



OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Signed: *Janet Foster* 4th March 2022

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**You are summoned to attend the monthly meeting of Oxenhope Village Council
to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at the
Methodist Church, West Drive, Oxenhope BD22 9LJ**

AGENDA

- 01/22 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting**
To note any apologies offered.
- 02/22 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence**
To consider approval of absence.
- 03/22 Disclosures of Interest**
To receive disclosures of pecuniary and other interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.
- 04/22 Applications for a Dispensation**
To grant, or otherwise, the applications for dispensation as received by the Clerk.
- 05/22 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)**
a) To confirm the minutes of Village Council's monthly meeting held on 8th December 2021 as a true and correct record.
b) To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.
c) To receive information on the March Outstanding Issues Report (Appendix 1) and decide further action where necessary.
- 06/22 Public Question Time**
To welcome members of the public and to receive their representations.
- 07/22 Guest Speakers**
a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors.
b) Other guest speakers.
- 08/22 Planning Applications**
To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:
- a) **22/00966/HOU** Demolition of porch and two storey side extension at Hardnaze Farm Hard Nese Lane Oxenhope BD22 9QN.
- b) **22/00991/HOU** Two storey side extension, entrance porch, new access lane off Upper Marsh Lane and off-road parking (resubmission) at New House Farm Cottage, Upper Marsh Lane, Oxenhope BD22 9RH

09/22 Safety Inspection Reports (Appendix 2)

To note the reports for the Horseshoe Dam and Rose Garden.

10/22 Warden's Report (Appendix 3)

To note the Warden's Report.

11/22 Correspondence (Appendix 4)

To consider and decide upon the following new correspondence:

- a) Email from Simon Sharp, Bradford Council, Asset Management about Community Asset Transfer (CAT).
- b) Email from Simon Sharp, Bradford Council, Asset Management about expiry of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) listing.
- c) Email from Oxenhope Cricket Club about Jubilee Event at Cricket Club.
- d) Emails between Worth Valley Ward Councillor Chris Herd and Kevin Whitaker, Bradford Council Highways Department about reinstatement of cobbles on Harry Lane.
- e) Email from Joanne Gleeson, Bradford Council, Legal and Democratic Services about eco-friendly light beacons.
- f) Emails between Clerk and Sheena Spence, YLCA about Oxenhope Village Council and Oxenhope Millennium Green advice.
- g) Email received via Alice Bentley, Bradford Council, Ward Officer about community-led gardening and food growing grants.

12/22 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

To receive a verbal report from Cllr McManus with an update on the NDP.

13/22 Gullies and flooding

To receive a verbal report from Cllr McManus about gullies and flooding.

14/22 Advice and support in connection with increase in cost of living

To discuss how best to provide advice and support to anyone in the village struggling with the increase in the cost of living.

15/22 Play in the Park Summer Scheme

To note that the Play in the Park scheme has been booked for the following dates:

Wednesday 27th July 2022

Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Wednesday 17th August 2022

To decide whether to request an ice cream van to be on site on these dates.

16/22 Financial Matters

- a) To note the payment of £600 to the Community Centre as a grant for electrical work and £56.72 to Yorkshire Ambulance, being the amount left from donations made in memory of Clement Holmes, after the purchase of a bench and two trees.
- b) To note the recently agreed national pay award of 1.75% with effect from 1st April 2021.
- c) To authorise, or otherwise, expenditure of up to £400 for water safety equipment for the Village Warden, to include waders and crew saver life jackets.
- d) To authorise, or otherwise, expenditure of £2,455 for work on steps from West Drive into Rose Garden, including installation of handrail.
- e) To authorise, or otherwise, expenditure of £250 to crown lift willow tree on Mallard View.
- f) To authorise, or otherwise, expenditure of up to £1,300 for grass cutting in Rose Garden and maintenance of planters in 2022 using existing contractor.
- g) To authorise, or otherwise, the following accounts for payment: -

Payee	Cheque No. / Online	Amount	Description
Bradford Council	Online	£976.32	Installation of sockets in five lamp posts for Christmas motifs
Mark Whitaker	Online	£89.28 £20.25 £109.53	Expenses February 2022 Mileage February 2022 Total

