

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 17 October 2011

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simplin (vice chair) Mr Jock Jones, Mr R Garforth, Mrs D Simpkin, Mr Robert Lodge, Adam Guest, Barnsley Chronicle reporter and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr P Reckless,

**2. Declarations of Personal Interest**, Declarations of personal interest were received from Mr P Simpkin and Mr Jock Jones for item 6, planning application 2011/1223 and recorded in the declarations of interest register.

**3. Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 September 2011 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllrs Richard Garforth and Cllr Denise Simpkin

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 Highways issues, the clerk reported that an e mail reply has been received from Highways Dept in support of the request by TPC for a TPO at the location r/o 9 Longspring Grove, Tankersley.

4.2 Allotments, the Clerk reported that following a letter to the tenant at allotment No 7, which it had been noted that the plot was unkept. The tenant had been in touch with the Clerk and confirmed that due to a recent illness he had not been able to tend to the allotment in recent months. However the tenant had now confirmed that with assistance from a friend he hoped to be able to maintain the allotment in the coming months. Noted.

4.3 Berneslai Homes, the clerk summarised an e mail reply regarding the report of horse excrement on The Avenue, Tankersley, Regulatory Services have confirmed that no further action will be taken. Noted.

4.4 The Dovecote, the Clerk confirmed that despite numerous attempts to contact Tony Wiles at BMBC, no contact had been made. Clerk to speak to Tony Wiles in the near future, Noted.

4.5 Highways, it was raised that the work to put down double yellow lines o/s St Peter's Primary school has still not been completed. Clerk to write to Darren Richardson to request a firm date for completion. (cc to Cllr John Wilson)

Point 5.d Christmas Tree at Glebe Court, disappointment was registered that the purchase of a Christmas tree for the residents at Glebe Court had been rejected. Discussion continued around the basis of the decision. It was agreed that this decision be rescinded and that a new proposal will be presented at the next meeting, Agreed.

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

#### **a) Expenditure**

i) Clerk's salary –	2011	£ 222.19
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<b>b) Income</b>	ii) Clerk's Expenses –	£ 65.22
	iii) BMBC, Bonfire Park Hire	£ 65.00
	iv) Expenses for Christmas Party	£ 400.00
	v)BDO, External Audit fees	£ 162.00
	vi) BMBC, Hire of Park, Bonfire	£ 65.00
	i)Interest on Deposit Account	£ 9.09

**c) Current and Deposit Account Statements**

Current Account	£ 423.36
Deposit Account	<u>£22,178.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£22,601.86</u></b>

**d)Other Financial Matters**

- **External Audit,** The Clerk confirmed completion of the external audit from BDO, as approved and dated 30 September 2011. Accounts & information will be made available for any electors who may wish to view they/e accounts. The Clerk confirmed the notice of completion will be posted on the Parish notice board. The Clerk read the report of issues arising, regarding the asset register. It was Noted that the Clerk would include details of all assets with future audit returns. Agreed. It was also agreed that a copy of the accounts would be posted onto the PC website.
- **Grant Applications – Monitoring Process,** the Clerk tabled a draft copy of a monitoring form. After review the Council agreed that a copy of the monitoring form should be issued at the time any grant cheques are issued. It was agreed that for audit purposes the monitoring form should be issued retrospectively to the 2 previous grant awards within the current financial year (St Peters School & The Bowling Club).
- **Half Yearly Financial Review** The Clerk presented details of the balance sheet to 30 September 2011. After reviewing the current financial situation it was agreed that the Council would consider any future projects at the next meeting, ie any particular work/projects that would be carried out in the near future. It was agreed to set as an agenda item for the November meeting.
- **Grant application, Rockingham CCC.** The Clerk tabled details of a grant application from Rockingham Colliery Cricket Club, looking for support from the PC in the training of coaches for the junior cricket teams. After consideration it was noted that the accounts and balance sheet information from RCCC had been omitted. Clerk to write to RCCC to request this information, to be re considered at the next meeting.

**6. Planning Applications** 2011/1223 Rose Cottage, Westwood New Rd, Tankersley. No objections/ No observations.

## 7. Parish Plan

**Newsletter** Richard Garforth, Editor confirmed that the latest edition of the Newsletter is all but complete. One more article re the newly installed play equipment at St Peter's Primary School to be included. Noted the official opening of the new foundation unit at the school will be Thurs 20 October, all councillors have been invited to attend.

**Website** Nothing to report.

**Parish Plan** No further meetings have taken place, date for the next meeting set as Thursday 10 November 2010, 7pm, Welfare Hall.

