nothing is happening with OPSCC until this has been sorted.

Oxspring Parish Allotments Manager.

Mrs Steph Tolson. The Clerk presented the Council's Allotment register which would now be circulated amongst Council members as required by law for information. She then read out the following report:

There are no vacant plots.

All allotments for the Year starting 1st April 14 have been fully paid.

There are currently 11 names on the Waiting list. 2 of those on the list are Oxspring residents, both requesting specific plots. There are no other Oxspring residents of the list. Therefore non residents will be offered plots when they become available.

Six people joined the waiting list in the last year. 6 plots had tenant changes during the last financial year, 3 at West Crescent, and 3 at Roughbitchworth.

One resident at the Willows has taken up an Allotment tenancy instead of a grassed plot cut by BMBC. The Willows allotments have had new tenancy contracts that relate specifically to the plots behind their bungalows.

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 fairly busy year for the Parish Council. Several projects have been completed and several items of maintenance work in the village have been carried out.

The largest project has been the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for which Councillor Walker has been the lead Parish Councillor. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and various committees

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have been set up with members being residents of Oxspring. These groups will progress the Plan and report to the Parish Council. The group has received funding which has enabled public consultation work to commence.

Drainage problems at the playingfield continue, with a hole being repaired early in the year and subsequent plans to get a digger onto the field to investigate the problems. Also in the playingfield, the circular footpath is still receiving attention, and there are plans to resurface the full path.

The works at Bower Dell took place last summer and this site is now much improved. The site has been finished off with the installation of new picnic benches, new fencing to the roadside and the planting of trees and wild flowers.

Hopefully this site will get a lot more use this summer now that it has been opened up as an attractive riverside picnic area.

Further maintenance improvements have taken place at the village green playarea this last year, with repairs to play equipment and new matting in parts. Repairs & improvements to the fencing have also been made.

At Christmas, a large Christmas Tree was put up in the center of the village using the new lights purchased last year. The tree was well received and brightened up the village.

This last year has also seen the growth of the Titivator Group, following on from a group of residents saying that they would like to do voluntary jobs for the Parish Council. They joined the already established Titivator Group which became a group of Approx 7 volunteers doing regular pruning, litter picks and gardening projects for the Parish Council. They have done some great work in areas such as the Pinfold and Bower Dell. They have also received Ward Alliance funding for equipment and a shed.

A large grant was received this year from the closing of the Oxspring Heritage Group. This is to be spent on environmental projects within the village. So far it has been used to purchase trees for Bower Dell.

Finally may I say thank you to all Councillors and our Clerk for all your hard work this last year. Thanks must also go to the Neighbourhood Plan Group for their hard work in progressing the project and also 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.

None.

There was no further business.

This meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed this day **2015**