17/22 Trial Balance

Heading	Budget	Spend to date	Budget remaining currently	Projected Year End Shortfall (-) / Surplus (+)
Expenditure	£	£		£
Clerk's Salary (inc. Employer NI)	10,706	11,458	-752	-1,687
Village Warden	5,000	3,364	1,636	1,139
Village Warden (Equipment)	1,000	678	322	222
Clerk's home working allowance	300	275	25	0
Stationery and Printing	500	207	293	293
Mobile Phone	130	794	-664	-672
Postages	20	305	-285	-285

Travel and Subsistence (Staff)	200	98	102	102
Internal and external audits	400	380	20	20
Subscriptions	900	871	29	29
Room Hire	200	131	69	69
Insurance	550	545	5	5
Training	200	225	-25	-25
Marketing	100	0	100	100
Outreach	400	125	275	275
Christmas Lights	5,000	4,137	863	863
Maintenance of Marsh Common	200	30	170	170
Youth Club	4,800	0	4,800	4,800
Neighbourhood Development Plan	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Website	800	499	301	301
Contingency Fund	500	182	318	318
Community Initiative Fund	10,000	1,518	8,482	8,482
Maintenance of Village Council Assets	3,000	2,176	824	824
Toilets - Community Asset Transfer	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Sculpture Trail	1,500	2,594	-1,094	-1,094
Allotments	500	569	-69	-69
Book - Publishing and other costs	0	11	-11	-11
Defibrillators	500	875	-375	-375
Climate Action Fund Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	51,406	32,051	19,355	17,790
Income	Budget	Income to date		Year end Shortfall (-) / Surplus (+)
Transfer from Reserves	12,781	0	-12,781	0
Precept	35,875	35,875	0	0
Allotment Grant	300	309	9	9
Allotment rents	450	494	44	44
Book Sales	0	286	286	286
VAT refund	2,000	2,896	896	896
Climate Action Fund Grant	0	3,050	3,050	3,050
CIL Income	0	540	540	540
Miscellaneous	0	199	199	199
Grant Bradford Council - Christmas lights	0	4,000	0	4,000
Total Income	51,406	47,648	-3,758	9,023
Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)				26,813

18/22 Bank Reconciliation

Balance per bank statements as
at

02/03/22

Barclays Community Account	£0.00
Barclays Business Savings Account	£0.00
Unity Trust - Current Account	£39,543.62

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Net balances:

£39,543.62

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 April 2021	£26,305.10
Add: Receipts in the year	£47,648.47
Less: Payments in the year (incl. VAT)	-£34,409.95

Closing balance per cash book:

£39,543.62

19/22 Minor items and items for next agenda

To discuss minor items and to note items for the next agenda.

20/22 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 13th April 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m.

21/22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1(2)) during consideration of an item of a confidential nature.

22/22 Staffing Matters

To receive a verbal report from Cllr Eastwood in relation to the Staffing Committee meeting held on 8th February 2022. To authorise, or otherwise, the recommendations of the staffing committee meeting.

THIS IS A MEETING HELD IN PUBLIC - ALL WELCOME

Appendix 1 – March 2022 outstanding issues report

Subject	Issues	Responsibility	Date last actioned	Outcome/ Notes/further action required
Toilet buildings on Recreation Ground	To investigate possibility of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT)	Clerk	09/02/22	Informed by Bradford Council that this will not be progressed until summer 2022.
Defibrillator	Defibrillator for Station Road area	Chair and Clerk	02/03/22	Bradford Council have asked for further information. Clerk has contacted East Cheshire Highways to ask about the defibrillator they have installed. Emailed sent to Bradford Council asking for an update.
Fencing	External fencing at Marsh Common	Cllr Goulding	10/11/21	To be reviewed in Spring 2022.
West Shaw Lane	Request to review and reduce the speed limit	Clerk	06/01/22	Email sent to Bradford Council Highways Department requesting a review of the speed limit.
Rose Garden	Flagstones on stepped entrance from West Drive to be replaced and hand rail installed	Cllr Eastwood	01/03/22	Quote obtained and authorisation requested in March agenda for work to go ahead.
Electric vehicles	Installation of charging points	Cllrs Eastwood and Goulding	12/01/22	Proposal to be brought to a future meeting.
Natural burial ground	To investigate the possibility of establishing a natural burial ground	Cllr Goulding	12/01/22	Cllr Goulding to contact the Natural Death Centre to obtain further information.

