

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 19 September 2011**

In attendance were: Mrs Helen Reckless (Chair), Mr Jock Jones, Mr P Reckless, Mr T Woods, Mr R Garforth, Ms Carole Smart, Mr Robert Lodge, Ward Cllr Mr John Wilson, and Mrs Helen Charlesworth, Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence** were received from, Mr P Simpkin (Vice Chair) Mrs Denise Simpkin, Mr R Horsfall

Cllr Helen Reckless, Chair, welcomed Cllr Terry Woods back to the Parish Council Meeting following a recent illness.

**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 18 July 2011 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllrs Paul Reckless and Cllr Jock Jones

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 Highways issues, the Clerk reported that work to set down double yellow lines at the junction Westwood New Rd/ New Rd was still o/s. The Clerk confirmed having recently spoken to the Highways Dept re this issue, where confirmation was given that this work would be followed up and asked to treat as priority. Noted. Cllr John Wilson also agreed to pursue with Highways Dept.

4.2 Grass Verges, The Clerk reported that following an e mail from NMC in July 2011 the grass verges at Westwood New Rd have now been rolled and reseeded, although it would appear that that the grass seed has not taken very well at this stage. Noted.

4.3 Gate Inn Site, The clerk summarised an e mail reply from Joe Jenkinson, Planning Dept BMBC re the land and outline planning permission at the above site. Noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Planning once again pointing out that the plots are marked out clearly and do extend into the Greenbelt. Also, stating that the local environment group (TPEG) are concerned that the dilapidated building is dangerous and an eyesore to the visual amenity of the village. Agreed

4.4 Dog Fouling Issues, the Clerk confirmed that Parks Services would be happy to support any help from TPEG with regard to the prevention of dog fouling in Pilley Pocket Park. Noted

## 5. Financial Matters:

<b>a) Expenditure</b>	i) Clerk's salary – Aug 2011	£ 222.19
	ii) Clerk's Expenses – July & Aug 2011	£ 64.89
	iii) Clerk's salary Sept 2011	£ 222.19
	iv) HMRC Qtrly payment	£ 166.20
<b>b) Income</b>	v) BMBC, Park Hire Summer Gala	£ 65.00
	i) Interest on Deposit Account, July 2011	£ 9.81
	ii) Interest on Deposit Account Aug 2011	£ 9.31
	iii) Advertising - Newsletter	£ 25.00

## Current and Deposit Account Statements

As at 30 August 2011		
	Current Account	£ 750.44
	Deposit Account	<u>£ 22,169.41</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£22,919.85</u></b>

## d) Other Financial Matters

- **Grant Applications – Monitoring Process**, as this process has not been completed it was agreed to defer until the Oct Meeting. Agreed.
- **External Audit**, The Clerk reported to the Council that she had recently received several queries from BDO re the Annual return, relating mainly to the fixed assets and significant variances in the expenditure, awaiting outcome, Noted.
- **Grant for Christmas Tree, Glebe Court**. The PC had been asked if they would be prepared to purchase a new fibre optic Christmas Tree for the residents at Glebe Court. After discussion and a majority vote (for -2, against -3) it was agreed that TPC would not purchase a new Christmas Tree. Clerk to write to Barbara Ridge @ Glebe Ct. Agreed

## 6. Planning Applications

None Received

The Clerk reported an e mail from Andrea Jackson, BMBC Highways requesting consideration by TPC to a request by residents at 9 Longspring Grove, Tankersley. A request to remove trees r/o 9 Longspring Grove, due to poor light. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways objecting to the proposals. The trees were originally left there to act as a screen between the new development and the highway, the trees provide a feature to the village enhancing the surrounding area. It was also agreed that TPC would like to request that the trees at this location are part of a TPO Clerk should write to Highways, Agreed.

## **7. Parish Plan**

**Newsletter** The editor requested any further articles for the Autumn edition of the Newsletter should be passed on ASAP, next edition to be issued before the end of October. Noted.

**Website** Plans to move the host of the website are still ongoing, no further progress will be made until after the publication of the Newsletter. Noted.

