

Tankersley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 21 March 2011

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (Vice Chair), Mr Jock Jones, Mr, R Garforth, Mr P Reckless, Ms Carol Smart, Mrs Kate Dodd, Mr Richard Horsfall, Ward Cllr Paul Hand Davis, Mr D Shearn, member of the public and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence were received from, Mr Terry Woods,

2. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 February 2011 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllr Paul Simpkin and Cllr Paul Reckless.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Highways Issues, The Clerk reported that Pot Holes had been reported and acknowledged that repairs will be carried out. Noted work has been completed.

3.2 Highways Continued, Double Yellow Lines o/s St Peter's Primary School, New Rd/ Westwood New Rd. Having spoken with BMBC Highways Dept, the Clerk confirmed Legal notices will be posted on site within the next few weeks. It was acknowledged that there had been delays on the scheme but the work should go ahead shortly, providing no objections are received. Noted.

3.3 Allotments The Clerk summarised the reply from BMBC re their guidelines for joint tenancies of allotments. Due to a number of reasons, mainly financial they do not allow any joint tenancies. It was noted that immediate family can succeed the original tenant once the original tenant leaves/resigns etc. After discussion and a majority vote . it was agreed to reply to the tenant informing him that No joint tenancies are allowed by TPC, Clerk to write to tenant. Allotment agreements to be reviewed at June meeting. Agreed.

3.4 Broadlgs Woodland, The Clerk confirmed having spoken with contractors Till Hill, on behalf of CE Electric. Several low lying branches are in need of cutting back in the Woodland. This is part of their 5 year plan and is required to avoid interruption to supplies in the area. Authorisation given to cut back necessary branches. Noted.

4. Financial Matters:

a) Expenditure	i) Clerk's salary – March 2011	£ 277.59
	ii) Clerk's Expenses – Feb 2011	£ 46.39
	iii) BMBC, installation of Litter Bin	£ 330.00.
	iv) TPEG, Grant application	£ 92.76
b) Income	i) Interest on Deposit Account Feb '11	£ 6.17

Current and Deposit Account Statements

As at 28 February 2011		
	Current Account	£ 530.95
	Deposit Account	<u>£16,115.74</u>
	TOTAL	<u>£16,646.69</u>

d)Other Financial Matters

Grant Applications

Tankersley Bowling Club, this application was considered again after receiving further financial information. After discussion it was considered that the PC would still require further information and clarity as to the position with BMBC, it is understood that BMBC will now NOT be withdrawing their maintenance services as previously thought. Confirmation and clarification required, Clerk to write to secretary of Bowling Club.

TPEG an application was submitted by the Environment Group for assistance with repairs and replacement parts for their Brush Cutter. After consideration it was agreed to approve this application. Clerk to write to the Group.

5. Planning Applications

None received

6.Parish Plan

Newsletter, Cllr Richard Garforth, Editor reported on the latest edition of the newsletter. Several articles have been received. A Suggestion was raised to hold a Photo competition to be held at the Summer Gala, and to be advertised in the newsletter. It was agreed that a draft of the Newsletter will be complete for the April meeting, with the Newsletter to go to print and be ready for distribution by end of May/June.

Website, an update was provided, including that all minutes from TPC are now uploaded. A point was raised as to how much information should be held on this website, ie other local groups. It was agreed that other local groups can be linked via the website, but to include a disclaimer to confirm that TPC does not support any of the Groups and reserves the right to refuse a link to any Group at the discretion of TPC. Agreed.

Parish Plan was agreed that the first meeting of the Sub Group to discuss the Parish Plan will take place on Thursday 7 April 2011, 7 p.m. Council Chamber, Welfare Hall. Progress to be reported at the next PC Meeting.

Enhancing the Village. Scarecrow Competition. Cllr Kate Dodd tabled a draft advertisement in order to promote the competition. It was Agreed to include in the next Newsletter, With the general idea being to develop the competition over a number of years; e.g.this year to invite local residents to come along to the Gala and make their Scarecrow on the day. Items required would be tressle table, Clothes, straw,twine, stand post etc. A poster would be required for advertising (Cllr Paul Reckless to look into) and a banner on the day. Agreed.

7. Group Reports

Tankersley Community Association.Cllr Richard Garforth reported on outcomes from the last meeting. Including that concerns were relayed re their financial situation. TCA confirmed that they were required to retain 1 years running costs in their account, whilst making the point that this is a non profit making organisation. It was noted that Youths had recently caused damage to an asbestos tank on the roof of the welfare hall, although TCA insurance will cover claim.

