

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013 AT OXENHOPE METHODIST CHURCH,  
COMMENCING  
AT 7:30 PM**

Present: Cllr Tony Maw  
Cllr Pauline Bedford  
Cllr Reg Hindley  
Cllr Derrick Hopkinson  
Cllr Tony Jones

In attendance: Police Sergeant Chris Watson (7:30 – 8:00)  
Worth Valley Ward Councillors Miller & Poulsen (7:40 – 8:10)  
Miran Rahman, Keighley News Reporter  
One member of the public (7:30 - 8:35)

**113/13. Apologies consented to**

Cllr Neal Cameron (illness)  
Cllr David Ashcroft (work commitments)  
Cllr Penny Cusdin (family commitments)

**114/13. No disclosures of Interest**

**115/13. No applications for dispensation had been received**

**116/13. Guest Speakers**

Police Sergeant Chris Watson announced that Simon Atkin had been appointed the new Police Superintendent and that other announcements would follow. As crime statistics were available on the website he would therefore report on crime trends. Following a lot of effort from the Division burglaries in July and August had dropped below the national average. Thefts of motor vehicles and thefts of stone were not just an issue in Oxenhope but was a wider concern. Land Rovers were still being targeted as was the theft of Yorkshire Stone. Police Sergeant Chris Watson then introduced the concept of Smart Water and that this was now available to households at £25. Smart Water is a liquid that is painted onto items of value, including outdoor stone, making them uniquely traceable. Sergeant Watson hoped that through the attraction of match funding that Bradford Council would be able to mark public stone with Smart Water. It was envisaged that the Police would approach stone yards to encourage them to enter an information sharing agreement. Sergeant Chris Watson confirmed that as the clocks go back at the end of the month and darker nights were upon us, houses in darkness were an easy target and that householders should lighten up and use timers. As Halloween was approaching then the 'No Trick or Treat' poster was available on the Neighbourhood Policing website.

Worth Valley Ward Councillor Glen Miller confirmed that the Conservative Party had been working on their proposed budget for Bradford Council. He didn't believe that Council Tax would need to be increased but believed that costs, perhaps over three years, could be reduced by 10%. Cllr Miller suggested that Council Tax payers would be happy with refuse collections bi-weekly rather than weekly. Cllr Miller also believed that services could be provided at a silver rather than a gold standard and that Bradford Council was overstaffed in middle and senior management.

**117/13. Minutes of meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> September were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Hindley and were signed by the Chairman.
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**No matters arising**

The October Outstanding Issues Report was duly noted.
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**No matters arising:**

**118/13. Public question time**

The meeting was adjourned to allow a parishioner from The Bank, Leeming, to raise the following concerns:

- a) As Leeming was a part of Oxenhope, then why were the speed limits in Leeming different to those on the centre of Oxenhope i.e. 30 mph v 20 mph? Cllr Hindley responded that the traffic regulations in a rural community can only be advisory and that only a trivial few exceeded the speed limit. The parishioner confirmed that it wasn't a trivial few and suggested that the installation of road bumps would slow traffic coming down Denholme Road from The Dog & Gun to the The Bank road junction. Cllr Jones offered to try and arrange a Speed Monitoring System similar to the one conducted on Moor Side Lane last year. The Clerk and Cllr Jones offered to discuss the parishioners concerns with an officer from Highways Department.
- b) The lack of PCSOs patrolling Leeming. Cllr Jones confirmed that he would bring this concern to Police Sergeant Chris Watson.

**119/13. Consultation**

**Resolved:** That the response to Bradford Council's 'Have your say on Council spending Budget 2014 – 16' would read 'Oxenhope Parish Council supports rural communities getting their fair share and that savings could be made in reducing back room staff and senior management. It was disappointing to note that the figures provided did not allow year on year comparisons.'

**120/13. Oxenhope e-newsletter**

**Resolved:** To authorise the third draft of the inaugural Oxenhope e-newsletter after the Clerk had improved the overall design i.e. removed the blank areas, and set up the links to Facebook and Twitter.

