

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 16 April 2012**

In attendance were: Mr P Simpkin (vice chair) Mr Jock Jones, Mr R Garforth, Mr Terry Woods, Mrs D Simpkin, Ms C Smart, Mr R Horsfall, Mr P Whitehouse (observer) Ms Helen Whitehouse, and Ed Ellitott Barnsley Chronicle reporters and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr P Reckless , Cllr Mr R Barnard

**2. Declarations of Personal Interest,** None.

**3. Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 March 2012 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by.Cllrs Mrs D Simpkin and Mr R Horsfall

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 The Clerk explained that she was unable to confirm details regarding the removal of play equipment in Pilley Pocket Park as Jo Birch at BMBC Parks Services is currently unavailable. The Clerk will follow up as soon as practicable. It was noted that signage re horses has been placed in Lidgett Lane recreation ground.

### **5. Financial Matters:**

<b>a) Expenditure</b>	i) Clerk's salary March 2012	£ 222.19
	ii) Clerk's Expenses – Feb 2012	£ 42.56
	iii)Yorkshire Water	£ 7.24
	iv) LCR Renewal	£ 31.00
<b>b) Income</b>	i) Interest on Deposit Account (Feb 12 )	£ 7.47
	ii)Interst on Deposit Account (March 12)	£ 7.67
	iii) Reimbursement of VAT	£ 369.65
	iv) Parish Precept 2012/13	£11,985.00

### c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 31 December 2011

Current Account	£ 1,496.85
Deposit Account	<u>£17,226.97</u>
TOTAL	<u>18,723.82</u>

### d)Other Financial Matters

- It was raised that in view of the fact that the cost of postage stamps will increase wef 30 April 2012, the clerk should purchase a stock of postage stamps in advance of the increase. It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase stamps to the value of £30.00. Agreed.
- The Clerk raised the issue of the Payroll software package being renewed. The Council agreed that the Clerk should renew the package when it becomes due, cost approx. £55 + VAT. Agreed.

## 6. Planning Applications

a) 2012/0307 18 Walker Rd, Tankersley S75 3DB, Erection of two storey side extension & single storey wrap around extension to dwelling. It was observed by the Council that the building line would be in front of the building line on Fenn Rd. Also on a positive note, that the plans include a double garage which is pleasing to the PC, although another observation would be why the drive way would not be widened. Clerk to write to Planning, Agreed.

2012/ The Rockingham Centre,. Remove existing Cricket score board and replace with a new brick built unit. Single story build on same location. No obs

2012/0038 St Peter's Church, Black Lane, Tankersley. Installation of air sourced heat pump. It was noted that this planning permission has been granted. Noted.

## 7. Parish Plan

**Newsletter** it was reported that the latest edition is progressing well, it is anticipated that the Newsletter will be printed and ready for distribution in time for the next meeting (21 May 2012) One or two articles still o/s. Clerk to follow up, St Peter's school and Affordable Housing.

**Website** No Report.

**Parish Plan** progress from the meeting of 12 April was reported. A draft questionnaire has been drawn up, which the sub group reviewed and evaluated. Work will now focus on the introduction for the Parish Plan, which will be reviewed at the next meeting, 10 May 2012. It is considered that a target date of Sept 2012 for distribution of the questionnaire is still attainable. Noted

**Enhancing The Village, Grass Verges.** Tpeg have suggested that the verges on Pillely Lane would be an ideal location to plant with wildflowers beds. Discussion continued around the types of wildflowers that would be planted, planning, funding, etc. It was also raised that this may be something which might be highlighted from the analysis of the Parish Plan. It was proposed that as

the land on Pilley Lane is BMBC land the PC should invite Jo Birch to attend a PC Meeting to discuss to feasibility of this project. Agreed.

## 8. Group Reports

**Tankersley Community Association.** No report, the next meeting is Tues 17 April 2012. Cllr J Jones will try to attend on behalf of TPC.

**Crime and Safety Partnership.** It was reported that speeding issues on New Rd continue to be a concern. It was confirmed that speed checks have recently been carried out on Westwood New Rd. Graffiti is also still a problem, investigations area on going to ascertain responsibility. Rubbish has been dumped close to Tank Top Bridge, N Pride, are to remove. Noted. It was requested that Mr Wilkinson of Lacton House should be issued with a copy of the minutes from C&S meeting. It was also raised about the possibility of Parish Councillors being able to train to operate portable speed cameras, as this is done in other areas of the country. This point will be raised at the next C&S Meeting, next meeting is Thurs 19 April 2012. It was raised that the PC would like to see results from previous speed camera results, Clerk to pursue with Ward Cllr Paul Hand Davis. Agreed.

