

Tankersley Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 18 March 2013

In attendance were: Mr P Simpkin (vice chair) Mr P Reckless, Ms C Smart, Mrs D Simpkin, Mr R Lodge, Mr R Horsfall, Ward Cllr Mr J Andrews and Mr R Wantling, Highways Agency and Mr D Pownall, BMBC Highways Dept and Mrs H Charlesworth, Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence. Mrs H Reckless, 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 18 February 2013 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them, approved by Cllrs Mrs D Simpkin and Cllr Mr R Lodge.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Bus Shelter at Worsbrough View, the Clerk confirmed that there have been no further developments, awaiting a response from Berneslai Homes re their query with BMBC Estates Dept.

4.2 Litter at Wentworth Park Industrial Estate, the Clerk reported an e mail reply has been received from Chris Platts, who has acknowledged the issue and will monitor. It was also noted that a member of the public has raised concerns with Regulatory Services stating that the issue is beyond a litter problem in that human excrementis being dumped in the area, it was noted that his situation will be monitored.

4.3 Planning Issues. Parkside Meats, Sheffield Rd, Hoyland Common. The Clerk summarised an e mail reply from Steve Kirkham, BMBC Planning Dept. It was noted that the signage issues will be addressed by Planning as no application has been approved to this effect. The Council asked that the Clerk should write to Planning to thank them for their prompt attention to this matter. Agreed.

4.4. Highways Issues, The Clerk reported a reply from Highways re a number of pot holes which have been reported and maintained. It was noted that the work on Rockley Avenue is poor and should be reported again. It was also noted that the road surface on Chapel Rd will be referred.

5. Financial Matters:

a) Expenditure

i) Clerk's Salary March '13	£ 221.99
ii)Clerk's Expenses Feb '13	£ 49.23
iii) BMBC, Commemorative Tree	£ 240.00
iv)HMRC PAYE Contributions	£ 167.60
v) Barnsley Chronicle	£ 262.08

b) Income	i) Interest on Deposit Account -	£8.56

c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 28 Feb 2013

Current Account	£ 653.46
Deposit Account	<u>£22,338.57</u>
TOTAL	<u>£22,992.03</u>

d)Other Financial Matters

6. Planning Applications

a) 2013/0174 - 43 Pilley Green, Pilley, Barnsley, Erection of rear detached sunroom/office. No Objections or observations.

7. Parish Plan

Newsletter In the absence of Richard Garforth, Editor, there was no further report.

Website No report.

Parish Plan No further report, although it was acknowledged that further progress is required ASAP. It was noted that Photographs are still required. The Clerk reported that the professional photographer who had previously taken photos throughout the village has been contacted, although he was unable to confirm whether he still had the photos of the village which he took back in 2010. It was agreed that only a small number of photographs would be required, it would not be necessary to pursue any additional photographs. Noted

8. Group Reports

Tankersley Community Association. No Report

Crime and Safety Partnership.

Forge Partnership It was reported that as a result of the Rockingham Association disbanding The control of the Rockingham Centre is to be handed over the the Forge Partnership.

TPEG one crime report for Pilley was reported, a domestic issue. Crime focussed mainly on the Birdwell/Worsbrough area. A fire incident was reported on Stone Leigh, and it was also reported that Street lighting r/o Stone Leigh had failed. Several incidents of dog fouling had been reported by residents, in Pilley Pocket Park, The Avenue, and footpath r/o Stone Leigh. Noted

Parish Clerks Liaison Meeting The Clerk reported on the outcomes of their recent meeting, with Andrew Frosdick in attendance. The Clerk summarised the details issued so far re the new Area Council which will be implemented wef May 2013. Further details will be released at the next Clerks liaison meeting, Noted.

