

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019 AT THE BAY HORSE PUB,
OXENHOPE, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr David Ashcroft
Cllr Ken Eastwood
Cllr Karen Faulkner
Cllr Joyce Harrop
Cllr Derrick Hopkinson
Cllr Tony Maw
Cllr Peter McManus

In attendance: Worth Valley Councillor Russell Brown
Worth Valley Councillor Chris Herd
Worth Valley Councillor Rebecca Poulsen
1 member of the public

36/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr Goulding. The reason for absence was approved.

37/19 Disclosures of Interest

Cllr Eastwood declared an interest in the financial matters.

38/19 Applications for a Dispensation

None.

39/19 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council's monthly meeting held on 13th February 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.
- b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- c) The March Outstanding Issues Report was noted.

The Clerk stated that AWB Charlesworth had been contacted about the lease for the Rose Garden. Cllr Eastwood said the issue of the Asset of Community Value, relating to the purchase of land off Mallard View has now been resolved.

40/19 Public Question Time

The one member of the public commented favourably on the change of venue. They also asked about the planned change in street lighting and asked about the roll out of the change to LED lighting. Cllr Poulsen said the funding for the roll out had been agreed in Bradford Council's budget plans, but there no details as yet about the timetable for the work.

Cllr Ashcroft pointed out that where individual lights had been changed to LEDs, there were dark spots with unlit patches between the lampposts. Cllr Poulsen replied that often the older style fittings were not available, so LEDs were used. The plan was, as far as possible, to replace in blocks rather than piecemeal. She said there may be a need for additional columns.

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41/19 Guest Speakers

a) **Police**

No representative of the Police were able to attend but they had provided a report on crime statistics, which was read out by the Clerk.

Burglary Dwelling - 1

1. On 3rd March items were stolen from a property on Green Street at 3 a.m. Suspect was later identified by a PCSO and is currently in custody and likely to be charged.

Burglary Business - 3

1. 3rd March in Lower Town. Suspect later identified by a PCSO and is currently in custody and likely to be charged.

2. 2nd March on Mill Lane. Suspect later identified by a PCSO and is currently in custody and likely to be charged.

3. 14th February on West Shaw Lane. A cement mixer was stolen. No suspects.

Criminal Damage - 1

1. On 24th February on Farra Street. A vehicle was scratched. No suspects.

Theft from motor vehicle – 1

1. 28th February on Moorhouse Lane. Tools taken from a work van. No suspects.

Arrests – 1

There was a spate of burglaries in the Worth Valley area over night of 2nd to 3rd of March. A male has been identified. He has been arrested and is likely to be charged and remanded in custody.

Cllr Ashcroft mentioned that there had been comments online about the burglaries and stressed the need for ensuring comments were not prejudicial to any possible legal proceedings.

b) **Worth Valley Ward Councillors**

Cllr Poulsen reported that the planned cut of £1 million from the cleansing budget has been reduced by half to £0.5 million. She was not sure how this would impact on the planned redundancies.

She said that the Spring Clean being promoted by Keep Britain Tidy unfortunately falls in the period of “purdah” before the Council elections in May, so Councillors would not be able to actively support it, though the Ward Officer could offer help.

Cllr Brown reported he had attended the Police and Crime Panel meeting, where he was told a Rural Crime Officer had been appointed in Leeds. He asked about having a Rural Crime Officer in Keighley, but was told there is already an officer with responsibility for this.

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Cllr Brown thanked the Parish Council for their letter expressing concern about the closure of the Fab Lab and Star Centre.

He reported that the Tour de Yorkshire event would take place at Oxenhope School on the Wednesday before Easter. The Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cllr Zafar Ali, is due to attend the event.

Cllr Brown reported that the gritting depot in Stocksbridge, Keighley may not be closed as was previously reported.

- c) Oxenhope C of E School. No representative was present from the School.

42/19 Planning

Resolved:

- a) **18/05310/FUL** Semi detached property consisting of two dwellings at land on Shaw Lane Oxenhope.