## 8. Group Reports

**Tankersley Community Association** Date of the next meeting confirmed as Tues 25 October 2011.

**Crime and Safety. Partnership.** No Report, Date of next meeting is Thursday 20 October 2011.

**TPEG**, It was reported that the group are hoping to complete some coppicing work in the area r/o welfare hall and Potter Holes plantation. The group passed on apologies as they had not included an article in the latest Newsletter, Noted.

**Forge Partnership** No report

**Tourism Meeting** No report

**SW Area Partnership Meeting**, Cllr Helen Reckless, Chair, reported on outcomes of the meeting. Gerry Green had asked that any areas in Parishes which are in need of remedial highway repair should be reported, and would be duly considered for attention. It was suggested that Chapel Rd (between the junction at Pilley Ln towards Pilley Hills bend) was an area within the Parish which would benefit from road repairs by Highways Dept. Cllr Helen Reckless to report this location to GG, Agreed. It was also confirmed that the minutes from the ward panel meetings are to be forwarded on to Parish Clerks, Noted.

**9. Annual Bonfire** It was confirmed by the Clerk that all arrangements are now in place. Fireworks are ready and will be available for collection on the day. Clerk to send risk assessment to Insurers before 22 Oct, as requested. It was noted that volunteers would be required to help collect the wood and build the bonfire.

**10 Children's Christmas Parties.** A cheque for £400 was issued to the Clerk to cover the expense of the Christmas Parties. Volunteers would be required, Clerk to contact the school re numbers and parent volunteers. Agreed.

**11. Review of Traffic problems at New Rd/ Westwood New Rd**, it was reported that the residents at Glebe Court were looking for support with their campaign for safer roads around Glebe Court. Cllr Helen Reckless(Chair) said that she had observed extreme parking issues on Westwood New Rd, either side of Glebe Court, leading to difficulties for the residents; in crossing the road and access and regress to the Centre. After discussion it was felt that double yellow lines would be the only feasible solution. It was also suggested that residents may want to display polite notices to the effect of making people aware of where they are parking. Clerk to write to Cllr Paul Hand Davis in support of their plight. Agreed.

**12. Allotments review**, After discussion and consideration of expenses incurred by the PC re the allotments, two proposals were put forward. 1. To increase the annual rent to £28.00 per annum. 2.

To increase the annual rent to £26.00 per annum. Proposal 2, was seconded by Cllr P Simpkin, and it was carried that the rent would be set at £26.00 per annum. After further discussion it was agreed that the Council should meet with the tenants in the new year to review the tenancy agreements and to further discuss any proposed changes, date to be confirmed. Clerk to write to all tenants to make them aware. Agreed. Set as an agenda item for Jan 2012, to review and agree date for meeting. Following a recent water bill for the allotments indicating a nil advance on the meter reading, Clerk to contact Yorkshire Water re an accurate meter reading check. Agreed

**13. Parish Council Vacancy** The Clerk confirmed that the latest vacancy has been advertised in accordance with guidelines from BMBC, Electoral Services. Confirmation has now been received from Electoral services that after no response from the electors, the PC can now fill the vacancy by co option. Noted.

#### **14. Correspondence**

- a) Letter from Boundary Commission for England, Noted
- b) Rural Action Yorkshire, Annual Review & AGM. Noted
- c) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons, guide to taking part. Agreed to set as an agenda item for Dec 2011 for further discussion.
- d) White Rose Update. Noted
- e) Letter from Berneslai homes re horse faeces. Noted
- d) Guidance booklet from CPRE, How to respond to planning applications. Noted
- e) SY Fire & Rescue, monthly brief. Noted

#### **15. Any Other Business**

a) complaints have been received from residents regarding late night fireworks at Tankersley Manor. On Sat 1 October it was noted that an extremely loud firework display had disturbed several residents, Clerk to write to Tankersley Manor, agreed.

b) It was noted the notice board which was in position at Broad Ings Woodland is not repairable after the contractor had recently been to review. Noted

c) concerns have been expressed from residents at Stone Leigh regarding Grit bins. The Chair was able to explain that no further grit bins will be installed this year. Although, BMBC are looking for volunteers to be "Snow wardens. Anyone interested should in the first instance contact Cllr John Wilson. It was raised that grit bins may be an item that the PC would consider purchasing in the future. Review of expenditure to be considered at the next meeting. Agreed.

d) Graffiti, Westwood New Rd, it was noted that the mast at the top of Westwood New Rd has been covered with graffiti, Clerk to report to Neighbourhood Pride, will also be raised at the next Crime & safety meeting.

e) It was noted that a large plastic container containing a pink coloured liquid has appeared on the site at Glebe Farm, Tankersley Lane, Clerk to report to Reg Services, Agreed.

f) For information it was noted the Sgt Darren Taylor has recently left Hoyland Station, the new PS will be PS Andy Bagshaw.

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.24, Date of next meeting Mon 21 November 2011**