

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT OXENHOPE METHODIST CHURCH,  
COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Tony Maw  
Cllr Penny Cusdin  
Cllr Reg Hindley  
Cllr Derrick Hopkinson  
Cllr Tony Jones

In attendance: Miran Rahman, Keighley News Reporter  
Worth Valley Ward Councillor Rebecca Poulsen  
No members of the public

**167/15. Apologies consented to**

Cllr Neal Cameron (work commitments)  
Cllr David Ashcroft (family commitments)

**168/15. No disclosures of Interest**

**169/15. No applications for Dispensation**

**170/15. Guest Speakers**

Cllr Poulsen wished those present a Happy New Year. Following Noreen Akhtar's career move, she had been replaced by Liz Parker who would be based at the Keighley Area Office. Cllr Poulsen confirmed that she would be showing Liz Parker the highlights of the Worth Valley next Tuesday and that Liz would also be shadowing the Council Wardens and Cleansing Department employees. Le Tour de Yorkshire would take place on 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the route would be announced on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Following the Festive period the number of reports of dog fouling had increased dramatically. Station Road, Best Lane and areas around the School were the worst affected areas. Street Cleansing had been allocated the work to remove the dog faeces and Cllr Poulsen confirmed that irresponsible dog owners were costing Bradford Council considerable sums of money. Cllr Maw confirmed that a previous Clerk of 14 years standing resigned due to dog fouling being continually discussed at Parish Council meetings. Cllr Poulsen confirmed that a meeting next Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. had been arranged in Haworth to investigate ways of re-opening Haworth Fire Station.

Cllr Hopkinson enquired of Cllr Poulsen the rationale of referring the Old Oxenhope Farm planning application for two wind turbines to the Area Planning Panel and why having referred it to the Panel she wasn't present at the meeting. Cllr Poulsen confirmed that the application was too complicated for a planning officer to determine as there was pressure on this local business to improve their green credentials. Cllr Poulsen confirmed that the Panel meeting had been moved to a Thursday and as she taught on a Thursday she was unable to attend. Cllr Poulsen reported that the application had been well debated by Panel members, however, Cllr Hopkinson disputed this as he had been present and had represented the Parish Council at the Panel meeting. Cllr Hopkinson confirmed that the Planning Inspectorate's report relating to the applicant's previously refused application for just one wind turbine was totally ignored and that he was particularly disappointed that Panel members had not visited the site and that no-one mentioned the adverse effects that these two wind turbines would have on the landscape. Cllr Hindley confirmed that this wasn't the first time the Parish Council's observations had been ignored by Panel members. This was disappointing when one considers that it was the responsibility of Parish Councillors to investigate the impact of turbines on the landscape. He added that the landscape was being destroyed by these wind turbines which were being erected not through sound scientific evidence of their 'greenness' but because of attractive government subsidies.

**171/15. Minutes of meetings**

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The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> December were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Hopkinson and were signed by the Chairman.

**No matters arising**

The January Outstanding Issues Report was duly noted.

**No matters arising**

**172/15. Public question time**

No matters raised.

**173/15. Planning**

**Resolved:**

- a) To formulate observations relating to the following planning application:
  - i. 14/05245/CLE – Use of land as domestic garden area at land at Black Moor Road. The Parish Council raised no objections.
- b) To note the following decision:
  - i. Permission granted - 14/04006/FUL – Construction of temporary office and accommodation complex and access path at Manorlands, Hebden Road

**174/15. Correspondence**

**Resolved:**

- a) To note letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 received from a parishioner thanking the Parish Council for its involvement in getting a rubbish bin placed by the car park at the end of Heights Lane
- b) To note e-mail dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 received from Traffic & Highways (North) re Yate Lane. Agreed that Cllr Cusdin should share the contents of the e-mail on Oxenhope online Facebook page.

**175/15. Consultation**

**Resolved:** To authorise Cllr Hopkinson to feedback the following responses to the questionnaire relating to the 'Development of a consistent policy regarding the placing and maintenance of memorials in the countryside sites and parks that Bradford Council manage across the District' at the next Rights of Way meeting:

- a) Oxenhope Parish Council would not want a too detailed or restrictive policy
- b) People should be encouraged to provide other types of memorials such as new styles and gates in the countryside rather than benches
- c) There should be a debate as to whether decisions to accept memorials in countryside sites and parks should be made by Parks and Landscape Department, or by Rights of Way Department or even by parish councils.