**Parish Plan** No meeting in August, Clerk to e mail all members of sub group to arrange the next meeting, agreed.

## **8. Group Reports**

**Tankersley Community Association** Cllr Richard Garforth reported on a public consultation meeting re the use of village halls and community centres. Due to funding cutbacks, some facilities need to be reviewed if not cost effective. Revenue from the annual Summer Gala was reported to be approx £929. It has been reported that some kitchen provisions have been stolen from the kitchen cupboards, Noted.

**Crime and Safety. Partnership.** Issues including people camping in Rockley woods were raised. Greener communities, to promote a clean area, ie dog fouling issues to be addressed etc. Next meeting, Thurs 20 October 2011. Noted

**TPEG**, It was reported that TPEG were grateful for the information passed on to them re the grass cutting rota in Pilley Pocket Park, albeit not very effective this year due to the weather conditions. It has been reported that Japanese knotwood has been sighted in the area close to Railway Cottage, close to the stream, BMBC have been informed. The wooded area r/o the welfare hall is to be cleared/ cut back prior to the annual Bonfire. Noted.

**Forge Partnership** No report

**Tourism Meeting** No report

**9. Annual Bonfire** The Clerk confirmed all arrangements are now in place for the annual bonfire. Clerk confirmed letters to go out for wood donations to all regular suppliers. Volunteers required for wood collections on Fri 4 November 2011. It was noted that the fees for St John Ambulance representative has increased. Traditionally a donation has been awarded, although now TPC will be invoiced following the event, ( £65 +VAT) The Clerk reported that a risk assessment is required by

Came & Co, Insurance providers giving accurate detail of the bonfire and display, Clerk and Chair to coordinate. Agreed.

**10 Children's Christmas Parties.** It was proposed that as the Christmas party was cancelled last year due to the extreme weather conditions, the buying of presents wouldn't be required this time, therefore a reduced spend of £400 should adequately cover the costs. Agreed, a Cheque to be issued at the Oct meeting.

**11. Review of Traffic problems at New Rd/ Westwood New Rd,** Following discussion re the traffic problems at Westwood New Rd/ New Rd and in light of a new headteacher in place at St Peter's school, it was agreed that the Clerk and Chair should be introduced to the new Headteacher, Ms Rachel Parkin with a view to arranging a meeting in October. Clerk to write to Ms Parkin, Agreed.

**12. Allotments review,** After discussion it was agreed that this item should be retained as an agenda item for the Oct meeting. Clerk to obtain copies of tenancy agreement from BMBC and Clerk at Penistone TC. Agreed

**13. Review of Standing Orders** The Clerk and Chair summarised the points of a meeting to discuss the current PC standing orders. It was apparent that further work is required. Cllr Terry Woods to supply the Clerk with details of the original standing orders. Clerk and Chair to meet again to discuss further, agreed.

#### **14. Correspondence**

- a) e mail from Kate Dodd re resignation from TPC, Clerk to reply to Kate, also posting current vacancy notices ASAP. Agreed
- b) e mail from allotment tenant re allotment plot 7 being unkept, Clerk to write to tenant expressing concern. Agreed
- c) SYF&R Monthly Brief, Noted
- d) LCR Newsletter, issued to Cllrs Wood & Garforth
- e) Glasdon Catalogue, Noted
- f) letter & Info from Counter Context, Noted
- g) letter of Thanks from Tankersley St Peters School, Noted
- h) invitation to attend SW Area delivery panel, Noted, Cllr Helen Reckless to attend
- i) letter from Wentworth Estates, Noted. Clerk to reply to WE re possible re visit, agreed

#### **Lates**

#### **11. Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Terry Woods thanked all members of the Council for their patience and good wishes during his recent illness. Noted
- b) Complaints have been received regarding horse droppings being left on the pathway and Highway at The Avenue, Tankersley. Clerk to write to Eric Steer re the tenants at No 41 re concerns. Agreed.
- c) The Dovecote, concerns are mounting re the condition of The Dovecote, as no further progress has been made. Photographs have recently been taken which show a marked deterioration. Copies of photos to be forwarded to the Clerk. Clerk to contact Tony Wiles at BMBC re any further progress or action to be taken. Agreed

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45, Date of next meeting Mon 17 October 2011**