**121/13. Planning**

To note the following decisions:

- Planning permission granted - 13/02231/FUL - Conversion of garage/stables and swimming pool to create two dwellings at Hawksbridge Farm Hawksbridge Lane
- Planning permission granted - 13/02347/HOU - Single storey conservatory at the rear of the property at 3 Woodridge Moorhouse Lane
- Planning permission granted - 13/02195/FUL - General purpose agricultural building at land at Bentley Top Farm Black Moor Road
- Refused planning permission - 13/02143/FUL - New vehicular access at land to north and east of 13 The Bank Leeming

**122/13. Festive Lighting**

**Resolved:** To authorise Cllr Cameron to complete and submit the Worth Valley Ward funding application for additional festive lighting in the Rose Garden.

**123/13. Reports**

**Resolved:** To receive the following reports:

- a) Le Tour de France. No report received.
- b) Oxenhope School Governors. On behalf of Cllr Ashcroft the Clerk read out the letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> September (see appendix 1).
- c) Allotments. Cllr Bedford reported that she had sent out the new tenancy agreements for signing.
- d) WVJTC. No report received.
- e) Oxenhope Youth Club. No report received.

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- f) Rights of Way. Cllr Hindley confirmed that he would be contacting the Keighley Branch of the Ramblers' Association for details of defective footpaths which had been identified in Oxenhope. Cllr Hindley gave details of the parishioner who had recently purchased the land at High Bank.
- g) Oxenhope Community Centre. Cllr Maw confirmed that WREN was currently examining in detail the recently submitted WREN application. He confirmed that Fiona-Katie Roberts would be performing music from The Book of Caris at the Community Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7 p.m. and that tickets were available at £8 each.

### 124/13. Financial Matters

#### Resolved:

- a) To authorise the following accounts for payment:

Payee	Cheque no.	Amount	Description
Orange	Direct Debit	£27.54	Mobile phone charges from 17 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Gratuity Account	Transfer	£29.14	Monthly transfer
Elaine Pearson	Standing Order	£713.54	Monthly salary
Post Office	101049	£246.93	PAYE & NIC

- b) To note the following trial balance:

Analysis	A/c				Grand Total	Budget remaining
	Current	Deposit	Gratuity			
001. Balance b/fwd	908.47	30406.95	2426.00		33741.42	
002. Transfer	-5703.98	5500.00	203.98			
01. Precept	15570.00				15570.00	
02. Worth Exploring Grants	4800				4800	
04. Bank Interest Business Base Rate		4.56			4.56	
08. Rent Allotment Holders	349.00				349.00	
09. Bank Interest - Gratuity Account			0.61		0.61	
119. PAYE & NIC	-246.93				-246.93	
120. Clerk's monthly salary	-4994.78				-4994.78	£4,945.22
121. Subscriptions	-587.00				-587.00	£303.00
122. Insurance	-492.89				-492.89	£12.11
124. Room Hire	-84.00				-84.00	£236.00
125. Stationery & printing	-274.64				-274.64	£525.36
126. Postage	-18.8				-18.8	£31.20
128. Christmas Lights	-56.96				-56.96	£1,273.04
129. Travel & subsistence	-13.80				-13.80	£136.30
131. Allotments	-132.80				-132.80	
133. Contingency Fund	-361.05				-361.05	£570.45
135. Mobile phone	-169.73				-169.73	
136. Worth Exploring	-4800				-4800	
138. Training	-82.80				-82.80	£181.00
141. New printer	-89				-89	
142. Contribution towards the 812 service	-250				-250	
143. Telephone Kiosks	-243.98				-243.98	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£3,024.33</b>	<b>£35,911.51</b>	<b>£2,630.59</b>		<b>£41,566.43</b>	

### 125/13. Minor items and items for the next agenda

Minor items:

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Agreed that Cllr Maw would lay the Parish Council's wreath at St. Mary's Remembrance Service on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

**126/13. To note the date and time of the next meeting**

- Monthly meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:15 p.m.

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