

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 21 November 2011**

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (vice chair) Mr Jock Jones, Mr P Reckless, Mrs D Simpkin, Mr Terry Woods, Ms Carol Smart, Mr Robert Lodge, Ward Cllr Mr J Andrews , Ward Cllr R Barnard and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr R Garforth

**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 17 October 2011 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllrs Paul Simpkin and Cllr Denise Simpkin

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 Highways issues, the clerk reported that work has now been completed to set down the double yellow lines o/s St Peter's Primary School. Noted. Also, Chapel Rd, the section of the road which was raised at the last meeting as being in poor condition has been partially resurfaced, noted that the road surface is much improved. Cllr Robert Barnard stated that it is hoped that this road will be part of the local roads programme for next year. Noted

4.2 The Dovecote, the Clerk reported that no further progress has been made re the Dovecote, Clerk to persue contact with Tony Wiles at BMBC, Noted.

4.3 Grafitti in the area close to the bridge on New Rd has been removed, Noted

4.4 Finance, The Clerk asked the Council if they would retrospectively approve the purchase of a gift for Mrs Sue Schubert following the successful approval and completion of the external audit. The Council agreed a £20 spend, as traditionally awarding in recognition of the work done re the internal audit earlier in the year. Agreed.

4.5 It was noted that section 5a, Finance, page 1229 included 2 payments of £65.00 to BMBC for payment of Park Hire. This was an error, minutes to be amended to reflect one payment of £65.00 only. Agreed.

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

#### **a) Expenditure**

i) Clerk's salary Nov 2011	£ 222.19
ii) Clerk's Expenses – Oct 2011	£ 39.20
iii) Dee Bees DIY	£ 250.00
iv) St John Ambulance	£ 78.00
v) Garnett Dickinson Publishing, Newsletter	£ 525.00

<b>b) Income</b>	i) Allotment Rent	£ 106.00
	ii) Interest on Deposit Account	£ 8.71

**c) Current and Deposit Account Statements**

Current Account	£ 1,807.75
Deposit Account	<u>£ 20,187.21</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£ 21,994.96</u></b>

**d) Other Financial Matters**

- **Review of Future Projects.** It was raised that as the work on the Parish Plan is currently being developed, and it is anticipated that the Parish Plan will highlight areas of concern and ideas for development, that this review should be postponed until the outcome of the Parish Plan has been assessed. Agreed. The purchase of Grit bins may be a possible consideration, approx. costs are thought to be in the region of £400, Agreed to defer to a later date.
- **Grant application, Rockingham CCC.** The Clerk reported that the accounts and balance sheet had been supplied by the Cricket Club as requested. After discussion and consideration it was proposed that this request did not provide adequate information regarding the benefit the local community, after a majority vote this motion was carried. It was proposed that a strict criteria should be drawn up regarding the awarding of all future grants. Agreed to set as an agenda item for the next meeting. Clerk to reply to RCCC. Agreed.
- **Glebe Court, new proposal re Christmas Tree.** It was noted that Glebe Court have recently sourced the funding for the new Christmas tree by other means. Noted.

**6. Planning Applications** 2011/ 1024, 9 Thorncliffe Way, Tankerlsey. No objections/ No observations It was noted that Ms Carol Smart abstained from the vote.

**Motor Cross Development** It was raised that further development appears to have taken place recently at the Motor Cross Development adj to A616. It was noted that activity appears to be taking place every weekend at the site. The track has been further developed and portacabins have been installed, with new access and a gate. Despite previous communications the PC are disappointed that no further planning consultations have been received. The pc is fully aware of the permitted activity, and feels that this has been exceeded. Clerk to write to Planning Dept (cc to Cllr J Andrews & Cllr Barnard) Agreed.

**7. Parish Plan**

**Newsletter** It was noted that the Winter 2011 edition of the Newsletter was now complete and ready for distribution.

**Website** No report.

**Parish Plan** No further meetings have taken place. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cllr Richard Garforth to discuss moving ahead with further meetings. Agreed.

## **8. Group Reports**

**Tankersley Community Association.** No Report

**Crime and Safety. Partnership.** Issues raised at the last meeting included the theft of copper from over head power lines, vandalism at Tank Top Bridge, and graffiti generally in the area. The Police are investigating these issues, and have requested that any local knowledge should be communicated through Crimestoppers etc. Clerk to write to antisocial behaviour team re prompt removal of graffiti. It was noted that generally youth nuisance has declined in the area. Although it was noted that there had been a disturbance in Pilley Pocket Park on Saturday evening (19.11.2011) whereby the Police responded very quickly.

**TPEG,** It was reported that future projects include coppicing r/o the Welfare Hall. Clearing pathways in Broad Ings Woodland, and installation of bird boxes. Further work in Potter Holes Plantation includes removal of tree protectors. Noted.

**Forge Partnership** No Report

**Tourism Meeting** Representative Councillors recently attended the AGM. It was noted that little information is reaching the group regarding information for their website, i.e. notification of local events etc. Noted

**9. Annual Bonfire** Another very successful event was reported, with positive comments received re the fireworks. Cllr , Helen Reckless, Chair, Thanked all who contributed to the event. The Clerk is to write letter of Thanks to the wood donors and R & G Ulliyott. It was also noted that events such as the Bonfire desperately need volunteers, Noted.

**10 Children's Christmas Parties.** The Clerk reported that all plans are in place for the forthcoming Children's Party, Fri 2 December 2011. Christmas Trees – Clerk to find out from Elaine Down when the trees are to be erected, inform Cllr Paul Simpkin by Friday 25 Nov, Agreed

## **11. Correspondence**

- a) RAY Rural News Autumn 2011, Noted
- b) Queens Diamond Jubilee Commorative Items for Town & Parish Councils, to review at the Dec Meeting.
- c) YLCA Briefing re subscription fees, Noted
- d) BMBC Supplementary Planning Documents, Noted
- e) SY Police, Info re new Non Emergency Tel No, Noted – to display information locally, agreed.
- d) YLCA, Info briefing, Noted
- e) SY Fire & Rescue News , Noted

## **12. Any Other Business**

a) Tankersley Lane, it was noted that a new communications box has been installed on Tankersley Lane, close to Glebe Farm. Would it be possible for it to be painted green rather than the silver colour it currently is.

b)Highways, branches are overhanging the highway on Rockley Lane, Clerk to report to Highways Dept. Agreed.

c)Peace of Pilley, the resident in the house next to the memorial garden is concerned about the boundary fence, as it is now fallen down. Clerk to confirm ownership and boundary with Berneslai Homes. Agreed.

d)Allotments, Water bill. After recently investigating it is possible that there is a water leak at the allotment site. Further investigations are to be carried out at the site. It would appear that more taps have been installed. Agreed to review at the next meeting. Clerk to follow up revised water account with YW. Agreed.

d) Ward Cllr Jim Andrews summarised information to the Council re the proposals for the Fire Service delivery changes. Including the duty system cover. A copy of the summary document was supplied to the PC for information. Noted.

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55, Date of next meeting Mon 19 December 2011**