

Tankersley Parish Council

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Events and Projects

A number of events and projects have been organised in the past year.

The Summer Gala

The Gala took place on Saturday 29th June. Unfortunately the turnout was low and the Community Association could only cover costs. Therefore this event will not run in 2014.

The Bonfire

The Bonfire didn't take place in 2013 due to lack of volunteers needed to comply with health and safety aspects of such an event. Many residents have offered their support to ensure the next Bonfire can go ahead.

Christmas Parties

Parties for younger and older children were run in December and proved very popular. Thanks to all who helped. Christmas tree was again erected at Glebe Court. Permanent tree now in place outside of Tankersley Welfare Hall. Both decorated by Councillors for Christmas.

Parish Plan

The Parish Council produced and distributed the Parish Plan questionnaire in November, and received a successful response rate on 23%. Completed analysis documents posted to all residents in March.

Parish Website and Social Media

The Parish Council redeveloped the website and updated it to ensure all documentation was current and relevant. Social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter were created and have been used to notify residents of important information and developments on the website.

Parish Council Facilities and Administration

The Parish Council continues to run and maintain the following facilities for the community.

Allotments

All 12 plots are currently let. The Parish Council investigated the possibility of further land for use of allotments, however BMBC have informed that no further sites are available.

Pilley Pocket Park and Tankersley Jubilee Park.

Both continue to prove extremely popular and will be invested in as a result of responses to the Parish Plan.

Administration

The Parish Council re-elected Helen Reckless as Chair and Paul Simpkin as Vice Chair at the Annual General Meeting in May. Councillor J Jones and T Woods left the Parish Council. Dennis Simpson was elected to the Council in November. A new Clerk began in post in April.

Liaison with Barnsley Council and Other Agencies

The Parish Council is in constant communication with Barnsley Council about issues raised by itself and by the people of the Parish.

- Highway/Footpath repair
- Continued provision of Litter/ Dog Waste Bins
- Consultation on planning applications and proposed developments

Many planning applications have been considered and it is Parish Council Policy to object to any proposals which could have an adverse impact on the environment of the area where there are “justifiable” grounds to do so.

After liaison with BMBC, two successful affordable housing developments within the Parish have been completed, providing homes for those who wish to stay within the area at a price they can afford.

The Parish Council strongly objected to the two proposed large scale developments in Pilley and held a resident meeting to discuss local opinion. To strengthen the objections, the Parish Council have consulted with BMBC, Yorkshire Water, the National Grid and Highways. The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation, and will attend the Planning Board meeting in which these applications will be discussed, to voice local opinion and objections.

Working with the Community

The Parish Council continues to work with other groups and organisations in the local community; including close links being maintained with Tankersley Community Association, Tankersley and Pilley Environment Group and the Forge Partnership. The Council is represented on Tankersley Community Association, Tankersley and Wortley Pools Trust, Tankersley Primary School Board of Governors, Tankersley/Birdwell Crime and Safety Group, Tankersley St Peters church. The Parish Council is also a member of Yorkshire Local Council Association (YLCA).

Grant Aid has been awarded to Tankersley Bowling Club.