

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, WEST DRIVE,  
OXENHOPE, 7.30 PM**

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

**3 members of the public**

**Minutes**

**241/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies given by Cllrs Harvie, Joomun and Woodington; Ward Cllrs Brown, Herd and Poulson; and Village Council Clerk, Laura White. Resolved to approve the reasons for absence.

**242/24 Disclosures of Interest**

None received.

**243/24 Applications for a Dispensation**

None received.

**244/24 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council's monthly meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved as a true and correct record.
- b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- c) There were no actions required from the Outstanding Issues Report. It was noted that responses and updates on the Shaw Lane toilets and CCTV at Nab Hill were still outstanding.

**245/24 Public Question Time**

Members of the public raised concerns about highway safety at Hawkcliffe Works, in particular the speed of cars on the A6033 and difficulty with safely crossing the road to and from the car park. There was a discussion about highway improvement processes and about possible signage. Members advised that public liability insurance should be checked. It was noted that a Highways Officer has been invited to a future meeting. The Chair agreed to forward relevant information. There was further discussion about possible development at the site, relevant Neighbourhood Plan policies and the Village Council's position with regard to retaining employment and business sites, where possible. It was suggested that direct contact should be made with Bradford Council to seek pre-application advice.

A member of the public commented positively on the works undertaken at the Waste Water Treatment Works by Yorkshire Water.

A member of the public asked about the Village Council's plans with regard to possible green burial provision. Cllr Goulding explained that this was at an early stage of consideration. No site had currently been identified.

**246/24 Guest Speakers**

None.

**247/24 Planning Applications**

**a) Application: 23/04620/FUL - Whin Knowle, Cross Lane, Oxenhope**

Change of use of existing semi detached dwelling into five apartments and demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with new two storey detached unit to provide one dwelling, along with associated external alterations, car parking and landscaping.

**Resolved:** To support the application but to request further consideration of parking and access issues. The Village Council notes that there are no footpaths on Cross Lane, it is a well used walking route to the school and park and the boundary wall to Whin Knowle is particularly tall and curved, potentially adversely affecting sight lines at the proposed new exit.

**b) Application: 23/04631/FUL - Oxenhope CE Primary School, Cross Lane, Oxenhope**

Installation of solar panels - a maximum of 124 modules on the pitched roofs of the school building, with a total generation capacity of around 52kW.

**Resolved:** To support the application.

**c) Application: 23/04652/HOU - Long Ridge, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope**

Demolition of garage and construction of new detached private garage, and demolition of connecting link to eastern side of Long Ridge to separate it from adjoining property (Ridge End).

**Resolved:** Not to make comment on this application.

**d) Application: 23/04655/HOU - Ridge End, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope**

Construction of a new gable end wall as a result of the demolition of the connecting link to the adjoining property, Long Ridge (as applied for under 23/04652/HOU).

**Resolved:** Not to make comment on this application.

**248/24 Village Warden's Report**

Noted. Surface water issues on Dark Lane and A6033 were discussed. Cllr Goulding agreed to contact the land owner.

**249/24 Rose Garden Report**

Noted. The Village Warden to make follow up enquiries with regard to tarmac repairs.

**250/24 Climate Change (Standing agenda item)**

Cllr Goulding gave an update on the EV charging project at the community centre, following a site visit with a Bradford Council Officer. Cllr Eastwood informed Council that his research had revealed that the Village Council cannot lawfully sell electricity

and on that basis proceeding with the scheme proposed by Bradford MDC would seem a sensible way forward.

**Resolved:** To invite Bradford Council to develop proposals for further consideration.

### 251/23 Financial Matters

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

Payee	Cheque No. / Online	Amount	Description
Quality Garden Supplies	Online	<b>£214.06</b>	40 bags of rock salt
HMRC	Online	<b>£1,453.18</b>	Quarterly tax bill
Business Stream	Online	<b>£27.63</b>	Allotment water bill
Mark Whittaker	Online	<b>£11.40</b>	Brush for street sweeping
YLCA	Online	<b>£33.40</b>	Biodiversity training
Methodist Church	Online	<b>£47.50</b>	Room hire
Martek	Online	<b>£184.00</b>	Defibrillator battery

b) Resolved to approve expenditure of upto £1,050 for tree work on Mallard View, Horseshoe Dam and the Rose Garden.

c) Resolved to appoint Account-ant Yorkshire Limited as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2023-24 and to authorise related expenditure.

### 252/24 Minor items and items for next agenda

Cllr Cameron asked about the status of the Millennium Green. Cllr Eastwood stated the Green was managed independently by a charitable Trust. The Village Council had a nominated Trustee position and Cllr Eastwood currently chaired the Trust. The Village Council had previously agreed to make a recurring annual grant to support the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Green.

### 253/24 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, starting at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 8.26 pm.