

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY 2022 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, WEST
DRIVE, OXENHOPE, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr Robert Goulding (Chair)
Cllr Kevin Allmond
Cllr Michelle Dawson
Cllr Nick Pearce

In attendance: Worth Valley Ward Councillor Rebecca Poulsen
Two members of the public

78/22 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting

Apologies for absence have been received from Cllrs Eastwood and Pawson, as well as Worth Valley Ward Councillors Russell Brown and Chris Herd, Village Warden Mark Whitaker, Rev. Cat Thatcher, Ward Officer Alice Bentley and Deputy Ward Officer Sally Teasdale.

79/22 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence

The reasons for absence were approved.

80/22 Disclosures of Interest

None.

81/22 Applications for a Dispensation

None received.

82/22 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)

- a) The minutes of Oxenhope Village Council's monthly meeting held on 8th June 2022 were confirmed as true and correct record.
- b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- c) The July Outstanding Issues Report was noted. The Clerk was asked to follow up about the Community Asset Transfer of the toilet block. She also reported that the Warden will be meeting with Bradford Council later this month to discuss installing the defibrillator on a "dummy" lamppost at the bottom of Mallard View.

Cllr Poulsen stated the meeting between Cllr Herd and Highways to discuss the speed limit on West Shaw Lane had been postponed. However she confirmed that Moorside Lane was on the list to be considered for speed review next year and as West Shaw Lane is a continuation of this road, it is likely to be considered at the same time.

83/22 Co-option to fill vacancies for two Village Councillors

Both candidates for co-option gave separate speeches, outlining their connections with the village, the skills they could bring and their reasons for wanting to join the Village Council.

Both candidates were then asked to leave the meeting. Councillors decided that both candidates should be co-opted onto the Village Council. Caroline Kindy and Debbie Harvie returned to the meeting and both accepted the offer

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to join the Village Council. Cllr Kindy stayed for the meeting, while Cllr Harvie gave her apologies and left the meeting.

84/22 Public Question Time

None.

85/22 Guest Speakers

- a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors.

Cllr Poulsen reported that permission has been given for work on some trees at Whin Knowle. It is the responsibility of the owner to carry out the work in accordance with the planning permission given.

Cllr Poulsen also stated that there would be a Play Day in Oxenhope Park on Monday 15th August, which is funded by the Government's Holiday and Food (HAF) fund. This is in addition to the three play days funded by the Village Council, which the Clerk confirmed would be on:

Wednesday 27th July
Wednesday 3rd August
Wednesday 10th August

- b) Other guest speakers.
None

86/22 Planning Applications Resolved:

- a) **22/02508/FUL** Demolition of existing double garage; construction of new double storey garage with workshop and accommodation at The Old Vicarage 21 Hebden Bridge Road Oxenhope BD22 9LY.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

- b) **22/02509/LBC** Demolition of existing double garage; construction of new double storey garage with workshop and accommodation at The Old Vicarage 21 Hebden Bridge Road Oxenhope BD22 9LY.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

- c) **22/02755/HOU** New garage construction at Old Hall Old Oxenhope Lane Oxenhope BD22 9RL.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

- d) **22/02668/HOU** Detached double storey garage with annexe accommodation at Sycamore Cottage 12 Moorhouse Lane Oxenhope BD22 9RY.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

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- e) **22/02722/CLE** Use of land as residential garden at Moorlands Moorhouse Lane Oxenhope K BD22 9RX.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

- f) **22/02757/LBC** Construction of garage in curtilage of Grade II listed Old Hall and barn at Old Hall, Old Oxenhope Lane, Oxenhope BD22 9RL

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

87/22 Safety Inspection Reports

The reports for the Rose Garden, Horseshoe Dam and Marsh Common were noted.

In regards to the gate at Marsh Common, Councillors agreed they would prefer a wooden gate. Cllr Goulding agreed to propose a suitable gate, which will provide for access for mobility scooters.

88/22 Warden's Report

The Warden's Report was noted.

89/22 Community Grant Application Form

Cllr Dawson queried if Bradford Council should undertake the work as they are the owners of the football pitch. The Football Club are leaseholders and Cllr Goulding stated that often leaseholders are required to manage and maintain the asset.

Following discussion it was agreed to award Oxenhope Football Club £500 and inform them they could apply for a further grant if it was needed to complete the work before the start of the new season.

90/22 Correspondence

Resolved:

- a) Email from Karen Mann, YLCA about YLCA Conference 23rd September 2022. Noted.
- b) Email from Sheena Spence, YLCA re Joint Annual Meeting YLCA Member Councils. As no Councillor is able to attend, the Clerk was asked to send apologies.
- c) Email from Bradford Council about public consultation on Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan. Noted.

91/22 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Resolved:

It was noted that Bradford Council has formally adopted the Oxenhope NDP.

92/22 Christmas lights

Cllr Dawson proposed that not buying any more motifs this year but she would like to have a switch on event. This was agreed.

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93/22 Climate Change (Standing agenda item)

Cllr Goulding explained that the Village Council would like to have a public charging point in the village. The Clerk was asked to contact the Community Centre to see if they would agreed to have one in their car park.

Cllr Kindy said that funding was available via the Leeds Enterprise Programme for businesses to have a energy audit. They can then apply for a grant to implement suggested measures. Grants of up £40,000 might be available. She said the scheme needs to be publicised.

94/22 Financial Matters

Resolved:

- a) To authorise expenditure of £130 to cut back hedge on land owned by the Village Council on Mallard View.
- b) To authorise the purchase of a Multipay Card from Unity Trust Bank at a one off cost of £50 and monthly fee of £3.00.
- c) To authorise Cllrs Allmond and Pierce to be added to the current four signatories for the Unity Trust Bank Account.
- d) To authorise the following accounts for payment: -

Payee	Payment method	Amount	Description
HMRC	Online	£1,170.98	Q1 PAYE and employer NI payments
Mark Whitaker	Online	£144.93	Expenses June 2022 Waders and crewsaver life jacket
Janet Foster	Online	£76.02 £45.90 £121.92	Expenses April – June 2022 Mileage April – June 2022 Total
Oxenhope Methodist Church	Online	£40.00	Room hire May and June 2022
L H Construction	Online	£2,946.00	Rose Garden steps and handrails.

95/22 Minor items and items for next agenda

Cllr Kindy provided an update on The Yorkshire Swim Works project. She was pleased to say they have negotiated an extension to the exclusivity on the use of the land. They are also in talks with third party landowners about access.

They are due to meet with the South Pennine authorities and will be discussing issues around biodiversity and how to protect the wildlife in the area.

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She said the project has had a lot of positive publicity both locally and nationally. She said it could also be very positive publicity for Yorkshire Water.

Bradford Council is setting up a meeting with the Council's major development team.

There is a query over how the group can acquire the land as Keyland, who manage Yorkshire Water's land assets, are not wanting to lease the land.

She stated the aim by the end of the summer is to produce a report on the findings of the user analysis and the site analysis.

Cllr Kindy was thanked for providing the update on the project.

96/22 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 10th August 2022 starting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.