9. Highways Information. Mr Roger Wantling, Highways Agency, and Mr D Pownall, BMBC Highways Dept both attending the meeting to inform the PC of the current work which is being carried out at the junction 36 roundabout, and the surrounding area. Mr Wantling explained that the Highways Agency and BMBC have been working closely in association with each other to improve the management of the traffic at this location. The Highways Agency are responsible for the signalisation work of junction 36. The work is expected to improve the management and journey time at the roundabout by widening it to 3 lanes. BMBC have also put in a bid to improve Birdwell roundabout. It was also raised that the Westwood roundabout was also being considered for improvement, although it was noted it is not part of the same scheme and it may be a few years before the work on the corridor between the M1 junction and the Westwood roundabout is complete. Cllr Paul Simpkin thanked Mr Wantling and Mr Pownall for attending the PC Meeting and providing the PC with the information; he also expressed that if there is anything that the Parish Council can do to assist either organisation or both then they would try to do so.

10. Police and Crime Commissioners Bid. It was agreed to defer this item until May 2013.

9. Snow Wardens It was agreed that this item should be deferred until May or June 2013, Agreed.

10. Correspondence

- a) e mail from HS2 Action Group. Noted
- b) YLCA Information note March 13. Noted
- c) YLCA, list of locum clerks in the Yorkshire area. Noted
- d) BDO, Audit briefing 2013. Noted
- e) Came & Company, Parish Matters Newsletter, Spring 2013. Noted
- f) LCR, Tabled
- g) e mail from Mr D Shearn re dog fouling. Mr P Simpkin will report via Crime & Safety partnership meeting. Agreed.

Lates

a) Questions raised by Mr Shearn to the Parish Council, The questions were raised to the Council with the following replies:

1. *Precept set at 5%*

The Parish Council discussed the issue regarding raising the 2013/14 precept at length taking into consideration the following before setting a figure of 5%. The conditions for setting the precept are changing next year with the precept being capped at 2% until further notice. The cuts being made to services by BMBC will no doubt impact on the Parish with the potential of services having to be funded from the Parish Council funds. During 2013 each parishioner will be given their opportunity to provide their opinion via the Parish Plan document, from this the Parish Council will set their plans which could involve increased spending throughout the Parish. With the current economic climate there are fewer funds available for the Parish Council to call upon and therefore we believe there will be an increased reliance on the precept funds. It was noted that the 5% increase equates to an increase of £1 per band D household, the Parish Council believe this is reasonable

2. Reserves and expenditure

During the 2012/13 the Parish Council have received fewer requests for grants than previous years and have taken into consideration the potential financial impact of the 2013 Parish Plan. The Councillors believe it is important to spend the reserves in the right areas and will use the Parish Plan to assist with their decisions. It must be noted that the Parish Plan could highlight a number of high expenditure projects, examples would be the replacement of the Children's play equipment in the parks and the contribution the road safety in the area. An area of saving in the year is the development of the Parish Plan by a sub committee of Parish Councillors saving an approximate £3500 which can now be spent on the Parish.

3. Broadband

Dr T Higgins, BT Regional Partnership Director attended the PC Meeting in July 2012 and discussed the availability of broadband in the area, his comments were recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The Parish Council will use the feedback from the Parish Plan to understand what further actions need to be taken.

4. Parish Plan,

Unfortunately the Parish Plan document is with the printers and we are therefore not in a position to issue it for consideration by electors but we thank you for your offer. Our plan is to gather the information, present the findings to the Parish Councillors and to hold a separate meeting or meetings to present the findings to the parishioners, the information will also be posted on the Parish Council website.

5. PC Publication Scheme

This is currently under review by the Parish Council. Once this has been agreed by the full Council copies will be posted on the PC Notice board and Website.

11. Any Other Business

a) Parish Clerk's Vacancy, It was noted that the Chair and Vice Chair have shortlisted from the applicants received. It was noted that there has been a good response with a very good standard of applicants. It is proposed that the interviews will take place week comm 25 March, and hopefully the appointment of a new Clerk will be in place for the next meeting.

b) Dog Bin removed o/s the post office on Worsbrough View, the Clerk had reported this to Affordable Housing who have acknowledged that the bin was removed as the development moves ahead and confirm that it will be reinstated on completion of the site. The PC would like to suggest that the bin could be temporarily reinstated in the close vicinity; suggest the Village Centre Garden. Clerk to contact affordable housing, Agreed.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11pm, Date of next meeting Monday 15 April 2013.