**176/15. Community Assets**

**Resolved:**

To defer the authorisation of the applications to register Oxenhope Recreation Ground, Oxenhope Community Centre, Oxenhope Cricket Ground, the Rose Garden, the Millennium Green and the Duck Pond adjacent to Station Road as community assets until the February 2015 monthly meeting.

**177/15. Marsh Common**

**Resolved:** To note the December Safety Inspection Report.

**178/15. Reports**

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- a) Oxenhope School Governors. No report received.
- b) Allotments. No report received.
- c) Oxenhope Youth Club. Cllr Cusdin confirmed that the Youth Club had not been open over the Christmas period and therefore there was nothing significant to report.
- d) Rights of Way. Cllr Hopkinson confirmed that he had nothing significant to report but would be attending the next Bradford Council Rights of Way meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- e) Oxenhope Community Centre. Cllr Maw reported that the main hall had been redecorated over the Christmas period. Regrettably though the Pre-School children had accidentally spilt paint over the middle of the main hall floor and that ways were being investigated to have this removed. Redecoration was still required in the toilets and the back area. An ongoing maintenance programme had been established and that the next stage of the redevelopment programme was to investigate whether extra storage space could be accommodated. A coffee morning was being planned to showcase the redevelopment of the Community Centre to date.

### 179/15. Financial Matters

#### Resolved:

- a) To authorise the 2015/16 Budget Resolution confirming that a sum of £14,482 will be raised by local precept in 2015/16 assuming that the Council Tax Support Grant will remain at £848
- b) To authorise the following accounts for payment:

Payee	Cheque no.	Amount	Description
Orange	Direct Debit	£28.63	Mobile phone charges from 17 <sup>th</sup> December to 16 <sup>th</sup> January
Gratuity Account	Transfer	£30.08	Monthly transfer
Elaine Pearson	Standing Order	£741.84	Monthly salary
Yorkshire Water	101108	£32.78	Water useage
Post Office	101109	£231.90	PAYE & NIC

- c) To note the following trial balance:

Analysis	A/c				Grand Total	Budget remaining
	Current	Deposit	Gratuity			
001. Balance b/fwd	811.70	29424.41	2780.43		33016.54	
002. Transfer	-6294.95	6000.00	294.95			
01. Precept	14495.00				14495.00	
02. Oxenhope Conservation Initiative	1037.72				1037.72	
04. Bank Interest Business Base Rate		9.76			9.76	
05. Grants Received	875.00				875.00	
06. VAT repayment	194.24				194.24	
08. Rent Allotment Holders	403.00				403.00	
09. Bank Interest - Gratuity Account			0.74		0.74	
10. Allotments Grant	467.00				467.00	
119. PAYE & NIC	-661.40				-661.40	
120. Clerk's monthly salary	-7338.12				-7338.12	£2,547.25
121. Subscriptions	-775.00				-775.00	£95.00
122. Insurance	-481.09				-481.09	£13.91
123. Audit Fee	-290.00				-290.00	
124. Room Hire	-216.00				-216.00	£104.00
125. Stationery & printing	-123.16				-123.16	£442.04
126. Postage	-59.52				-59.52	£0.48
128. Christmas Lights	-82.46				-82.46	
129. Travel & subsistence	-3.50				-3.50	£146.50
131. Allotments	-717.38				-717.38	

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133. Contingency Fund	-9.00			-9.00	£927.50
135. Mobile phone	-285.7			-285.7	£36.93
139. Outreach	-250.00			-250.00	£125.00
141. Marsh Common	-120.00			-120.00	£150.00
142. Contribution towards the 812 service	-500.00			-500.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£76.38</b>	<b>£35,434.17</b>	<b>£3,076.12</b>	<b>£38,586.67</b>	

**180/15. Minor items and items for the next agenda**

**Minor items:**

- a) Agreed that the Clerk report to Highways Department the stretch of Hebden Bridge Road beyond St Mary's Church which required urgent repair work as part of the boundary wall had already collapsed into an adjacent field.
- b) Agreed that the Clerk report to Highways Department the stretch of highway at Lower Town, opposite the entrance to the Social Club, as the highway had sunk probably due to the collapse of pipes underneath.
- c) Agreed that the Clerk enquire of Highways Department as to whether the repair works at the Lower Town footbridge were complete and whether the barriers could be removed.

**181/15. To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Monthly meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Oxenhope Methodist Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:21 p.m.

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