



# TANKERSLEY

## Annual Parish

### Meeting 2014

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#### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tankersley held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (Vice Chair), Mr R Lodge, Cllr R Barnard, Mrs K Blantern (Clerk), Mr D Shearn (TPEG), Mr R Jennings (TCA), Mr T Jowitt and Mr L Wood (Tankersley Bowling Club), Ms F Tennyson (Hoyland SNT), Residents

**1. Welcome and Introductions** – The Chair welcome those present and introduced representatives of the Parish Council, along with Cllr Barnard and Fiona Tennyson.

**2. Additional Agenda Items** – The Chair asked those present if they had any additional items they felt needed adding to the agenda. None raised.

**3. Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 March 2013, were shared with all present, and the chair was authorised to sign them, proposed by Mr D Shearn and seconded by Cllr P Simpkin.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes** –

i) The Chair advised that a new website had been developed for the Parish Council, with information being added once approved at each Parish Council meeting, as per Mr Shearns query at the 2013 meeting.

ii) Promotion of the Annual Parish Meeting had also been raised, and the Chair advised this had been done via the website, Facebook, Twitter, posters in the Parish noticeboards and Post Office as well as in the Barnsley Chronicle, to ensure maximum audience was informed.

**5. To receive a report on the last twelve months activities of Tankersley Parish Council** – The Chair shared the report with all present, no issues raised. The Chair

then invited representatives of the Parish bodies to share their activities.

i) Cllr Barnard (Local Elected Member) – The Councillor praised the Parish Plan document and stated responses were very similar to other surrounding parishes. Cllr Barnard advised he had communicated with the planning department at BMBC regarding residents being against any further developments. Cllr Barnard advised those present that he would be happy to follow up any issues they had that had not received an adequate response from BMBC. The Council tax increase of 1.9% was discussed and the Councillor advised this was necessary to build the base reserves back up, as they had been depleted in recent years due to no increase being applied. Cllr Barnard also informed the meeting that BMBC were trying to adapt to future working by developing 6 area councils to rework local relationships with the Council., with Penistone East and West being those applicable to the Parish. BMBC funding is to be devolved to local areas to ensure spending meets local needs, with the Parish Plan informing this spending. Mr Shearn questioned the long term road repair plans and Cllr Barnard advised that roads are given a point score for the number of damages and use of roads which is then ranked throughout the borough to allocate repair work, with chapel Road being the one that scored highest in previous years.

ii) Fiona Tennyson (Hoyland SNT) – Ms Tennyson advised that the SNT consists of Police, PCSO's, a tasking officer, an enforcement and investigation officer, and a generic enforcement officer responsible for fly tipping, litter, dog fouling and planning issues. Due to local area funding it was expected there would be further generic enforcement officers in role in the near future. Mr Shearn questioned who to contact regarding fly tipping, Ms Tennyson advised either SNT or Neighbourhood Pride at BMBC as both work together and will decide if a case can and will be prosecuted at court.

iii) Mr Shearn (TPEG) – Mr Shearn advised that TPEG had been running for 10 years with an aim to improve the village and keep it clean and tidy. Mr Shearn shared some of the works TPEG had carried out over this time, including being instrumental in the inclusion of the village stones and planting bulbs throughout the Parish, as well as hedge cutting, coppicing to keep tree shoots under control, path strimming and the placement of 5 benches throughout the area. TPEG also carry out litter picks and have invested in luminous spray to highlight dog waste which will be expanded to grassy areas to aim to protect children from coming into contact with this. Mr Shearn advised new members were welcome to join TPEG and shared meeting details.

iv) Mr L Wood (Tankersley Bowling Club) – Mr Wood advised the Bowling Club was currently being maintained by members and most works carried out by themselves, due to exclusion from funding pots distributed by the Barnsley Bowling Association. Mr Wood thanked the Parish Council for their grant to allow much needed repairs, in the hope of attracting new members. Mr Wood advised all were welcome to join and the fee was a one of yearly charge allowing members to play as often as they liked during the bowling season.

v) Mr R Jennings (TCA) – Mr Jennings advised that the Community Association now consisted of only 4 active members who carried out all roles in relation to the running of the Welfare Hall. Mr Jennings informed the meeting that to ensure the future of the Hall and its condition, new members were required. Roles could be as involved as volunteers could accommodate and skilled trades people would be particularly welcome, to assist with repairs to the Hall.

#### **6. To answer questions and deal with issues raised by the electors of Tankersley Parish -**

i) Residents requested further information regarding the proposed developments for Pilley. The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish Council had been advised they could possibly go before the April Planning Regulatory Board meeting, however any updates once received would be placed on the website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

ii) Resident, Mr P Ellaway, informed those present that Japanese Knotweed was currently growing alongside New Road. Mr Shearn said there had been knotweed previously within the Parish which had been dealt with, however he would follow this up with his contact at BMBC to address before the growth became excessive. Cllr Barnard also offered to pass this information on to BMBC for treatment to take place.

#### **7. Any other business –**

i) Mr Shearn asked that now the website was running successfully, that all information relevant to residents and regarding the Parish Council be added to the site. Mr Shearn stated that the Parish Councils objection to the proposed developments would be of interest, as would the information from this meeting and the document shared by the Chair relating to the activities of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

**As there was no other business, the Chair thanked all that attended and closed the meeting at 8pm.**