

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, WEST DRIVE,  
OXENHOPE, 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Cllr Ken Eastwood (Chair)  
Cllr Robert Goulding (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Neal Cameron  
Cllr Debbie Harvie  
Cllr Nick Pearce  
Cllr Rachel Woodington  
Laura White (Clerk)  
Ward Cllrs Russell Brown, Chris Herd and Rebecca Poulsen  
Nora Moran (PCSO)  
1 member of the public

**Minutes**

**270/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Drury and Joomun and the Village Warden.

**271/24 Approval of Reasons for Absence**

Resolved to accept the reasons given.

**272/24 Disclosures of Interest**

None received.

**273/24 Applications for a Dispensation**

None received.

**274/24 Minutes of Meetings (previously circulated to Members)**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council's monthly meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were confirmed as a true and correct record. Cllr Joomun to be added to the minutes as an attendee.
- b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- c) There were no actions required from the Outstanding Issues Report. It was noted that the speed reduction initiative was planned for the year ahead. There was a general discussion about speeding and it was noted there had been a recent fatality on Hebden Bridge Road. There was a further discussion about crime in Oxenhope and it was noted that there had been an increase in outbuilding burglaries, targeting quads, bikes and tools. The Clerk to publish advisory information provided on the Village Council website. Photographs and further details of flytipping issues on Heights Lane to be forwarded to the PCSO.

**275/23 Public Question Time**

None.

**276/24 Guest Speakers**

- a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors
  - Community Payback have been working at the Community Centre.
  - Site at Hardnase Lane has had more fires this month burning rubbish. Cllr Herd is looking to enforce this issue.
  - Cameras at Nab Water Lane will be installed shortly by Calderdale. Possibility of ANPR facility being added.
  - Shaw Lane water issue is being addressed by Bradford Council.

- The street lighting replacement programme will be completed shortly. Cllr Pearce to collate outstanding issues and send to Clerk.
- Cllr Eastwood asked Cllr Herd to chase up an update about the toilets at Penistone Hill.
- It was noted by Cllr Herd that the cobbles are ready to be laid at Harry Lane.
- The flower bed at Shaw Lane corner needs to be fixed/replaced. Cllr Harvie to contact the house owner.

- b) Simon D'Vali of Traffic and Highways - Bradford Council  
Simon D'Vali not present. The Clerk to follow up and express the Council's disappointment with regard to non attendance on two successive occasions when a member of the public had been advised to attend to participate in the debate.

**277/24 Village Warden's Report**

Noted.

There had been some further damage at Marsh Common but the works to the trees had been completed and had been done well.

It was agreed that Cllr Goulding and the Warden would liase with regard to the provision of additional fencing works and warning signs. All necessary works to be undertaken as soon as practicable.

**278/24 Climate Change (Standing agenda item)**

Cllr Gouding is looking at sites for a possible natural burial ground. Working with Ward Cllr Poulsen to move this forward. Cllr Cameron agreed to support and assist further.

**279/24 Marsh Common Report**

Noted. The rotten and broken oak bench to be removed.

**280/24 Financial Matters**

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

Payee	Cheque No. / Online	Amount	Description
Oxenhope Methodist Church	Online	£40	Room hire for February & March
YLCA	Online	£779	Annual membership
Oxenhope Millenium Green Trust	Online	£2,000	Upkeep of Millennium Green
Mark Whittaker	Online	£67.20	Allotment timber - Estate Sawmills
Collin Moses	Online	£600	Invoice 1365 Treework
Mark Whittaker	Online	£12.58	Screwfix Invoice 28/3/24
Mark Whittaker	Online	£47.58	Screwfix Invoice 26/3/24

- b) Resolved to approve expenditure of upto £100 for tap works at the allotments.

**281/23 Minor items and items for next agenda**

Clerk to investigate online access options to Unity Trust Bank and enquire if there is an App.  
Clerk to send details of grants for community building renovations to Cllr Pearce.  
Cllr Woodington to look at how we can help the Community Centre with guidance on digital marketing and advertising.

**282/23 Date and time of next meeting**

The annual meeting of the Village Council will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed 9.02 pm.