

# Tankersley Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 21 January 2008.**

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair), Mrs T Brotton (Vice Chair) Mr W Jones, Mrs. P. Clegg, Mrs M Clegg, Mr T Woods, Mr A. Belk, Mr R Garforth, Ward Councillor Mr R Barnard and Mrs H Charlesworth (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from, Mr P Simpkin, and Mr M Holden,
2. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 December 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1 Peace Garden, Clerk summarised an e-mail received from Jo Birch at Neighbourhood Services, stating how they could help to move forward with the project of the Peace Garden. Clerk also summarised a verbal quote from Complete Garden Services for work on the garden, awaiting confirmation in writing. Clerk also to obtain 2 further private contractor quotes. Cllr Jock Jones suggested contacting Paul Caswell to invite to next TPC Meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Pride working in the Garden, and to pin point what needs to be done and establish costs. AGREED.
- 3.2 Highways Issues. Moor Lane Footpath has been cleared All other reports have been logged, awaiting action. Graffiti remains on Tank Top Bridge, Clerk to contact Paul Caswell.
- 3.3 Bellground Footpath, Clerk confirmed Trevor Main at BMBC to investigate the matter of the paddock crossing footpath No 27.
- 3.4 Dog Bin at Pilley Pocket Park. Clerk has spoken with Mark Jones at BMBC, awaiting a quote for a new bin. After discussion it was decided that this is now quite urgent, regardless of cost Clerk to request that a new bin be installed and TPC will pay. AGREED.
- 3.5 As a result of the incident at the Christmas Party Clerk has prepared a Notice to the effect of Zero Tolerance Policy operated by TPC. The Councillors agreed for the Posters to be displayed in Welfare Hall. AGREED.
- 3.6 In the absence of Cllr Paul Simpkin the Clerk reported that the "For Sale" boards at the top of .Thornccliffe Estate have now been removed. NOTED.

3.7 Electricity Supply, Cllr Paul Simpkin has made enquiries into the interruption of supply which was mentioned at the last meeting. There is nothing of major concern to report, merely a coincidence that these problems had occurred on consecutive Friday evenings.

3.8 Vehicle parked at the entrance of Lidgett Grange, Reported to Goldenline, Police to investigate.

3.9 Lidgett Lane Recreation Ground. Jo Birch to investigate vandalism on gate and possibility of a new lock mechanism. Also litter bin at the same site has been requested.

#### **4. Financial Matters**

<b>a) Expenditure</b>	I) Clerks Salary Jan 2008	£ 241.05
	ii) Clerks Expenses Dec 2007	£ 52.32
	iii) Yorkshire Water	£ 54.51
	iv) Grant - TCA Fire Doors	£1200.00
	v) BMBC, Contribution to bin @ Moor Lane	£ 176.25
<b>b) Income</b>	Interest on Deposit Account @ 31 December 2007	£79.41

#### **c) Current and Deposit Account Statements**

as at 31 December 2007

Current	£ 565.77
Deposit	<u>£22,890.22</u>
	<u>£ 23,455.99</u>

#### **Other Financial Matters**

Grant Application - Received from TCA requesting assistance towards replacement Emergency Doors at R/O Welfare Hall. Cllr Helen Reckless stated that as this building is well used by TPC that we should consider approving this request. Cllr Terry Woods expressed that he would like to see TCA to make a minimal contribution, therefore £1,200.00 was granted to TCA, proposed by Cllr Richard Garforth and seconded by Cllr Jock Jones.

NB; If the third door is to be replaced in near future Cllr Barnard will make an application through the Area Forum (next Financial Year)

Precept 2008/09 - After discussions and review of anticipated expenditure, Cllr Jock Jones proposed to increase the Precept to £11,000.00, and after a majority vote TPC agreed to increase to this amount. Clerk to confirm to Borough Finance. Agreed.

Fidelity Guarantee - Further to the recommendations made by the External Auditor, The Clerk informed the Council that a quote of £38.01 has been received from Allianz Cornhill Insurers to increase the cover for the Fidelity Guarantee. The Council agreed to the increase, Clerk to arrange. Agreed.

## **5.Planning Applications**

- a) 2008/0032 Ivy House Farm, Erection of 12 detached dwellings. After discussions it was agreed that TPC would object to the development on the basis of
1. The number of vehicles being brought in to the village,
  2. Access to the development and remaining farm land,
  3. The number of children and the likely effect on the local school,
  4. The Design of some of the buildings being forward facing, 3-storey Buildings
  5. Affects on the setting of greenbelt land.
- b) 2007/2148 Plot B, DCUK, Wentworth Park Industrial Estate  
It was agreed that TPC would continue to object along the same lines as previously, but to include the following points. Surface Water Drainage, affect on poor Television Reception, and possible employee reduction.

