

Tankersley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 21 May 2012

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr Jock Jones, Mr Terry Woods, Mr R Garforth, Mr Paul Reckless, Ms Carol Smart, Mr Robert Lodge, Mr Paul Whitehouse, Miss H Whitehouse, Mr Ed Elliott, Barnsley Chronicle reporters and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

1. Election of Chairman – Mrs Helen Reckless, nominated by Cllr Cllr Mr Terry Woods and seconded by Cllr Mr Richard Garforth, Cllr Mrs Helen Reckless was elected unopposed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

2 Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr P Simpkin, nominated by Cllr Terry Woods and seconded by Cllr Mr Paul Reckless, Cllr P Simpkin was elected unopposed.

1. Election of representatives on Tankersley Community Association – Cllr Mrs Denise Simpkin and Cllr Paul Whitehouse nominated by Cllr Paul Reckless , and seconded by Cllr Terry Woods

2. Election of Representative on Penistone Peak and Pennine Tourist Forum (to also include attendance at the EPIP Meetings) Cllr T Woods, nominated by Cllr Richard Garforth and seconded by Cllr Paul Reckless,. Mr T Woods was elected unopposed,.

3. Election of any other Representatives:

a) Wortley Poors Trust, Cllr Carol Smart & Cllr Jock Jones, nominated by Cllrs Woods and Cllr Garforth respectively

b) Forge Partnership - Cllr P Simpkin & Cllr Paul Reckless nominated

c) Crime & Safety Partnership, Cllr P Simpkin, nominated

d) TPEG,Cllr Jock Jones nominated

Any other Representatives to be elected as necessary.

4. Signing of Bank Mandate if necessary – N/A as all signatories remain.

5. Authorisation of Year End Accounts 2011/2012 these were approved signed and dated.

6. Any Other Annual Meeting Business. None

9.The Clerk reminded all members of the need to complete any changes in registerable interests. The Clerk explained the Risk Assessment strategy relating to PC activities, including insurance and updated inventory, transparency of reporting procedures concerning PC finances and other matters, including the Insurance cover for the fidelity guarantee. The Members agreed that this cover is adequate. Also, in relation to members of the general public: transparency and availability of financial information to Parish Councillors on a regular basis together with PC Meetings being open to the General Public. All Councillors approved the strategy.

The Annual Meeting Closed at 7.16 pm

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1.Apologies for Absence were received from Mr P Simpkin, Mrs D Simpkin Mr R Horsfall

2. Declarations of Personal Interest, No declarations of personal interest were received.

3. Approval of the Minutes the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 April 2012 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllrs Mr J Jones and Mr T Woods

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Highways Issues, The Clerk summarised a letter of reply from Mr D Richardson re speed limit repeater signs throughout the village. Points re the siting of repeater speed limit signs were noted.

4.2 Highways, grass verges on Pilley Lane re wildflower planting project. Cllr Jock Jones confirmed speaking with Highways Dept and Green Estates, Sheffield re the planting scheme. It was agreed that the PC would need further detail and information from Highways before adopting the grass verges for this scheme. Clerk to contact Andrea Jackson at BMBC Highways Dept, to invite to a future meeting to discuss the implications of the project. Agreed

5. Financial Matters:

a) Expenditure

i) Clerk's salary May 2012	£ 222.19
ii) Clerk's Expenses April 12	£ 127.40
iii)YLCA, Good Councillor Guide	£ 5.50
iv)Network Broker(PC Insurance)	£ 622.20
v)Garnett Dickinson, Newsletter Printing costs	£ 540.00
b) Income	
i) Interest on Deposit Account April 12	£ 7.04

ii) V A T Reimbursement	£ 369.65

c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 30 April 2012

Current Account	12,554.15
Deposit Account	<u>17,234.01</u>
TOTAL	<u>29,788.16</u>

d)Other Financial Matters

- The Clerk reported that Mrs Sue Schubert was happy to carry out the internal audit on behalf of the Parish Council, which would be undertaken following the approval of the year end accounts. Noted

6. Planning Applications None Received

7. Parish Plan

Newsletter The latest issue is ready and available for distribution, including many forthcoming events. ie Summer Gala. It was agreed that the PC would sponsor the prizes for the Photo Competition, prizes of £15, £10 and £5 agreed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, RG to coordinate and seek compensation of prize money at the next meeting.

