

Tankersley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 20 February 2012

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (vice chair) Mr Jock Jones, Mr Terry Woods, Mr R Garforth, Mrs D Simpkin, 2 local residents; Mr J Platts (see item 9) and Mr Wilkinson (see item 14a) Ward Cllr Mr R Barnard and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence, None received

2. Declarations of Personal Interest ,Mrs Denise Simpkin declared an interest relating to item 6, Planning Issues, for the development at St Peter,s Church.

3. Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2012 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by.Cllrs Mr Terry Woods and Cllr Mr R Garforth.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Planning Issues, The Clerk summarised a reply received from BMBC Planning Dept regarding the observations noted by the PC at the last meeting relating to the size of the extension at 41 Thorncliffe Way, Tankersley. It was noted that the he property lies within a housing policy area where extensions and alterations to dwellings are considered acceptable where there is no adverse impact on residential amenity and they relate well the original dwelling in terms of design and scale. House Extensions states that two storey side extensions should not have a width greater than two thirds of the original property and in this instance a width of 4m is considered acceptable, the single storey rear extension projects 2.8mfrom the rear elevation and a small reduction in its width would render that elements permitted development, and would not require planning permission and the front extension, although extending the full width of the property, does not project forward of the existing garage and relates well to the original dwelling. Noted.

4.2 The Clerk reported that after seeking advice from Jo Birch, BMBC Park Services, the resident who wanted to work(pruning and bulb planting) in the Peace of Pilley garden would be approved to do so. It was noted that she should be advised to inform Elaine Down, via the PC if there are any large branches etc to be disposed of. Cllr Jock Jones will speak to the resident who raised the question. Agreed.

5. Financial Matters:

a) Expenditure

i) Clerk's salary Feb 2012	£ 222.19
ii) Clerk's Expenses – Jan 2012	£ 46.08
iii) BMBC, Christmas Trees x 2	£ 413.33
iv)Yorkshire Water	£ 181.05

b) Income	i) Interest on Deposit Account, Jan 12	£ 8.12
	ii) Advertising from Newsletter	£ 25.00

c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 31 January 2012

Current Account	£ 587.46
Deposit Account	<u>£ 19,211.83</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 19,799.29</u>

d) Other Financial Matters

6. Planning Applications

a) 2012/0106 Display of Illuminated fascia sign. Pheonix House, Maple Rd, Wentworth Business Park, Tankersley. Noted, No Observations or objections

b) 2012/0038 Formation of hardstanding. St Peter's Church, Black Lane, Tankersley, S75 ODT
Noted, No Observations or objections.

7. Parish Plan

Newsletter It was reported that several articles have been received, with more to come, the next edition of the Newsletter should have sufficient content. Noted.

Website Cllr Richard Garforth reported that the Clerk has now been set up as a user for the maintenance and updating of the website. Noted

Parish Plan a meeting took place on Thursday 16 Feb 2012. The group looked at developing the questionnaire. Keeping the the format simple to encourage returns, and to analyse. A draft of questions to be reviewed at the next meeting. The Group are looking at possibly issuing by Sept '12. Next meeting is Thurs 15 March 2012, at the Welfare Hall. Noted.

8. Group Reports

Tankersley Community Association. No representative able to attend.

Crime and Safety Partnership. Issues which were raised included dog fouling in Pilley, more patrols to be arranged. Parking issues o/s St Peter's School, problems continue. It was noted that there was no Police presence at the last meeting. Graffiti on the road bridge at New Rd was also reported. Noted

Forge Partnership No Report.

Tourism Meeting Next meeting is next week, Noted

9. Allotments. Mr Jack Platts, a resident and tenant from the allotments was present at the meeting to discuss on going issues at the allotment site. Mr Platts reported that when the water supply has been turned back on it would appear that there is a leak from the supply at allotment No 2 or 3. The tenant at the allotment there is aware and will investigate the problem next weekend. Cllr Helen Reckless, Chair thanked Mr Platts for attending the meeting and reporting the problems to the PC. After discussion it was agreed that a Cllr Richard Garforth will make further investigations and report back at the next meeting. Agreed.

10. Affordable Housing The Clerk reported on the event held recently at Glebe Court, by Gillian Williams of BMBC Affordable Housing. The event appeared to be well received by the general public. Issues that were raised at the event include some security concerns of Glebe Court residents and some parking issues were noted. Building access would be off Westwood New Rd, left in, and left turn out. Awaiting Planning approval. Noted.

11. Motorcross It was noted that activity is still occurring at the site, and that the site is completely ruined of any woodland. It was noted that a formal reply has still not been received from BMBC Planning Dept despite the Clerk writing in November 2011. It was agreed that that Clerk should write to the new acting Chief Executive, Mr Steve Pick expressing the concerns of the PC once again. Clerk to include cc to Ward Cllr Robert Barnard. Agreed.

12. Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was noted that TCA will not be taking part in any event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the Beacon will be lit by the PC to commemorate the event. IT was agreed that the Beacon needs to be assessed. Cllr Terry Woods confirmed that EPIP would be able to assist with the funding of repairs or a replacement basket should this be required. It was agreed that several members of the PC would meet with Mr Uilyott, local farmer to assess the condition of the Beacon on Saturday 3 March 2012, TBC. Clerk to contact St Johns Ambulance, and book the hire of the Park if required. Noted.

It was proposed to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee TPC may want to purchase and plant a small conifer tree outside of the Welfare Hall. With the possibility of holding a small event to mark the planting of the tree. Clerk to check with Jo Birch re feasibility of the project. Agreed

13. Correspondence

a)Country Air, RAY Newsletter. Noted

b)White Rose Update, inc YLCA Advice note, Noted

c) e mail from Mr D Shearn re graffiti in Pilley Pocket Park. It was noted that the graffiti on the play equipment has been removed. The remaining graffiti is on private land, and therefore not the responsibility of TPC. Noted

14 Any Other Business

- a) Mr P Wilkinson, local resident had written to the PC and wanted to raise his concerns in person to the PC. Cllr Helen Reckless, summarised the content of the letter for the benefit of the Council members. Mr Wilkinson confirmed having spoken to SY Police about the speeding issues at the location of New Rd, Tankersley. The Chair was able to confirm that speeding is an on going pursuit of the PC, and that numerous speeding concerns have been raised with the Highways Dept at BMBC aswell as SY Police. The Chair confirmed that as a result of Mr Wilkinsons previous letter in November 2011, the PC have requested the SID to be deployed at this site, although this may not be immediate as the PC have already had the benefit of this equipment several times during the past 12 months. Mr Wilkinson expressed his concerns for the pedestrians, school children and other road users. The PC acknowledged that there is a problem, and would continue to act where possible. Cllr Barnard agreed to persue on behalf of the PC. Noted
- b) Village Centre Garden. It was raised that some of the paving flags in the garden are broken, and the Artwork has been damaged. Also a piece of sheet metal has been dumped behind some of the shrubs in the garden. Clerk to report to Jo Birch. Agreed.
- c) Grass Verges, it was raised that road side nature reserves and wild flower beds are becoming popular, being planted in some locations in place of grass verges. It was suggested that this may be something that the PC would consider for some of the Parish verges, it was agreed to set as an agenda item for the next meeting to consider possible suitable locations. Agreed.
- d) Grant Application. TCA had submitted a Grant application for the purchase of 6 chairs, 1 filing cabinet and 2 tables. After discussion it was proposed and agreed by a majority vote that the PC would support the purchase of a filing cabinet (full cost) for use of the PC only and contribute half towards the tables and chairs. Agreed.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14, Date of next meeting Mon 19 March 2012.