Appendix 2 – Safety Inspection Reports

Horseshoe Dam Area and Sculpture Trail Safety Inspection Report

Name: Chris Pawson

Date: 28/02/2022

	Yes / No	Comment if necessary
Are the walls and fencing surrounding the Horseshoe Dam in good condition?	Yes	
Are the trees around the Dam causing any concern (e.g. overhanging the road, dead branches needing removing)	No	
Does any vegetation around the Dam area that needs removing and/or cutting well back?	Yes	Working group to be set up to clear parts of the dam before spring growth.
Is the dam (by the road) in good condition?	Yes	
Any sign of Japanese knotweed by the stream or surrounding areas?	No	
Any debris in the stream or Horseshoe Dam area?	No	
Is the footpath up to Mallard View in good condition?	Yes	The path itself is in reasonable condition (minor cracking) however the some of the wooden edging has been pushed flat which has caused the edge of the path to crumble.
Are there any concerns about vegetation on / alongside the footpath?	No	
Any defects which may cause personal injury?	No	
Any dog fouling visible on or within close proximity of footpath?	No	
Any concerns about vegetation in small areas of land around Mallard View owned by the Village Council?	No	
Any concerns about the playground, that need reporting to Bradford Council?	No	
Does the supporting wall for the playground look in good condition?	Yes	
Are all 6 sculptures on the Sculpture Trail in good condition?	No	Sculpture in Horseshoe Dam has been damaged by the volume of water during storms. It has been taken out of the water for inspection/repair. All others are ok.

I certify that I inspected the Horseshoe Dam area on the above date when the only defects observed were those recorded above.

Inspector's Signature

Chris Pawson

Rose Garden Monthly Safety Inspection Report

Name: Ken Eastwood
Weather Bright & sunny

Date: 27th February 2022
Time: 15:20

Description	Yes (Y) /No (N)	Comments
Entrances – Are all entrances safe to use?	N	Top entrance, West Drive needs attention (flags uneven and cracked).
Boundary Walls – Any defects?	N	
Footpaths – Any defects?	N	Moss accumulating in places.
Seating – All benches secured to the ground?	Y	
Seating - Any defects which may cause personal injury?	N	
Litter bins – All bins secured to the ground?	Y	
Litter bins – All have bin liners?	Y	
Litter bins – None overflowing?	N	
Noticeboards – are both noticeboards secure?	Y	
Noticeboards – does any information need updating or removed?	Y	Information on Village Council, District Council and the Police needed (contact details etc.)
Electrical – Are all Christmas lights securely fixed in trees?	Y	
Electrical – Is electrical box locked and secure?	Y	
Trees – Do all trees look healthy?	Y	
Trees – Are there any branches that need trimming?	N	
Planting – no damage to plants?	N	
General - Any dog fouling visible in Garden?	N	
Any other concerns or issues out the Rose Garden to raise with Village Council?	N	

I certify that I inspected the Rose Garden on the above date when the only defects observed were those recorded above.

Ken Eastwood

Appendix 3 – Village Warden Report

I have undertaken the following tasks in February:

- Fortnightly check of 4 AED's under OVC care and replaced pads on AED located at Community Centre
- Litter picked Cat steps area, Recreation ground Inc. play area, Heights Lane, Hebden Bridge Rd adjacent to Rose Garden and Station Rd
- Grit bins: Monitor, report and replenish bins when required
- Horse shoe dam continued clearing vegetation and debris around dam area after storms
- Cleared leaves from pavement on Hebden Bridge Rd, below school and arranged collection by BMDC
- Mallard View clearing and removal of vegetation on land owned by Oxenhope Village Council. Contacted tree surgeon re crown lift of willow tree
- Cleared and removed storm debris from roads around Lowertown
- Liaised with Bradford Council and Cllr Herd re: reporting blocked gullies on Station Rd and surrounding areas.
- Reported potholes Shaw Lane, faulty street lights and missing gully cover Hebden Rd
- Reported to BMDC rights of way Officer damage to gates around Leeming reservoir and Bodkin Lane, also obstruction to footpath on Sykes Lane due to streetlight which succumbed to storm damage
- Met with three residents of Brookside after storm who were concerned about a near flooding incident to the rear of their properties, discussed possible reasons
- Reported to Highways safety concerns from resident to gravel track section of Heights Lane adjacent to Heights Farm due to wall collapse
- Reported fly tipping High Hill House Edge Rd/Hebden Bridge Rd

Appendix 4 – New Correspondence

a) Email from Simon Sharp, Bradford Council, Asset Management

Date: 9th February 2022

Subject: Community Asset Transfer (CAT)

Good morning Janet

Apologies, I have just picked up this email.

