

OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2013

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	(AWo)	

Mrs Stephanie Tolson (Clerk), Borough Councillor Barnard, Mr David Weldon – protect Sheephouse Heights, Elaine Slater – Penistone East Ward Area Manager.

b. Apologies

None.

2. Prioritisation of Agenda Items.

None.

3. Community Matters.

a. Public Participation Adjournment.

- Elaine Slater, area manager for Penistone Ward spoke about the new governance arrangements. She spoke about the Ward Alliance which will be publishing a Ward Plan. The Ward Alliance will meet regularly and comprise of elected members and community representatives. Parish Councillors are invited to attend the Ward Alliance meetings. The Ward alliance will have a budget to support local projects.
- The two Penistone Wards will also form the Area Council for Penistone, who will have a local budget and decision making powers. They will meet 6 times per year and are part of the overall structure of BMBC. They will be able to make decisions that may have been previously made centrally in BMBC.
- The PC should decide its top priorities and give them to Elaine so that they can be included in the Ward Plan.
- It was noted to invite Elaine to a Neighbourhood Plan meeting.
- Priorities of the Ward are to improve the local economy and improve the appearance of the environment.
- The Ward Alliance will have match funding available for small projects.
- Elaine supplied Councillors with a document explaining the changes.
- David Weldon from Protect Sheephouse Heights spoke to the meeting about the Wind Turbine application and outlined the main planning objections.
- Councillor Taylor will attend the forthcoming public meeting.

4a. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th July 2013, and Matters arising from them.

- The Chair **agreed** to sign the minutes as a true record after **agreement** by the Council (AWo,IS). 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.
- Re the footpath extension at Sheffield Road, Councillor Barnard had found evidence that Paul Tiggerdine promised to do the work. He is chasing this.

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- Councillor Barnard is aware that the PC wants a SID to be placed on lower Roughbirchworth Lane.
- The SID on Sheffield Road is currently not working properly. Councillor Barnard will investigate.
- The Chair will be fixing the fencing at the playarea. It was noted to put an item in the next newsletter re vandalism at the Playarea.
- Some repairs/new parts are due on some of the items at the playarea due to wear and tear. The Clerk and Chair will arrange quotes.
- Councillor Stanley will contact Bradfield Parish Council regarding the letter about funding Stocksbridge Advice Centre.
- The Clerk reported that BMBC will spike and roll the field for £30 per occasion. It was decided to have it done once and see how it is, and then the PC can decide at a later date if it wants it done on a regular basis.
- Any other matters would be included in later agenda items.

5. Business Matters.

a. Community Partnership Facilities

- Nothing to report.

b. Bower Dell

- The works are now awaiting Jo Birch to action.
- The S106 money of £2193 is to be used to complete the Bower Dell work as much as possible. Prices for expenditure are approximately: 2 Picnic tables £950, Bin £250, 3 trees (2 Willows, 1 Rowan) £225, concrete pads £732. Total approx £2157.
- The OHG grant may be used for the fencing.

c. Neighbourhood Plan

- Paula Tweed and Stephen Moralee are attending a meeting with the PC on the 16th September at 7.30pm. Councillors to attend from 7.15pm.
- The funding application has been made to Planning Aid for £6975.
- The next steering committee meeting is on the 23rd September.
- The NP Boundary application consultation ends on the 23rd September.

d. Willows Allotments

- It was noted that Mr Marsland has put his fencing back to how it was. It was agreed that the fencing can not be extended to the back fence.
- A new contract will be written for the Willows allotments. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- Putting a path along the back was discussed again. Quotes are still awaited via Councillors Wood and Taylor. When quotes are available a decision will be made about whether to do the path.
- Another option discussed, was to have an official access route this side of the fence as many residents have concerns about the fencing/bushes being altered for security reasons. A path this side of the fence would mean some borders along the back fence would have to be put to grass and two allotment plots would have to have their back boundary altered.
- It was noted that the options could be put to the residents and the option with the majority would go ahead.

e. Wall at Sheffield Road

- There has been no response from the landowners following the PC's letter asking them if the Council could discuss the wall with them again.
- Councillor Walker has obtained a quote to rebuild the dry stone wall with mortar.
- From Saint Aidans to the Willows junction – 22m - £1990.
- From the Willows junction to the Bridge – 86m - £8700
- From the Bridge to Kirkwood Close junction – 337m - £35,800.
- Alternatively, to fence the section from the bridge to Kirkwood Close - £26,320.

