

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF OXENHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2014 AT OXENHOPE METHODIST CHURCH,
COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Neal Cameron
Cllr Tony Maw
Cllr Pauline Bedford
Cllr Penny Cusdin
Cllr Reg Hindley
Cllr Tony Jones
In attendance: No members of the public

78/14. Apologies consented to

Cllr David Ashcroft (work commitments)
Cllr Derrick Hopkinson (family commitments)

79/14. No Disclosures of Interest

80/14. No applications for Dispensation

81/14. Public question time

No matters raised.

82/14. Planning

14/03122/FUL – Installation of two Gaia 133 11kW wind turbines on 18m masts at Old Oxenhope Farm, Old Oxenhope Lane. In 2010 the Parish Council raised the following objections against planning application 10/04909/FUL - The Parish Council objected on the grounds of the size of the wind turbine and its location; its total height would be in excess of 25m and being white it would there be a prominent feature from most upland parts in Oxenhope and from Penistone Hill in Haworth. Members of the Parish Council were agreed that although the height of the proposed wind turbines in planning application 14/03122/FUL were reduced from the previous planning application and that the colour of the masts would be grey rather than white, they would still be a prominent feature on the landscape as per the Planning Inspectorate's report dated 10th March 2011. Members of the Parish Council confirmed that if the planners were minded to approve the planning application then determination should take place at an Area Planning Panel meeting. Cllr Cameron confirmed that he would send these observations onto Martyn Burke as Bradford Council still had no clear policy as regards to wind turbines.

14/03206/FUL – Construction of new office and administration building and extension and reconfiguration of existing car park at Mercy Ministries, Cragg Royd, Lower Town. The Parish Council raised the following objections; (i) this is an inappropriate site for the proposed use of Cragg Royd, (ii) the access to the site was inappropriate for the increased numbers of staff now employed at the site (originally the site employed six staff and now it was proposed 26 staff would be employed) and for the anticipated number of visitors to the site, (iii) the validity of the Transport Plan was questioned, (iv) the form, style of the building design was not considered appropriate for the locality as Cragg Vale is located in a Conservation and residential area. It was further noted that having had the Mercy Ministries in the village for the last 10 years, parishioners had yet to see any local benefits. Members of the Parish Council confirmed that if the planners were minded to approve the planning application then determination should take place at an Area Planning Panel meeting.

83/14. Minor items and items for the next agenda

Minor items:

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- a) Cllr Jones reported that Lawn Order would be undertaking the first cut at Marsh Common next week.
- b) Cllr Maw explained that there would be a meeting of community representatives with Worth Valley Ward Councillor Russell Brown to discuss various matters relating to the Tour de France legacy. Cllr Maw confirmed that he would attend this meeting as a representative of Oxenhope Community Centre and enquired whether another member would attend this meeting as a Parish Council representative. As there were no volunteers forthcoming Cllr Cameron suggested that Cllr Brown should advise the Parish Council of his proposals.
- c) Further to the previously circulated e-mail received from Noreen Akhtar re the devolution of commissioning of community development and community core cost grants to Area Committee, Cllr Maw confirmed that he would attend the consultation event on 3rd September.

Items for the next agenda:

- d) To consider registering Oxenhope Recreation Ground and Oxenhope Community Centre as community assets
- e) To consider acceptance, or otherwise, the quote received from Integreatplus re the Oxenhope Development Plan

84/14. To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting

Monthly meeting on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Oxenhope Methodist Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:37 p.m.

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