Unfortunately I have not made much progress with your application. The reason for this is simply due being tied up with other Priority works including assisting our NHS colleagues before Christmas with adding capacity at Vaccination Centres in response to the Omnicom Variant and then the Christmas break.

The first few weeks of this new year have been spent dealing with some historic CAT cases which I am happy to say are now progressing allowing me to turn my attention to other cases such as yours.

I appreciate your frustration with the slow progress but I can assure you we making every effort to move all CAT applications forward as quickly as possible this year. It is my hopes that your application should be ready for an Public Open Space advertisement around April / May which is required as it forms part of the park / recreation ground. Once complete we can move towards a formal evaluation by early summer and hopefully complete not long after that if all goes well.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Simon Sharp

b) Email from Simon Sharp, Bradford Council, Asset Management

Date: 11th February 2022

Subject: Expiry of Community Asset Transfer (CAT) listing

Good morning

Please find attached a copy of letter sent explaining the expiry of Horseshoe Dam & Oxenhope Community Centre from the list of assets of community value.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Simon Sharp



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Department of Corporate Resources

Estate Management

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Britannia House,
Bradford.
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Email: ACVTeam@bradford.gov.uk
Contact: Case Officer
Tel: 01274 431863

Date 11th February 2022

Dear Sirs

Re: Asset of Community Value expiry's.

I write to confirm that following the nominations to add Horseshoe Dam & Oxenhope Community Centre to the List of Assets of Community Value, the statutory five years for the properties to remain on the list has expired.

From the date of expiry, the property will be removed from the list in accordance with section 87 (3) of the Localism Act 2011 and an application will be made to the Land Registry to have all restrictions removed. From the date of expiry, the owners are free to sell the property on the open market however they see fit.

Following the removal of the listing eligible groups will be able to submit a new nomination in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value Regulations 2012. However, there is no provision for automatic renewal of an expired listing and therefore any new nomination will be considered as a separate nomination.

If you have any queries please contact the ACVTeam@bradford.gov.uk or for further information or nomination guidelines please visit www.bradford.gov.uk/communityassets

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Sharp'.

Simon Sharp
Senior Asset Management Officer
on behalf of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

c) Email from Oxenhope Cricket Club
Date: 10th February 2022
Subject: Jubilee Event at Cricket Club

Oxenhope Cricket Club have decided to run a Celebratory Event on June 5th to mark the important Jubilee of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II.

The Committee of Oxenhope Cricket Club thought that it would like to extend this early indication to other Village organisations in the event that they may wish to join in. This would help make it very much a more inclusive Village event. The Club is thinking that extra proceeds can be pre dedicated to a local charity or charities.

Please could you make an early indication as to your possible interest and of course pass the message on to other Village organisations not covered in the distribution list.

Oxenhope Cricket Club has already started to plan this event and has formed a small sub Committee to progress the planning.

It is envisaged that any other Village organisation that wishes to take part will have the option of being part of this small group to drive the event forward. The Club is intending to use it's own facilities, offices and insurances to make up the guidelines for a safe successful event.

We look forward to your early reply and any suggestions that will help the event. Please contact the writer in the first instance.

Treasurer.
Oxenhope Cricket Club

Distribution.

Village Council.
Oxenhope Gardening Club.
Oxenhope School.
Oxenhope Church.
Oxenhope Football Club.
Oxenhope Bowling Club.
Pensioners Luncheon Club.
This list is not exhaustive.

d) Emails between Worth Valley Ward Councillor Chris Herd and Kevin Whitaker, Bradford Council Highways Department
Date: Various
Subject: Reinstatement of cobbles on Harry Lane

Email from Cllr Chris Herd to Kevin Whitaker, dated 14th February

Hi Kevin attended Oxenhope village council last week and they concerned about the cobbles at Harry Lane. They were under the impression that the tarmac filling the holes was only temporary and the cobbles would be reinstated. Please can we have a update?

