

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2024 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, WEST DRIVE,
OXENHOPE, 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllr Ken Eastwood (Chair)
Cllr Neal Cameron
Cllr Nick Pearce
Cllr Woodington
Cllr Drury
Cllr Golding
Cllr Joomun

7 members of the public

Minutes taken by Village Council Clerk - Laura White

Minutes

218/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies given by Cllr Harvie and Ward Cllr Poulson.

219/24 Approval of reasons given for absence

Resolved to approve reasons for absence.

220/24 Disclosures of Interest

None received.

221/24 Applications for a Dispensation

None received.

222/24 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)

- a) The minutes of the Village Council's monthly meeting held on 13th December 2023 were approved as true and correct records by all Cllr's present, with an amendment to record that Cllr Cameron was not present.
- b) There were no matters arising for the minutes.
- c) There were no actions required from the Outstanding Issues Report.
It was noted that regarding the toilets on the recreation ground the Clerk had investigated grant options, Cllr Eastwood is currently awaiting confirmation from Bradford Council on status of this project.

223/24 Public Question Time

A member of the public raised the issue of damage by the developer at West Shaw Lane. It was noted that there is no curb, the wall has been removed and land is not established.

Resolved the Clerk to report to highways.

224/24 Guest Speakers

- a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors
Cllr Herd advised that he followed up with repair works on the cobbles at Harry Lane being reinstated.
He advised that there would be a planned Steer side operation on 28th January with a view to also using drones.
It was noted that Pennistone Hill litter picks are being arranged.

Cllr Herd advised that an online petition for the closing of Sugden End tip is being formulated.

Resolved that we wish to be included as a consultee for Bradford Council budget proposals including potential closure of Sugden End. Clerk to follow this up.
Members stated they strongly objected to the proposed closure.

Cllr Herd advised that the National Trust are looking at the Calderdale Wind Farm application and they are looking at the impact on wildlife.

It was noted there will be a meeting of Keighley & Worth Valley Councillors on 14th February 6pm at the Civic Centre to discuss Modality surgeries. There will be discussion on service levels and new services in place. Cllr Woodington to attend on behalf of the Village Council.

- b) Other guest speakers
Rev Cat Thatcher came to say farewell and advised her last service will be the end of January.
Rev Elspeth Cansdale introduced herself and advised she will be here till July.

225/24 Planning Applications

- a) **23/04354/FUL - 2 detached houses, land at West Shaw Lane, Oxenhope.**
The applicant was in attendance and addressed the Council and answered questions from Members.
Resolved to support the application.
- b) **23-04431-FUL - Conversion of building to residential dwelling at Moorside Laith Farm, Oxenhope.**
Resolved not to make comment on this application.

Clerk to update the planning portal.

226/24 Planning Application – Cross Lane (23/00027/OUT)

There were no updates on Cross lane.

227/24 Village Warden's Report

Noted.

228/24 Correspondence

- a) Discussions took place around the D-Day event. It was noted that there will be an event on Cllr Goulding's farm. Resolved that the Village Council will support this event.

It was noted that the Village Fete will take place on Saturday 20th July 2024 on the Millennium Green.

229/24 Annual Allotment Meeting.

An update was given by Cllr Drury. Overall it was a very positive meeting with some projects to be reviewed and undertaken in 2024. It was noted that there will be a rent increase from next year.

Resolved the warden to purchase a new code lock for the main gate.

230/24 Climate Change (Standing agenda item)

Cllr Goulding gave an update on the EV charging project at the community centre. Two companies had quoted for this £12,000 and £4,260.

The site visit with the second supplier was successful and they suggested 5 chargers. The online app fee is £845 which is required to enable users to pay for electricity. Surge protection is an additional £900.

It was noted that permission would be required from Bradford Council to place the chargers in the community centre car park.

Request for repainting the bays was made in the car park by the community centre.

It was proposed that any revenue would be returned to the Village Council until the capital was fully repaid and at this point, revenue sharing could be discussed with the community centre.

It was noted that Fuse take 6% of revenue generated.

It was also noted that insurance advice is required. Clerk to check with the Council's insurers.

231/24 Planned Projects

The Village Council plans to purchase and install more Christmas lights on station road in 2024. The Council are awaiting quotes for motifs from three companies.

A shelter on Marsh Common is a past project from a few years ago and this will now be reviewed for 2024 by Cllrs Pearce and Cameron.

It was discussed that more benches within the parish would also be a potential project for this year.

Dementia friendly community projects to be considered, led by Cllr Woodington.

Allotment projects such as fencing and rebuilding of walls to be investigated by Cllr Drury.

It was noted that we should look at accessibility projects such as supermarket mini bus trips. Cllr Joomun to research further.

232/24 Bus Links in Oxenhope

Discussions took place around the bus links and it was noted that Dales bus are always looking at routes.

Cllr Pearce will write to the Combined Authority about this matter.

233/24 Reporting forms

It was noted that we are receiving several reports around dog fouling, fly tipping and policing matters. Clerk has collated the top five reporting forms and shared on facebook. Clerk to work with Cllr Eastwod to add to website.

234/24 Calderdale Wind Farm

It was noted that there is a significant proposal for a windfarm at Walshall Moor. Cllr Pearce has attended several meetings with other Parish Councils to discuss the plans.

Clerk to make questions available. Clerk to write to CMBC to request that we are added as a consultee for this application.

Discussions took place around the carbon impact of the project.

It was discussed that the Village Council is in favour of renewable energy but would need to know more information before developing an opinion on the project.

235/24 Environmental work

Resolved to approve expenditure of upto £350 for tree work at Marsh Common in line with the Tree Survey recommendations.

236/24 Parking issues in Oxenhope

Discussions took place around the disruptions during events in November and December at the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway (KWVR).

It was suggested that cones will be used for events again and KWVR are looking to extend their car parking facilities.

It was noted that double yellow lines need to be reviewed at Muffin Corner.

237/24 Signage

Resolved that all Cllrs present approved the signage for the allotment plots. Cllr Drury will work with Cllr Eastwood and the Clerk to order this.

238/23 Financial Matters

a) Resolved to authorise the following accounts for payment: -

Payee	Cheque No. / Online	Amount	Description
Steve Thorpe	Online	£335.38	Mowing of the rose garden
PKF Littlejohn	Online	£378.00	Audit Charges

239/24 Minor items and items for next agenda

There was a request for more grit bins which was discussed and it was resolved that a review needs to be done on the location of current bins and where would be most appropriate for new ones to be sited.

Next Agenda - EV Charging points, Grit bins.

Baby barn farm, Hardnase farm issues Cllr Eastwood to chase up.

Rose Garden Christmas lights to be switched off at the end of January 2024.
Clerk to look at an illuminated Christmas tree structure for centre of the garden.

Boundary review - Cllr Eastwood will respond on behalf of the Village Council making the point that there is no geographical connection between Denholme and the Worth Valley and that the proposed new Ward would be very large, diluting the ability of Ward Members to fully serve residents.

Clerk to ensure monthly inspection reports are included on the agenda and to issue reminders to Members a week before the agenda is finalised.

240/24 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 14th February 2024, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.40 pm.