Crime and Safety. Partnership. It was confirmed that parking restriction letters had been issued recently by the Headteacher at St Peter's School. There were no crime reports for Pilley and Tankersley, the only reports being theft from allotments at Birdwell, 3 burglaries, and several reports of cannabis farms. Subjects to be raised at the next meeting include, scrap collections in the area, also parking issues around the area close to the Motocross track, Greaves Lane becoming severely obstructed by the volume of vehicles. Noted

TPEG, The Group have expressed concern re grass verges in the area, and have been looking at Bye laws against parking on grass verges. Noted. Work has been carried out on the "Tankersley Stone". It was decided to clear and dig out in front of the stone rather than to raise it. The Group are also considering re setting the dry stone walls on Lidgett Lane. Noted

Forge PartnershipIt was reported that most of the outcomes of the last meeting were not relevant to TPC.

Yorkshire Tourism Focus Group Yorkshire Forward are becoming more involved, the Tourism Forum is becoming more commercial. Clerk to post details of Annual Gala, Agreed.

Local Council Elections The Clerk reported to the Council the information received at the briefing of Parish Clerks relating to the upcoming local and Parish Council Elections. Within the next few days the Clerk will receive Nomination packs for all Councillors. Cllr Helen Reckless, Chair proposed that all members should meet on Monday 28 March at 7 pm to complete the nomination papers, Agreed. Clerk will then arrange to take nominations to Electoral Services on Tues 29 March. Clerk will then update Councillors of possible Election when information becomes available. Agreed.

8. Ward Issues Ward Cllr Paul Hand-Davis attended the meeting and raised the following points to the Parish Council. PACT Meetings, Paul relayed information regarding these meetings and positioned that input is required from local people. Noted. Speeding, Paul explained that the Speed Indicator Devices are available to assist in helping to reduce speed, any request for the equipment to be installed should be directed to him, Noted. It has been acknowledged that Rural Broadband is an issue in the Parish, i.e. less than 1 megabyte. Paul was able to provide details of Broadband Grant Schemes; further assistance can be received from Peter Mir fin, BMBC. Paul was able to confirm that Angela Smith MP has recently been able to confirm that the Paramedic/ First Responder provision will not be reduced. A letter from Angela Smith was tabled which confirmed their numbers will actually increase from 15 to 22 weft July 2011. Noted. Regarding the Play Area's in the village, Grant requests are still in operation and that they would be considered favourably where possible. Noted.

9 Improving the Village. Several suggestions were put forward, including "adopt a bench" a scheme whereby local residents could be responsible for the up keep of the area surrounding the numerous village benches, ie keeping weed free, planting flowers etc. To be advertised in Newsletter. Agreed. The pond off New Rd, appears to be neglected, some clearing work required. Hanging Baskets around the village. After discussion it was agreed that costings would be required, Clerk to contact Jo Birch, Agreed. Parish Notices Boards are looking well worn and may need some maintenance. Pilley Green, the junction at Pilley Green/ New Rd, a traffic Island has long been a requirement. This could be a focal point and would also help to reduce speed. It was Agreed that the Clerk should invite Steve Gibbons, BMBC Highways to attend a future meeting to discuss the possibilities and implications of such a scheme.

10. Correspondence

- a) LCR, Spring 11, Local Council Brief, Noted
- b) Glasdon Direct, catalogue, Noted
- c) SY Fire & Rescue Brief, Noted
- d) Rural Action Yorkshire, SY Events. Noted

Lates

11. Any Other Business

- a) Traffic issues at the Motorcross Park, previously already raised and to be raised through Crime & Safety partnership. Noted
- b) Parish Council Vacancies, It was noted that Mrs Denise Simpkin is interested in becoming a TP Councillor. After discussion is was agreed that Denise should be invited to attend the meeting on 28 March, in order to complete a PC nomination form. Agreed.
- c) Traffic Issues, it was agreed that the Clerk should forward a request to Cllr Paul Hand Davis re the SID request at Chapel Rd.
- d) More grass verges have been disturbed at the junction of Tankersley Lane/ New Rd, daffodils have also been spoiled. It was Noted that Morrisons were the contractors on this occasion, Clerk to report.

e) The Play area equipment in Pilley Pocket Park is in need of review, Chair and Vice Chair to review and report findings at the next meeting.

d) Furniture, the Parish Council chamber is in need of replacement furniture. Cllr Helen Reckless to look into and report at the next meeting.

e) The Dovecote, concerns were expressed again at the condition of the protected building, noted that the roof has deteriorated. Clerk to speak to BMBC for advice.

d) Grass verges, it was noted that during the recent extension works to St Peters School, the contractors are parking on the verges causing damage to the grass and bulbs planted there. Clerk to report.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.23, Date of next meeting