Regards

Chris
Cllr Chris Herd

Email from Kevin Whitaker to Cllr Chris Herd dated 15th February

Hello Cllr Herd,

I have to say I have not given these setts another thought since we made the area safe.

We have so much work in hand at present, I could not even offer a timescale for their reinstatement.

I'm afraid the village society will have to bear with us a while longer.

As an aside, there has been quite a settlement of some setts on Butt Lane Haworth, and this could shortly be causing access issues so I will order a repair here shortly.

Regards

Kevin Whitaker
Senior Engineer - Highway Maintenance (North)

Email from Cllr Chris Herd to Kevin Whitaker, dated 17th February

Morning Kevin understand your team are busy. Could the work at Harry lane be combined with Butt Lane work? The setts at Harry lane are there waiting at the side of the road by the wall.

Regards

Chris
Cllr Chris Herd

e) Email from Joanne Gleeson, Bradford Council, Legal and Democratic Services

Date: 17th February 2022

Subject: Eco-friendly light beacons

.....the Council is also exploring the possibility of alternative eco-friendly light beacons being situated across the district please let us know if your local councillors would be interested in considering having one of those ?

Thanks Joanne

Joanne Gleeson

f) Emails between Clerk and Sheena Spence, YLCA

Date: Various

Subject: Oxenhope Village Council and Oxenhope Millennium Green advice

Email from Clerk to YLCA, dated 21st February 2022

I wonder if YLCA are able to provide any advice, or point me in the direction of other advice, on options with regard to a local charitable Trust.

In Oxenhope we have a Trust that has responsibility for the Millennium Green in the village. Written into the Trust Deed, is a clause stipulating that the Village Council is able to appoint one Trustee and there are some residual clauses about the Council having some responsibilities in the event of there being no other Trustees.

The Millennium Green Trust is struggling financially. They require relatively modest sums to keep the grounds maintained, cut back hedges etc. as well as paying for insurance. The Trust is also struggling to attract volunteers to act as Trustees. Currently 4 out of 8 Trustee positions are vacant.

Village Council Members would like to explore options for the Village Council having more of a role in managing the Green. The Trust is receptive to this. We believe there would be support in the Village for the running costs to be covered through the precept and we believe overall savings could be made e.g. by using the Village Council's insurance to cover the Green, as we do with our other assets and using our Village Warden to undertake some minor works as and when required.

What we're not sure on is the governance arrangements that would be appropriate. I've done a little research and found mention of Local Councils being Sole Trustees of charitable Trusts. I have read a Councillor's guide to a council's role as charity trustee, produced by the LGA and Charity Commission. It doesn't fully address my queries.

So it seems if the Council did become sole Trustee, the Charity would continue as an entity and the Council would be responsible to ensure that the charitable aims continued to be delivered. I've also read that the finances of the Trust would need to be kept separate and that the Council, as a body corporate, would have responsibility for management of the Trust.

If I've got this right, would that mean the Village Council would have to gift money to the Trust to cover its operating costs (if the Council wished to provide financial support)?

As an alternative to becoming Sole Trustee, do you think it would be simpler for more than one Councillor to stand as a Trustee i.e. that interested Members approach the Trust and offer to fill the vacancies? For information, our Chair is also Chair of the Trust and one other Member is the Council's nominated Trustee.

I'd welcome your thoughts, observations and a little direction please. I haven't contacted the Charity Commission as yet, but will do when I'm a little clearer on options available to the Council and the pros and cons of each.

Email from Sheena Spence, YLCA, dated 23rd February 2022

OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL – MILLENNIUM GREEN

Thank you for sending us a copy of the constitution of the Millennium Green.

It is noted at clause 6 that there were originally 4 trustees, and that this has now increased to 8. That is fine – at clause 6.2, the trustees are empowered annually, to consider the optimum number of trustees and decide this number, comprising general Trustees and nominated Trustees.