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- Prices obtained by Councillor Wood were:
- Clear area and make concrete footing £6170.
- Build dry stone wall £25,294.
- Build stone wall with mortar £29,200.
- Clear site and tidy path £1,640.
- Supply traffic management £2,350.
- The previous quote from Hadrian's Dry stone walling for 130m (Saint Aidans to Bridge) was £18,566.
- Councillor Stanley is to find out about getting a proper specification done so that quotes can be like for like. He will speak to the dry stone walling association.
- The Clerk will speak to Elaine Slater about funding of £2000 for smallest section of walling.

f. Playingfield Drainage

- Councillor Taylor is arranging a camera to investigate the piping. It was agreed that this needs looking as ASAP before the weather turns.
- The hole that has appeared needs to be filled.

6. Financial Matters

a. Balances and Transfers

- There was one transfer during the month.

Transfers

Date	Ref	Name	Service/Item	Amount	Account
15 Jul 13	TRF	HSBC	Transfer d/a to c/a	3000.00	BANK TRANSFERS

- The closing Balances for 31st August 2013 are c/a £2478.91, d/a £5171.96, Imprest a/c £56.78.

b. Payments and Receipts

Payments amounting to £1297.35 and receipts of £132.65 were presented and **agreed** for payment. (IS,AWa)

c. Other Financial Matters

- None.

7. Planning Matters

a. Planning Applications.

- 2013/0882 – 10 Mayfield – no comment.
- 2013/0747 – 60 m mast Sheepphouse Farm – No comment.
- 2013/0784 – 79m wind turbine Sheepphouse Farm – Clerk to send objections to BMBC.

8. Administrative Matters.

a. Correspondence

- An invitation to the mayor's church service on 22nd September was discussed. No Councillors can attend.
- The Clerk will purchase some copies of the new "Good Councillors Guide".
- A shed request for plot 6 Roughbirchworth was agreed.
- Sue Coffee from BMBC is attending the October meeting to present on a project about enterprising young people.
- Councillor Taylor is following up with BMBC footpaths about Willow Bridge.
- A letter was received from Graham Sedgwick regarding some ideas he has for the village. The Clerk is to thank him and explain that these ideas may be looked at in the future when the PC are considering projects for the Council, and suggest that he may attend a forthcoming meeting if he wishes to discuss his ideas.

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- A report was received from Oxspring Open Gardens explaining that they were going to have a break from this annual event, and that last year £2500 was raised for Macmillan Cancer support. They are considering holding the event bi-annually when they start again, to coincide with when Cawthorne don't have their open garden event. They are also considering opening the event up to the entire village, as in the past it has predominantly been Toll Bar, fields End and Brookfield.
- In Commemoration of the last 10 years the Open Gardens are creating a book of recipes. They would like the proceeds of the book to go to projects/groups within the village as chosen by the Parish Council. An article is to be placed in the next newsletter.
- A letter was received from a group of residents that would like to form an organised volunteer group that would do odd jobs around the village as directed by the Parish Council. This was discussed and was supported by the Parish Council. It would need to be discussed in further detail and the Clerk will also check out the insurance side. It was also agreed that volunteers could be advertised for in the next newsletter.

b. Items to Report

- Grass cutting of the triangular area at the anthills was discussed. Andy Poole will be contacted to request that the 2nd cut be made to this area ASAP as it is very long.
- It was noted that a request will be made to cut this three times next season.
- The dog walking area is to be added to the grass cutting schedule.
- The Clerk is to contact highways re the drains on Sheffield Road between Roughbitchworth Lane and Bower Hill.
- It was noted that the fencing has not been secured between 2 and 3 Sheffield Road as promised. The Clerk is to contact Eric Steer.

9. Other Matters

a. Emergency Items

- None reported.

b. Matters for future discussion.

Community Partnership Facilities, Bower Dell area project, Neighbourhood Plan, Wall at Sheffield Road, Willows allotments, playingfield drains investigation.

7. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

The next full meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 7th October 2013 at Saint Aidan's Church.

Signed this day _____ 2013.