# MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF OXENHOPE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 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 Derrick Hopkinson

Cllr Tony Jones

In attendance: Elizabeth Proctor, Hospice Director, Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice

Two members of the public

## 120/14. Apologies consented to

Cllr David Ashcroft (work commitments)

121/14. No Disclosures of Interest

122/14. No applications for Dispensation

# 123/14. Public question time

The meeting was adjourned to allow Elizabeth Procter to explain the reasoning behind the submission of planning application 14/04006/FUL. This included the need to house the Community Team. Staff numbers had increased over the last three years to nine and although four were located offsite in Skipton and Ilkley, these members of staff needed to rejoin the team at Manorlands at least once a week. Due to many Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on the trees including the tree roots adjacent to the site of the proposed office and accommodation complex it had been decided to go for a temporary log type cabin structure.

Cllr Cameron questioned the logic of the statement of the 'temporary' structure as many modular buildings were now constructed offsite, installed and clad onsite to fit in with surroundings and neighbouring properties. Many of these structures would last for up to forty years. Elizabeth Procter thanked Cllr Cameron for the feedback and would take this back to Manorlands architects.

# 124/14. Planning (part 1)

14/04006/FUL – Construction of temporary office and accommodation complex and access path at Manorlands, Hebden Road. The Parish Council raised no objections.

#### 125/14. Guest Speaker

Elizabeth Procter, Hospice Director, Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice explained that the hospice started 40 years ago this November when it was seen more of a home for malignant cancer patients who on some occasions would stay for up to three years. Mrs Procter explained she had been a nurse for thirty years and the speed of change was incredible. Manorlands Hospice now provides much more clinical care than previously and as a result consultants and doctors are now employed. Recently the patients rooms had been updated to provide the level of care patients now require. The ethos of the hospice is to enable patients to live their life at their very best and 60% of patients do return home. The day therapy service allow patients to come for the day or just for a session. Sue Ryder nurses play a vital role by not only advising patients and families but also GPs and District Nurses. Manorlands Hospice also provides strong bereavement support and offers many children services.

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Elizabeth Procter confirmed that Manorlands Hospice costs £2.6m per annum. Although the Clinical Care Commissioning Trust does provide 39% of Manorlands funding, Mrs Procter was amazed how much supporters gave each year.

Cllr Cameron thanked Mrs Procter for her informative presentation and hoped that the good work at Manorlands would continue for many years to come.

Cllr Cameron then brought to Mrs Procter's attention the apparent lack of woodland management at Manorlands Hospice which had resulted in four trees coming down, one which was across the road, one hit a property and one ended up in the beck. Cllr Cameron confirmed that he appreciated that many trees had TPOs but this did not prevent the estate management team from applying to Bradford Council's TPO officer to cut some trees down and to prune others. Mrs Procter appreciated this information and confirmed she would report these matters to the estate management team.

Cllr Cameron then offered the services of the Parish Council via the Oxenhope online website and Facebook page to promote Manorlands fund raising events and to ensure that future events do not clash with other events in the village such as the Straw Race. Cllr Cameron suggested that Mrs Procter liaise with the Clerk regarding such matters.

# 126/14. Planning (part 2)

14/04252/FUL – Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and construction of six dwellings at 21 Moorhouse Lane. The Parish Council raised no objections.

# 127/14. Minor items and items for the next agenda

## Minor items:

- a) Cllr Jones confirmed that the Oxenhope Conservation Initiative monies should be received by the Parish Council by the end of the month.
- b) Cllr Hopkinson confirmed that local residents had received a letter and complimentary rail tickets from KWVR re the Beer and Music Festival.
- c) Cllr Hindley confirmed that Oxenhope Fisheries had changed hands.
- d) Cllr Cusdin reminded members of the box appeal.

# 128/14. To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting

Monthly meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at Oxenhope Methodist Church.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:40 p.m.

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