**TPEG** It was reported that a very successful “ Open Day” event had taken place in Potter Holes Woodland on Friday 13 April 2012. It was noted that BMBC have recently been removing knotweed in the local area which is very gratifying.

**Forge Partnership** it was reported that Sure Start have received funding for the coming year which is an excellent result for young families in the area. Rockingham Band is going back to the centre, and will be performing fundraising concerts. The senior football team has been disbanded, the centre are looking to set up new teams.

**9. Allotments** It was confirmed that the water supply has now been turned back on. The PC needs to discuss the water consumption with the tenants. A meeting is to be set up to meet with tenants to discuss water usage. Meeting date agreed for Weds 9 May 2012, 7 pm in the Welfare Hall (TW,DS & HC, to attend) Clerk to write to invite all tenants, Agreed.

**10. Motorcross** Cllr Mr Paul Simpkin (Vice Chair) read a letter of reply from Mr Steve Pick, acting Chief Executive, BMBC regarding the issues of the developing Motor cross site. It was noted with disappointment that a reply had eventually been received. It was also noted that Balfour Beatty are working in the area, and that following completion of their maintenance work the land will be restored to its former condition, including the access gate. The PC are concerned about the issues of the protected land, and that BMBC are aware of this. Evidence of activities at the site has been provided previously. Two proposals were put forward; **No1**.to write to the ombudsman, to express the dissatisfaction to the lack of enforcement action being taken by BMBC. Or **No 2**. To gather more evidence and information, to arrange a public meeting, to put further details in the Newsletter, and then review what steps to take in moving forward, before considering to write to the ombudsman. After a majority vote proposal No2 was carried. Clerk to reply to Mr Pick, pointing out that evidence has previously been submitted. Apologise that the land has been given the name of the “Motorcross site”, when in fact it is still protected land which is being developed as such. Include the point that the PC are dissatisfied with the outcomes so far, and are considering taking this issue to the ombudsman. Agreed.

**11. Queens Diamond Jubilee.** It was confirmed that the Fire Service have been informed of the Beacon event on Monday 4 June 2012. It was agreed that at least 2 members of St John Ambulance would be required to attend the event. It was agreed the final arrangements would be resolved at a pre meeting on Mon 21 May 2012, 15 mins prior to the next PC Meeting.

**12. Parish Council Procedures** It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting, and for the time being all procedures should remain as agreed.

### **13. Correspondence**

- a) letter from Barclays Bank re business accounts, Noted, Clerk to complete details.
- b) YLCA, SY Branch nominations. Noted
- c) HMRC, Notification to complete P35, Employer annual return. Noted
- d) Plantscape, Jubilee brochure. Noted
- e) BDO, Notice of annual audit for y/e 31.3.2012. Noted

### **Lates**

- a) letter from TCA , a letter of thanks from TCA for the Grant award for the furniture. Noted
- b) Parish Matters Newsletter from Came & Co PC Insurers. Noted
- c) Invitation to RAY Even: re Localism, Community Rights & Neighbourhood Planning, Noted
- d) Letter & Information re Armed Forces Day, Noted
- e) e mail from Ward Cllr RJB, re Broadband issues. The PC would like to accept the offer of inviting Mr Higgins to attend a future meeting. Clerk to arrange

### **14. Any Other Business**

- a) Parish Council Vacancy. Mr Paul Whitehouse attended the meeting, having previously attended another meeting as an observer, Paul had now expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. After a brief introduction and a summary of his interests and attributes, the Council asked Paul to retire from the meeting, whilst a decision and vote was cast. After a unanimous vote, Mr Paul Whitehouse was coopted to the Parish Council. Mr Paul Simpkin, Vice Chair, congratulated and welcomed Paul to the Council. Clerk to liaise with Paul to complete the appropriate registration documents. Agreed
- b) Highways, it was reported that the verges off Westwood New Rd are unable to be cut due to
- c) Housing, 2 bungalows on Pilley Lane , No 10 & 12 have reported that a large cherry tree is blocking light to their homes and is also obstructing telephone lines. Clerk to report to Berneslai Homes, Agreed.
- c) Highways, it was reported that repeater speed limit signs have recently been erected in some parts of the Borough. In view of this, Clerk to write to Highways to request repeater speed limit signs for New Rd and Lidgett Lane (or possibly children at play, off Lidgett Lane).

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm, Date of next meeting Monday 21 May 2012.**