Website .It was noted that the website may be offline briefly, due to the provider.

Parish Plan It was confirmed that the meeting of 10 May '12 was cancelled, it was proposed that he next meeting would be Thurs 14 June, Clerk to confirm with all members of the sub group. Agreed.

8. Group Reports

Tankersley Community Association. No Report

Crime and Safety Partnership. No Report

TPEG It was reported that a small wall has been erected surrounding Rose Cottage. Tpeg ARE HOPING THAT THE Open Day event in Potter Holes woodland will become an annual event, fund permitting. The hedgehog release which was anticipated has been withdrawn due to Badgers in the area. Consideration is being given to the Daily Mail competition, "Clean for the Queen ", and also for further litter picks.

Forge Partnership .No Report

9.Allotments The Clerk reported on outcomes of a recent meeting with allotment tenants. The aim of which was to discuss the possibility of costs incurred by the PC being passed on to the

tenants, ie increased water charges. The Clerk reported that the tenants were all aware of excessive costs being incurred and all were in agreement to this. Other points raised included. 1. Mr Ellaway asked about family members taking a joint allotment tenancies. It was agreed that Mr Ellaway's son should be invited to apply to the waiting list. Clerk to write to Mr Ellaway. 2. A large tree close to the boundary wall seems to be blocking light to the allotment No 5, a request was received regarding cutting the tree back. Clerk to contact Elaine Down, N Pride. Agreed. 3. Several complaints were aired regarding allotment No 7 which appears to be un kept. Clerk to check the allotment agreement and write to the tenant to give appropriate notice. Agreed.

10. Motorcross The Clerk read a letter of reply from Mr S Frow, Head of Regulatory services, BMBC. Discussion continued to consider what course of action to pursue. **Proposal No 1**, to review the damage, by requesting a site visit with Planning Enforcement/Footpaths officer/tree officer. **Proposal No 2**, to write to the local government ombudsman immediately, re procedures and maladministration. After a majority vote, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to BMBC to coordinate the proposed site meeting, cc to all ward Councillors, Council Leader and Council Deputy Leader.

11. Queens Diamond Jubilee The Clerk confirmed that notification has been received that the Beacon will be lit at 10.15pm on Monday 4 June 2012. All arrangements are in place. Cllr Jock Jones to coordinate arrangements to load the basket on the day, and area surrounding the Beacon to be cordoned off. St Johns Ambulance will be in attendance, a donation of £65(approx) to be paid on receipt of invoice following the event. Agreed.

12. Parish Council Procedures Further to the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2012, where questions were raised by members of the electorate, the PC agreed to consider their procedures. Cllr Helen Reckless confirmed that it was good practice that any questions in future should be put in writing to the PC, and that this would be the procedure in future. Each question raised was covered and resolved by the PC, Clerk to reply to Mr Shearn regarding these points. Agreed.

13. Correspondence

- a) E mail from Mr P Wilkinson re Speeding issues. Clerk to reply to Mr Wilkinson explaining the efforts carried out by the Council on behalf of the electorate. Agreed.
- b) E mail from Mr D Shearn, re Parish Council Meetings. Clerk to reply to Mr Shearn apologising for any misunderstandings. Agreed.
- c) Letter from Network Rail re Communication System. Noted
- d) YLCA, White Rose Update. Noted

Lates

- e) SY Fire & Rescue, monthly briefing. Noted
- f) YLCA. Briefing Policy, The Queens Speech. Fwd to all via E mail.
- g) YLCA, Info of Audit fee scales for smaller bodies. Noted

15. Any Other Business

- a) It was noted that comments had been received re information re the Summer Gala, it was noted that there is very little information from TCA re the date. It was noted that details are included in the latest Parish Council Newsletter.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20, Date of next meeting Mon18 June 2012