



TANKERSLEY

Annual Parish Meeting 2015

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Tankersley held on Friday 20th March 2015

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair), Mr P Simpkin (Vice Chair), Mr R Lodge, Cllr R Barnard, Cllr P Hand-Davis, Cllr J Wilson, Mrs K Blantern (Clerk), Mr R Wantling (Highways Agency), Mr D Shearn (TPEG), PCSO C Dannatt, PCSO D Hamer, Mrs A Shearn

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 24th March 2015, were shared with all present, and the Chair was authorised to sign them, proposed by Mr D Shearn and seconded by Cllr R Lodge.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes - None.

5. 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 2014 and was a well-attended community event, raising funds for the Community Association.
- The Christmas Parties had again been successful and all present enjoyed the evening and entertainment provided.
- The Parish Council had reviewed the Parish Plan and were happy to report that many of the actions had been met, with the majority of those remaining, planned for the next year.
- 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.
- All allotment gardens are tenanted with a large waiting list in place.
- Cllr Reckless advised that as a result of the Parish Plan, a significant investment had been made at Pilley Pocket Park, with the assistance of a grant from the Ward Alliance. It was explained that the existing equipment had been in place since 1991 and had to be replaced or it would have been removed later in the year.

- Cllr Simpkin advised that the Parish Council were looking to invest in speed indicator signage over the coming year, as the issue of speeding was also highlighted as a high priority in the Parish Plan.

6. Mr Roger Wantling – Highways Agency – Mr Wantling advised that there would be significant works to major routes surrounding the Parish over the next few years, with the M1, A61 and A616 all having extensive works planned for them. Initial works on Westwood roundabout had already taken place over the last year and Mr Wantling advised that the main part of the development would begin after Easter after a small delay due to previous mine works in the area. The majority of these works were planned to be carried out at night to minimise disruption to motorists while a central through route was created. These works were planned to be completed by March 2016. Mr Wantling also advised that the smart motorway scheme was progressing into south Yorkshire between junctions 32 and 35A on the M1. The planned amendments to the Birdwell roundabout off JCT 36 of the M1 was also discussed, with the development of a large gyratory being produced. Mr Wantling explained that although this was a BMBC project, The Highways Agency would work alongside them to ensure traffic flow was optimum alongside the motorway junction.

7. Local Elected Members – BMBC – Cllr Barnard mentioned the continued impact on local services that reduced budgets at BMBC were having. The meeting was informed of the plans of Penistone Area Council to investigate the employment of a community caretaker. Cllr Barnard also advised on the developments to broadband and mobile data services within the area and noted that the Government budget had allocated funds to improve these and increase landline broadband to 5Mbps. Cllr Hand-Davis discussed the issues of speeding throughout the area and littering being a major issue. Mr Shearn noted that the Community Clean Up Day was due to take place and that TPEG would be attempting to clear Lidgett Lane of litter. Cllr Wilson joined the discussion advising that Councillors would be happy to assist TPEG.

8. Hoyland Safer Neighbourhoods Team – PCSO's shared the developments to the policing service and how this impacted on their ability to attend reported incidents. It was noted that all briefings for local Police teams were to take place at Wombwell station, before teams returned to their locality areas for their shifts. The Officers discussed the vandalism of the new play equipment at Pilley Pocket Park and advised that this was now a priority for them. Cllr Reckless thanked the Police for their assistance with this incident and the prompt arrangement of site clearing by BMBC.

9. Mr David Shearn – TPEG – Mr Shearn gave a presentation on the works of TPEG over the last year and details of the regular issues they come across. Mr Shearn discussed the persistent issue of dog fouling and the work TPEG had carried out to try and combat the issue. The Parish Council thanked Mr Shearn and TPEG for all their hard work, which is particularly visible at the current time of year due to the presence of plants on verges throughout the Parish. Mr Shearn requested that a link to TPEG was made more prominent on the Parish Council website, Clerk to arrange.

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

– Mr Shearn raised the issue of lack of parishioner attendance and questioned whether the meeting had been promoted as well as it could have been. Cllr Reckless advised that notices had been placed throughout the Parish and the website and social media had been used to advertise the meeting further. Mr Shearn suggested the use of a banner outside of the school as he felt the notice board was overlooked, Parish Council to discuss.

Cllr Wilson advised all that the 'Open Door' booklet that was produced by BMBC and distributed to all homes within the borough was to be stopped, however a local version was to be produced by locality area's and could be used to advertise such events for a fee.

11. Any other business – No further business. Date of next meeting to be confirmed due to conflict with dates of Easter in 2016.

As there was no other business, the Chair thanked all that attended and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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