

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OXENHOPE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 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  
Cllr Rachel Woodington  
Jill Eastwood (Interim Clerk & RFO)

**Also Present:** Worth Valley Ward Councillors Rebecca Poulsen and Russell Brown

**Minutes**

**316/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ashwaan Joomun and Debbie Harvie, Warden Mark Whitaker and Ward Cllr Chris Herd. The reasons given for absence were approved. It was also noted that Rev Elspeth Cansdale no longer has involvement with St. Mary's Church.

**317/24 Disclosures of Interest**

- a) No declarations of interest from councillors were received.
- b) No written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest were received.
- c) No requests for dispensation were received.

**318/24 Minutes of Meetings**

- a) The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were confirmed as a true and correct record.
- b) The outstanding issues report was noted.

**319/24 Public Question Time**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

**320/24 Guest Speakers**

- a) Worth Valley Ward Councillors  
Cllr Poulsen made reference to the continuing discussions around the proposed Wind Farm, noting that a planning application has yet to be received.  
Cllr Poulsen made reference to the speed reduction proposals for West Shaw and Cllr Brown mentioned that Haworth now has its own speed gun. Cllr Poulsen also stated that Highways Manager Simon D'Vali is leaving the Council, but recruitment to his post will take place. The correspondence from a concerned resident within the village around speeding was noted at this point and concerns were raised about the safety of school children. Cllr Poulsen had spoken to the resident concerned and is speaking to the Police regarding this matter.  
Cllr Poulsen stated that the Payback Team will no longer be undertaking tasks within the village.  
Cllr Poulsen stated that the Straw Race had been a success once again. Cllr Pearce did raise a concern about the route that vehicles were taking while the road closures were in place, although appreciated that the closure of Station Road would not have helped the situation. Cllr Poulsen also stated the the roads were closed 30 minutes before the advertised time which caused some residents difficulty in entering or leaving the village.

Cllr Woodington mentioned the level of rubbish left around the village. It was suggested that contact be made with the Straw Race committee to provide feedback.

Cllr Pearce also enquired who is responsible for the hole in Station Road. It was noted that Yorkshire Water is believed to be the responsible utility.

Cllr Brown mentioned that it was the 10 year anniversary of the Tour de France Yorkshire Grand Depart.

Cllr Brown discussed the new Bradford City of Culture logo and the lack of information about proposed projects in the area. He had spoken to Bradford Council's Noreen Akhtar who had stated that there would be an announcement on 17<sup>th</sup> September from the City of Culture Team.

### **321/24 Planning Applications**

#### **Resolved:**

- a) **24/02162/HOU** – Single storey extension to eastern elevation and alterations to fenestration (resubmission of 23/00289/HOU). Lily Hall Farm Cottage, Upper Marsh Lane, Oxenhope BD22 9RH.

Oxenhope Village Council has no objection to this planning application.

### **322/24 Safety Inspection Reports**

- a) The Marsh Common Safety Inspection Report was noted. A site meeting had been held and Cllr Cameron will produce a report for follow up discussion.
- b) The Horseshoe Dam Area and Sculpture Trail Safety Inspection Report was noted.
- c) The Rose Garden Safety Inspection Report was noted.
- d) The Allotments Monthly Safety Inspection Report was noted.

### **323/24 Council Improvement and Modernisation**

#### **Resolved:**

To subscribe to a managed payroll service and authorise related expenditure as outlined. The Clerk to progress discussion with the preferred supplier and migrate to the new service in due course.

### **324/24 Village Warden's Report**

The Warden's report was noted.

### **325/24 Correspondence**

#### **Resolved:**

- a) Response received from Bradford Council's Energy Team was noted. Clerk to chase.
- b) Speeding within Village was discussed under Guests and Speakers item.
- c) RoW Team are unable to do anything about the bridleway at the end of Stones Lane, but the matter has been reported to the Planning Team. Situation to be kept under review.

### **326/24 Water leaks – Moorhouse Lane**

Discussion took place and decision for Cllrs Goulding and Pearce to report matter to Highways.

### **327/24 Council Vacancy**

Not resolved as neither prospective candidate attended the meeting.

### **328/24 Financial Matters**

#### **Resolved:**

- a) To authorise the following payments: -

Payee	Amount	Description
Mark Whitaker	34.98	Mowing line
	£8.31	Fuel
Ken Eastwood	£1,075.50	Purchase of Village Council Apple MacBook from Curry's Business
Royal Mail	£424.20	PO Box annual charge
Zurich Insurance	£487.05	Insurance policy premium 2024-25
Starboard Systems Limited	£67.20	Monthly subscription to Scribe Accounts

b) To note the balances and bank reconciliation reports.

**329/24 Minor items and items for next agenda**

- a) Cllr Joomun stated by email that he would be presenting an update on Disability Access around the village at the next meeting. However, before that meeting he hopes to bid for funding from the Matthew Good Foundation.
- b) Potential provision of a generator for use in emergency incidents.

**330/24 Staffing Matter**

A staffing matter was considered under closed session. Cllrs Eastwood and Goulding provided an update and will discuss the case further with ACAS.

**331/24 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the Methodist Church on West Drive on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 starting at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.