It is noted at clause 5 that the custodian trustee is the Official Custodian for Charities at the Charity Commission. That, in a way, ties into your questions about sole trusteeship by the Village Council. Under the current constitution there are two sets of trustees – the Official Custodian is the 'custodian trustee' of the charity and the Trustees appointed locally are the 'charity trustees'. It is possible that a local council can take on both roles and become the 'sole trustee', ie the only one and who acts as both custodian and management trustee. It is the Council as a whole that is the sole trustee (singular). Sorry to emphasise this but it is important that if this arrangement is pursued, that councillors understand that they are not there acting as individual trustees. We can confirm that your thoughts on how the charity would operate with the Council as the sole trustee, are correct.

We note that clause 28 of the constitution provides the charity trustees with a power of amendment. However, at clause 28.2, it stipulates the clauses that cannot be altered, and this includes clause 5, ie the arrangement for the Official Custodian to be the custodian trustee. If the Council and the existing trustees wish to change the governance arrangement to sole trusteeship, the trustees would need to apply for a Scheme from the Charity Commission, which is a simple document drawn up by them, and appoints the Council as the sole trustee. The fact that the Charity holds designated land is also a factor in this, and indeed, it may be that its income exceeds £10,000k as well. Please see the document at the link below. Chapters 3 and 4 are particularly relevant.

Changing your charity's governing document (CC36) - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-your-charitys-governing-document-cc36/changing-your-charitys-governing-document-cc36))
<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-your-charitys-governing-document-cc36/changing-your-charitys-governing-document-cc36>>

Where a charity has been established and could continue to function if it had sufficient and interested people to run it, it is usually preferable that the original arrangement be perpetuated if possible, particularly where modern day charities are concerned. Under the terms of the constitution, the Village Council has power to appoint one representative and indeed, other councillors could put themselves forward to be general trustees, but they would not of course, be appointed by the Council; they would be there as individual parishioners. That would help to perpetuate the charity without the need of involving the Charity Commission.

There is also power in the constitution, as mentioned above, for the charity trustees to choose, annually, the optimum number of both types of trustees, ie general and nominated trustees. If the struggle is to get interested trustees, the number can be reduced, however we do not recommend that the number is reduced to below the original of 4.

If the Charity is struggling financially, the Council can investigate whether it has power to support it by way of grants and other forms of financial assistance. You have mentioned insurance and indeed, speak to the Council's insurance company about this. We would envisage that it would need to see communication between the Council and the Charity in matters such as risk assessment, but we are aware that it is possible for a Council to do this if the requirements of the insurance are in place.

It would also be possible, supported by a simple written agreement, that the Council's Village Warden could undertake some jobs on the Green. The legal power to be used to do this would probably be Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, as the 1976 Act mentioned below, only permits assistance by way or grant or loan. However, if the Trustees and the Council decide that the preferred route is to keep the Charity as is with the Council providing more assistance, we could examine the legal power for the Warden to assist, when we know more about his/her role. The important aspect at this time is that it is possible, it is just a matter of ensuring that the Council is using the appropriate legal power to do it.

It is possible for the Council to support the Charity through the precept. The facility is there and open for all members of the Oxenhope community to use, so it is, in our view, reasonable to budget for an amount to be granted annually and to give the Charity some security, the Council could undertake to award a grant for the next five years (for example). Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 19(3)(a), a local council may contribute by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any voluntary organisation in providing any recreational facilities, which the local council can also provide under this Act. That power provides the Village Council with unrestricted grant making ability to assist the Oxenhope Millennium Green Charity as it sees fit.

I hope this is helpful but if the Council has any further questions coming out of it, please do get in touch. We would be interested to know how the current Trustees and the Council intend to go forward.

Yours sincerely,
Sheena Spence, Chief Officer

g) Email received via Alice Bentley, Bradford Council, Ward Officer

Date: 1st March 2022

Subject: Community-led Gardening and Food Growing Grants

The **Community-led Gardening and Food Growing Grants** schemes are funded by Bradford Council Public Health to increase community-led gardening and food growing across the District.

- The scheme will fund new or existing projects that are working with adults, children and young people or undertake inter-generational work
- Grants of **up to £2000** and **£2000 - £5000** are available
- Projects should reflect key priorities relating to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Bradford and Airedale 2018 – 2023 and the draft Good Food Strategy 2022, which encourages community food growing.
- Applications welcome from community groups, registered charities, voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises based in or working across Bradford District

Deadline: Monday 21st March 2022, 12 noon