

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 15 October 2012**

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair) Mr P Simpkin (vice chair) Mr J Jones, Mr P Reckless, Mrs D Simpkin, Mr R Lodge, Mr R Horsfall, Ms C Smart, Mr P Whitehouse, Ward Cllr Mr J Wilson, Mr P Riley (Friends of the Earth) for item 9 and several members of the public attended the meeting for item 10 re the LDF Consultation also Mrs H E Charlesworth, Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs MR T Woods, Mr R Garforth

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.** None

**3. Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 September 2012 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by.Cllrs Mr P Simpkin and Cllr P Reckless.

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 As an addendum to the Minutes of 17 Sept 2012, the Clerk omitted to include in the category of Any Other Business, the commemorative tree, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to be planted o/s the Welfare Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should persue further details with BMBC Park Services with a view to planting a commemorative tree in the New Year. Clerk to report details at the next meeting. Agreed.

4.2 Christmas Trees, the Clerk confirmed having received e mail from Mike Egner at BMBC confirming that the Christmas Trees have been ordered and will be in pace for the festive season at Glebe Court and O/S the Welfare Hall. Noted.

4.3 Parish Council Files, The Clerk confirmed having spoken with Paul Stebbing at BMBC Local History, the Clerk is to co ordinate the transfer of relevant files to the local history archive. Agreed.

4.4 Allotments, it was noted that Mr J Cotterill Bolsover was recently offered and accepted the current allotment plot vacancy with immediate effect. Noted.

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

#### **a) Expenditure**

i) Clerk's salary Oct 2012	£ 221.99
ii) Clerk's Expenses – Sept 2012	£ 59.64
iii)BDO External Audit	£ 198.00
iv) Yorkshire Water	£ 47.68
v) Hot Metal Press	£ 92.70

<b>b) Income</b>	i) Interest on Deposit Account -	£ 9.70
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**c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 30 September 2012**

Current Account	£ 586.22
Deposit Account	<u>£25,290.59</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£25,876.81</u></b>

**d) Other Financial Matters**

**Completion of External Audit** The Clerk reported that the completion of External Audit by BDO was approved on 11 Sept 2012. The Clerk summarised the issues arising report, which included detail of issues of 1) Minutes 2) Asset register 3) Fidelity Guarantee. All points of action were noted by the Council, it was agreed that the Clerk will put in place actions to update the recommendations as required. It was confirmed that the Notice of Completion of audit to be placed in the PC Notice Board, with the statement of Accounts to be included on the PC Website, Clerk to liaise with Cllr R Garforth. Agreed

**Interim Finance Review** The Clerk tabled a copy of the interim finance statement to 30 Sept 2012. However, due to time constraints it was agreed by the Council to postpone this item until the next meeting.

**6. Planning**

a) 2012/1016, Bruce Lodge, Pilley Hills, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3AU. Erection of side and rear two storey extension to dwelling. No Objections or Observations.

b) 2012/1040 - McDonald's Restaurant, Wentworth Retail Park, Westwood New Road, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3DP Erection of extensions and refurbishment including new entrance doors and windows to fast food restaurant. No Objections or Observations.

c) 2012/1047 McDonald's Restaurant, Wentworth Retail Park, Westwood New road, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3DP. Display of various roof mounted signage to fast food restaurant. No Objections or Observations.

d) 2012/1119 McDonald's Restaurant, Wentworth Retail Park, Westwood New road, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3DP. No Objections or Observations.

e) 2012/1133 McDonald's Restaurant, Wentworth Retail Park, Westwood New road, Tankersley, Barnsley, S75 3DP No Objections or Observations.

**7. Parish Plan** The Council were given an update of the progress thus far from the sub group working on the Parish Plan, including imminent proposals. It was proposed that a flyer (or advert in next Newsletter) should be issued to announce the Parish Plan, along with target dates for the next

steps. Estimated costs for production of the flyer, questionnaire and publicised results. A number of tasks need to be addressed i.e. photos, design, distribution, collection of data etc, with responsibility and commitment attached to each task. The Clerk is to source estimates for the printing of an A5 size, colour document, 16/18 pages. Cllr Helen Reckless thanked the team for their efforts in preparing the Plan so far. Noted.

**Newsletter**, No Newsletter issued for Autumn /Winter 2012. A flyer has been printed, and is ready for distribution to advertise the PC Bonfire and Christmas Parties only. Noted.