Cllr McManus raised concerns about this planning application, stating that as the site's location is within a conservation area, the new proposal should be assessed against Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990. This places a special duty on the planning authority to seek to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of a conservation area in the determination of a relevant application. These proposed houses would be detrimental to the Uppertown Conservation Area by virtue of their height and materials proposed for use in construction. They would overshadow the cottages immediately adjoining the site. All new construction should be entirely of stonework, which is in keeping with the local vernacular.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application.

- b) **19/00698/HOU** Replacement dormer windows to front and rear at The Homestead, Shaw Lane Oxenhope BD22 9QL
The Parish Council supports this planning application.
- c) **19/00759/HOU** Two storey side extension at Great Hill House Farm Hill House Lane Oxenhope BD22 9JH.
The Parish Council supports this planning application.
- d) **19/00801/FUL** Construction of agricultural building at land off Stone Lane Oxenhope
The Parish Council supports this planning application.

43/19 Safety Inspection Reports for the Allotments and Marsh Common

The Allotments and Marsh Common reports were noted. Cllr Harrop requested that all Councillors visit the allotments.

44/19 Correspondence

Resolved:

- a) Email from Keep Britain Tidy.

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Cllr Eastwood read out an email from the Ward Officer offering support if the Parish Council wanted to be involved. He felt that there were no obvious areas in the village, which had an on-going problem with general littering.

Cllr McManus commented that the issue was often fly tipping and commented that Bradford Council had quickly dealt with fly tipping on the lay by on Hebden Bridge Road.

Cllr Ashcroft said he was concerned about the delay in dealing with fly tipping on Long Causeway, as this was a hazard on the road. Cllr Poulsen said if fly tipping was a hazard then it would be best to ring up Bradford Council rather than just reporting it via the website.

Cllr Hopkinson said the main concern with litter is on the Cat Steps, which are only cleaned occasionally by Bradford Council and requested they were cleaned on a more frequent basis.

Cllr Maw said there can be problems on the Recreational Ground but this is only an occasional problem and the issue was often that the bins were overflowing.

45/19 Financial Matters

Cllr Eastwood left the meeting.

Resolved:

- a) Following a discussion on the taps, which are locked, it was agreed to authorise expenditure of £115 for work on the allotment taps by Cllr Goulding, provided there is a like for like replacement.
- b) To authorise expenditure of £65 (plus VAT) to supply and install a LED light in the phone kiosk at Leeming.
- c) To authorise expenditure of £230 (plus VAT) on work by Keighley Trees to reduce the height of the conifers in the Rose Garden (subject to planning approval being obtained).
- d) To authorise the following accounts for payment:

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount	Description
H3G (Three)	Direct Debit	£10.00	Phone
Digital Nomads	101329	£234.00	Online survey platform
Defibshop	101330	£98.40	Replacement pads for the two defibrillators

- e) The following payments previously authorised was noted: - Clerk's salary and home working allowance (01.03.19 - 31.03.19).
- f) The budget and bank reconciliation for 2018/19 was noted. Cllr Eastwood rejoined the meeting.

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46/19 Minor items and items for next agenda

None.

47/19 To note the date and time of the next meeting

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.
The Clerk is to confirm the venue.

48/19 Allotments

Resolved:

To move in to a Confidential Session to discuss Separate Business, pursuant to s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Standing Order 3 (d): The public and press left the meeting during the consideration of issues relating to the management of the allotments.

Cllr Harrop provided a plan on the allotments showing the number of the allotments. Cllr Harrop outlined issues relating to one allotment holder.

Cllr Hopkinson emphasised the need for a clear written procedure on dealing with any issues relating to the concerns about issues with allotment holders. He emphasised the need for a collective view.

Cllr Eastwood said it is not acceptable for a Councillor to be intimidated when trying to fulfil their role. As a way forward it was suggested and agreed that all Councillors meet at the allotments on Sunday 10th March at 1.30 p.m. This would give Councillors a chance to see the condition of both the individual allotment plots and the site itself.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.