

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, WEST
DRIVE, OXENHOPE, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr Ken Eastwood (Chair)
Cllr Robert Goulding
Cllr Neal Cameron
Cllr Nick Pearce

Mark Whitaker, Village Warden
3 members of the public

178/23 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting

Apologies received from Cllr Harvie, Cllr Drury, Cllr Woodington.
Cllr Poulson sent apologies.

179/23 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence

Resolved to approve reasons for absence.

180/23 Disclosures of Interest

Cllr Harvie will seek advice regarding the Cross Lane application.

181/23 Applications for a Dispensation

None received.

182/23 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)

- a) To confirm the minutes of the Village Council's monthly meeting held on 11th October 2023 as true and correct records.
Resolved to accept.
- b) No matters arising from the minutes.
- c) To receive information on the November Outstanding Issues Report and decide further action where necessary.
It was noted that the leaflets are to be printed, we are awaiting quotes. Clerk to speak with Worth Valley Magazine and Outreach to explore delivery options. Cllr Goulding to speak to Worth Valley Young Farmers.

183/23 Public Question Time

It was noted that three members of the public were in attendance.
It was noted that there was a question around the £1,500 spend on a tree survey. It was explained that this was for safety reasons.
A question was raised on Gullies, It was noted that Bradford Council have cleared the gullies in the last two weeks. Resolved that there is a blocked gully on old Oxenhope lane - Clerk to report.
It was noted that the nearest lamppost reference number is a good indicator for reports to the council.

184/23 Guest Speakers

- a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors
Cllr Herd advised that Santa will arrive for 6pm on 24th November xmas light switch on.
Also noted that community pay back have been working in the area. The Warden would make a list of areas that could be worked on. The foot path at Pawsons Mill yard to Lowertown needs to be cleared and will be requested as the next site to be actioned.

Highways issues
Marsh Lane wall has collapsed and needs to be repaired.
Hawksbridge Lane wall has collapsed.
Yate Lane - Water is collecting and coming over/through the wall.

- b) Other guest speakers
None present.

185/23 Planning Applications

To consider and decide upon the following planning application:

- a) 23/03823/PMI Construction of dwelling | Land West Of Holmfield, Jew Lane, Oxenhope.
It was noted that we are unable to make comment at this stage on this application as it appeared to have been withdrawn from the Planning Portal earlier in the day.

186/23 Planning Application – Cross Lane (23/00027/OUT)

Cllr Eastwood & Cllr Cameron are meeting with Bradford planning on 6/12/23 to discuss the neighbourhood plan and recent planning decisions, including Cross Lane and Valley View.

187/23 Village Warden’s Report

Resolved to accept the report.
Resolved to note that we need to make an application to fell trees.

188/23 Rose Garden Report

Resolved to accept the report.

189/23 Correspondence

To consider and decide upon the following new correspondence:

- a) Email from resident regarding parking and access situation on Best Lane.
Clerk to email Simon Divali Highways – to escalate this issue. It is important this is actioned due to access for emergency vehicles and transport links. Parking restrictions may help.
Clerk to speak to the Police about this also.
- b) Email from resident regarding tree pruning on Best Lane.
It was resolved that following the tree survey that we can reduce the crown of the tree.

190/23 Christmas Lights

An update was received from the Clerk with arrangements that have been made for the event on Friday 24th November.
Resolved to approve purchase of some lighting for the gazebo, upto the value of £200. Clerk to investigate.

Resolved to speak with Xmas Plus to repair the broken lights and to remove and test all the Rose Garden lights in January.

191/23 Climate Change (Standing agenda item)

Resolved no updates.

192/23 Financial Matters

- a) Resolved to authorise expenditure of up to £400 to Quality Garden Supplies for 40 bags of grit. Clerk to order the grit.
- b) Resolved to approve the national pay award for the clerk, previous clerk and warden. Clerk to make payment.
- c) Resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment: -

| Payee | Cheque No. / Online | Amount | Description |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Steve Thorpe | Online | £249.60 | Mowing of the rose garden 4 th Sept & 18 th Sept |
| YORgreencic | Online | £225.00 | 3 injections of herbicide to Japaneses knot weed at Horseshoe Dam and Marsh Common |
| JCA Ltd | Online | £1500.00 | Safety Survey |

193/23 Pay Award

It was noted that the National Joint Council for local government services has announced that agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2023 (covering the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024). There is an across the board increase of £1,925 to each pay grade (pro rata for reduced hours worked). At Oxenhope Village Council this equates to an additional £1,839.79 per annum, including back pay for the former Clerk.

194/23 Budget & Precept

Potential projects and the precept for the next financial year were discussed.
Resolved to defer.

195/23 Minor items and items for next agenda

Resolved to update our emergency planning supplies in lock up cupboard in the Community Centre. Clerk to distribute the inventory to Cllrs.

Clerk to get winter care packs for the parish from VSI alliance.

196/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 13th December 2023 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.