



TANKERSLEY

Annual Parish Meeting 2016

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tankersley held on Monday 14th March 2016

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (Vice Chair), Mr R Lodge, Mr D Simpson, Ms C Smart, Cllr R Barnard, Cllr P Hand-Davis, Mrs K Blanter (Clerk), Mr R Wantling (Highways Agency), Residents

- 1. Welcome and introductions** - The Chair welcomed all in attendance and introduced representatives to the meeting.
- 2. Additional agenda items** – The Chair asked those present if they had any additional items they felt should be added to the agenda. None raised.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th March 2015, were shared with all present, and the Chair was authorised to sign them, proposed by Cllr R Barnard and seconded by Mr D Shearn.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes** - None.
- 5. Mr Roger Wantling – Highways England**
Mr Wantling attended to provide an update on local actions and investment on behalf of Highways England.
 - It was noted that works on the smart motorway between junctions 32 and 35a would be completed by the end of 2016.
 - Mr Wantling advised that there had been significant investment at the A61 Tankersley roundabout, in preparation for proposed developments to this area of road, however these works had now been postponed due to the transition of the Highways Agency to Highways England. Mr Wantling noted that preparatory works had been completed in this area, including significant investment in refilling the mining spaces and voids underneath this area of road, which would allow any further works to take place promptly.
 - Mr Wantling welcomed the proposed development of the Birdwell roundabout into a gyratory system and noted that this would address the issues of queuing for those motorists exiting the M1 southbound at junction 36. It was advised that this slip road would be extended to include three lanes to coincide with the new layout of the gyratory, once completed.

6. To receive a report on the last twelve months activities of Tankersley Parish Council -

Cllr Reckless shared with those present details of the events and actions arranged by the Parish Council.

- The Annual Bonfire had gone ahead in 2015 and was a well-attended community event, raising funds for the Community Association, and welcoming the support of many volunteers.
- The Christmas Parties had been the most attended to date and all present had enjoyed the evening and entertainment provided.
- The Parish Council website and social media accounts were well used by the community and continued to prove a useful tool for communicating information and event details to residents. It was noted that the Parish Council were in the process of producing a paper newsletter, for distribution in April 2016. Councillors acknowledged that not all residents had access to the internet and it had been deemed necessary to provide the community with information in another format.
- All allotment gardens were tenanted, with a large waiting list in place, which was to be addressed by the proposed creation of several starter allotments.
- Cllr Reckless advised that investments had been made in the purchase of both winter readiness equipment and a speed indicator device.
- It was advised that the Parish Council had been discussing the issue of extensive pot holes on Pilley Lane with BMBC and this area was to be fully resurfaced to address this problem.

7. Local Elected Members – BMBC

Cllr Barnard presented local developments on behalf of BMBC. The Councillor advised on the development of the Working Together Fund, as well as advising those present on the continuation of the Ward Alliance Fund, which had been utilised by the Parish Council on several occasions.

Councillor Barnard discussed the road works at Birdwell, along with proposed planning applications for the area, noting resident and Parish Council concerns.

8. To answer questions and deal with issues raised by the electors of Tankersley Parish

- A resident raised the issue of a road traffic accident involving the recently reinstated bus stop on Worsbrough View. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to SYPTE and further details would be forwarded on to allow investigation.
- The issue of dog fouling was raised, and Parish Councillors advised that further methods to address this were being investigated, noting the actions of Mr Shearn in an attempt to highlight the issue to residents, in particular those accessing Pilley Pocket Park.
- Mrs Shearn raised the opportunity to plant sapling tree's around Pilley Pocket Park. It was agreed that the Parish Council would include this activity within the next Community Clear up Day.

9. Any other business – No further business. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

As there was no other business, the Chair thanked all that attended and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.