

# **OXSPRING PARISH COUNCIL**

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25th February 2016

Dear Mr Green,

Thank you for your email and letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 where you requested information about the Proposed Sport and Community Centre.

I can confirm that Oxspring Parish Council holds some of this information.

The numbers below refer to the numbers in your FOI request letter.

For information, Oxspring Parish Council initiated proposals of a Sport and Community Centre in 2006, and the planning application made in 2008 was made by Oxspring Parish Council. In January 2009 a Charitable Trust (Oxspring Parish Sport and Community Centre) was set up to take the project forward. The members of the Charity were made up of residents of Oxspring and representatives of Oxspring United Football Club. From this date forward the Charity was wholly responsible for the project. The Charity is a completely separate body from Oxspring Parish Council. The intention was for Oxspring Parish Council to lease the land that the centre would be built on to the Charitable Trust at the point in the future when the building work was ready to commence. The only involvement of the Parish Council was to receive progress updates from the Charity. For information, Charities are exempt bodies as far as the FOI Act is concerned, and as such much of your request is outside the scope of the FOI Act.

1. Below is a list of all Oxspring Parish Council expenditure on the proposed Sport & Community Centre proposal. In summary expenditure prior to the Charitable Trust being set up involved a feasibility study and getting the project to the planning permission stage. Fees after the charitable trust was set up relate to the Parish Councils fees in arranging a lease contract in preparation for the future. (The contract has not been signed).

## Payments

5 Feb 07	project feasibility study consultancy	1050.00
5 Mar 07	Feasibility Study printing Jon Brailsford Print	11.90
24 May 07	Architectural drawings - Michael Clinch	3900.00
9 Jul 07	additional Feasibility Study costs	88.00
12 May 08	BMBC Planning App Fee	1507.50
12 May 08	St Aidans Hall Hire	28.00
3 Nov 08	Playingfield topographic survey -CT Surveys	352.50
7 Dec 09	Valuation of playingfield - Wilbys Surveyors	100.00
1 Mar 10	Land survey & plans for lease - A Rowley	190.00
7 Nov 11	solicitors Fees for lease document -Pennine Law	1000.00

2. Re an estimated total cost for the delivery of the Sport and Community Centre that had planning permission granted in 2008, no formal quotes or estimates were obtained at that time. An estimated building cost of £640,000 was suggested by the architect at the time of planning

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permission application. I believe the Charity looked at alternative plans at a later date involving a two phase building project of a modular design at a much reduced cost.

3. Oxspring Parish Council has not raised any money for the Community Centre to date. All fund raising was undertaken by the Charity. (Charities are not subject to the FOI Act).
4. Oxspring Parish Council received two grants towards the project. The Parish Council did not receive any other monetary donations. The Parish Council has no information on the financial transactions made/received by the Charity.

### Receipts

16 Jun 06	Grant Awards for All - for feasibility study/architect fees	5000.00
10 May 08	BMBC Area Forum CSF Grant for planning application fee	1500.00

5. Oxspring Parish Council holds no money in connection with the Sport & Community Centre. Any moneys held in connection with the Centre will be held by the Charity; the Parish Council is not party to such information.
6. As the Parish Council holds no money then this question is not applicable to the Parish Council. The Parish Council holds no information of what the Charity plan to do with any money currently held, or even whether such money exists.
7. The Parish Council has not returned any money to the grant providers above as the grants were fully spent. (See above). The Parish Council holds no information on whether the Charity has returned any monies.
8. There have been no meetings/discussions held by the Oxspring NP steering committee and sub-groups or Oxspring Parish Council specifically with regard to how to fund the construction and delivery of the proposed Sport & Community Centre.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to Mrs Stephanie Tolson, Clerk to the Council, 43 Nether Royd View, Silkstone Common, S75 4QQ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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