**Website** One or two technical problems persist, although the Website is generally up to date. Clerk is to speak to Richard Garforth about the remaining issues. Agreed.

## 8. Group Reports

**Tankersley Community Association** No Report

**Crime and Safety Partnership.** It was reported that there has been a slight increase in car theft, particularly in the Birdwell area. The next meeting is Thurs 18 October 2012.

**TPEG** It was reported that the group are considering a litter pick in the location close to St Peter's Church. Noted

**Forge Partnership** No Report

**9. Friends of the Earth** Mr Pete Riley from Friends of the Earth attended the meeting to talk to the Council about projects involving planting schemes to help promote and encourage bees. Mr Riley set the background by describing the decline of bees and their natural habitat, and the factors which are contributing to the decline. FOTE are seeking government support nationally and locally to promote diversity of wild flowers in verges, meadows and fields etc. Mr Riley explained that they are working with other PC's and looking at suitable areas to be developed, and would be happy to work with TPC in developing similar projects. It was considered that this would be something that the PC would be interested in undertaking in the New Year. Cllr Helen Reckless, Chair, thanked Mr Riley for attending the meeting and added that the PC would hopefully welcome further advise in the near future. Noted.

**10 LDF Consultation.** Several members of the public were in attendance to discuss and air their concerns on the issues of the consultation of the Local Development Framework. An open discussion took place, with the following comments aired; roads in the village being inadequate to cope with more traffic, the general infrastructure of the village being inadequate to cope with more housing. Points concerning the school, and the impact on increased numbers. Drainage concerns, particularly in light of flooding problems, along with Sewage capacity. Geographical faults should be noted. Loss of Wildlife and agricultural land being of concern, and the loss of village culture (urban sprawl) Concerns were also expressed at the the impact of proposals for the industrial/ commercial development, with particular concern that Tankersley Lane, one of the main access routes into the village running straight through the middle of the land highlighted as potential for commercial development. Reference was made to the vast industrial unit which remains vacant in the area, considered as surplus commercial development. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Planning Policy Team (LDF Consultation) highlighting all points raised. A copy of the letter to be

displayed in the Parish Notice Board, e mail copies to be forwarded to members of the public as requested. Agreed.

**11. Allotments** The Clerk asked the Council to consider the fees for the allotment rent, due on 1 November 2012. After due consideration i.e.; costs to the incurred by the Council, it was agreed that the annual rental charge should be increased to £27.00 per annum, per allotment. Clerk to write to all tenants.

**12.Code of Conduct** All councillors have been issued with a copy of the guidance notes issued by A Frosdick and a copy of the register of members interests. It was noted that this should be completed and returned at the next meeting.

**13. Bonfire.** It was confirmed that all bookings/voulnteers are in place. Clerk is to contact all wood donators prior to Fri 2 November to confirm wood collections and coordinate with Cllr Jock Jones. Volunteers would be welcome to build the bonfire on the morning of Saturday 3 November 2012.

#### **14. Correspondence**

- a)Letter from Mr Paul Wilkinson re Speeding issues. All points were noted, the Clerk to reply to Mr Wilkinson and retain as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b)RAY, Invitation to AGM 20 Oct 2012 with Annual Report & Accounts. Noted
- c)RAY Newsletter. Noted
- d) YLCA Training Events. Noted
- e) SY Fire & Rescue Monthly Brief. Noted

#### **Lates**

- a)letter from Mrs France re notification to terminate garage plot. Clerk to acknowledge.
- b) E mail request from Action Challenge re Charity Walk through Tankersley in Summer 2013. Agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

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

1. It was reported that the hedges on Pilley Lane are in need of cutting back, although it was acknowledged that the farmer is aware, this work will be done, the farmer is late with hedge cutting due to poor weather conditions and delays in other workload. Noted
2. Village Centre Garden, is still in need of weeding, broken flags still not repaired/ replaced. Noted, Clerk to report to Parks services.
3. Graffiti was reported on the communication box, Westwood New Rd. Clerk to report.
4. Pot Holes, The Avenue, Clerk to report to Highways
- 5.Traffic problems occurring on Westwood New Rd, due to access problems at the building site adj to Glebe Court. Clerk to contact Gillian Williams (Affordable Housing) re traffic problems seeking contact details in order to address the issues with the contractors.
6. It was reported that fly posters/ advertisements are being installed throughout the village, particularly close to the M1 junction. Clerk to report to Highways.

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.29pm, Date of next meeting Monday 19 November 2012.**