## **BMBC, Review of Surplus Assetts**

Councillor Robert Barnard attended the meeting to seek the views of the Parish Council regarding surplus land off The Avenue, Tankersley. Discussions continued around what possibilities the land could be used for, ie, Affordable Housing, a children's play area, or possibly sold at auction to a private developer. Cllr Helen Reckless pointed out that affordable housing was broached in the Parish Plan. Cllr Jock Jones pointed out that local reaction is still very mixed. Cllr Pat Clegg suggested that TPC would not want to see the land sold to a private developer, this was approved unanimously. In principle TPC are in favour of affordable housing. Councillor Barnard to report back the Council and update TPC for next meeting.

## **6. Parish Plan**

### Newsletter

Cllr Terry Woods explained that up to date he has not received enough items to run the Newsletter, and pointed out that it is becoming increasingly difficult to produce. Some of the items ie Christmas updates need to go out very soon, Cllr Helen Reckless asked if anyone had any further suggestions. Cllr Richard Garforth agreed to help Terry to work on producing a draft for the next meeting and hopefully to be printed for the end of Feb 08. AGREED

### Broad Ing Woodland

Cllr Jock Jones confirmed that a number of volunteers from TPEG would be willing to help to keep the paths clear. They would however need an industrial strimmer. TPEG are prepared to purchase the equipment, and send a couple of their members on a Training Course on how to use the equipment. TPC wouldn't be responsible for the equipment. TPEG will submit a price to TPC to consider for a grant application

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### Village Design Statement

Nothing further to report.

## **7. Allotments**

Clerk confirmed that the next 3 people on the waiting list have been contacted and would all like to proceed with the offer of allotment tenancy. Clerk to write to offer tenancies to, Mrs L Pack, Ms J Lingard and Mr S Taylor. Agreed.

## **8 Group Reports**

### **Tankersley Community Association**

Cllr Mrs Marjorie Clegg stated that the commencement of the work on the conservatory at the rear of the Welfare Hall is imminent. The Energy accounts for the Welfare Hall are being reviewed.

### **Area Forums**

#### **Penistone East/West**

Cllr Jock Jones attended, points discussed were Council Budget, increase likely to be in the region of 4.9%. Plans for the Old girls High School at Penistone to be re developed, and local crime statistics, 155- 2007 163 – 2006.

#### **Rockingham/ Hoyland Milton**

No representative able to attend as their meeting clashes with TPC Meeting.

#### **Penistone Tourism Focus Group**

Cllr Terry Woods attended and reported on outcomes, including a request received from the Group asking for TPC to make a £10 donation to the Group. Cllr Terry Woods also highlighted a meeting on Tues 29 Jan 2008 re Funding available for this area, Cllr Terry Woods will attend.

#### **Forge Partnership**

Cllr Helen Reckless reported on outcomes, i.e. Joining with other Community partnerships.

## **9. Correspondence**

- a) BMBC- Publication of Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Barnsley. NOTED
- b) L C R Newsletter. TABLED
- c) Letter from Wentworth Estates re new Boundary Fences. NOTED

### **Late Correspondence**

- a) Persona Associates, letter re Public Inquiry: Mottram/ Tintwitle bypass, Inquiry is adjourned indefinitely. NOTED.
- b) SYPT, Bus Services changes, Including Svs No 7, via Pilley / Tankersley. NOTED and well received by all councillors.
- c) Sheffield City Council, letter re Affordable Housing Interim Planning Guidance. NOTED.
- d) BMBC, Planning Dept, letter re General Consultation on Local Requirements for the submission of supporting information with planning applications. NOTED.
- e) Communities and Local Government. Letter re Consultation on order and regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority members in England. NOTED.
- f) One Barnsley Forum, invitation to attend workshop Fri 8 Feb 2008. NOTED.

- g) Sheffield Core Strategy Public Examination, invitation to attend. NOTED
- h) Letter from a visitor to the Parish from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire re litter along Church Lane, Cllr J Jones to reply. AGREED

### **10. Any Other Business**

- a) Skiers Spring Colliery, this has been identified as a derelict site. South Yorkshire Forest Partnership has funding available from Yorkshire Forward. To help the landscape. Cllr Andy Belk is to attend a meeting on 14 Feb 08 re this project. Cllr Andy Belk asked if TPC would be willing to support this project. Proposed by Cllr Richard Garforth and fully supported by all members of the Council. Cllr Andy Belk to report back at next meeting. AGREED
- b) Cllr Terry Woods asked about possible representative from Waste Management Dept attending TPC Meeting, Clerk confirmed Andy Kendall to attend next meeting, 18 Feb 2008.
- c) Cllr Jock Jones brought up the issues of "Keep off the Grass " notices being installed in various sites around the village. TPEG have placed small notices as a temporary measure (Bulbs Planted) Cllr Jock Jones asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to accept responsibility for the notices and add them to the Parish Inventory and insurance. TPC agreed to accept responsibility for the notices boards. Clerk to advise insurers. AGREED.
- d) Footpath No 15, Cllr Mrs Marjorie Clegg raised the point that this footpath is still in a very bad state of repair. Due to recent rainfall it is extremely muddy. Clerk to report again. AGREED.
- e) The Dove Cote, deterioration of this listed building is becoming of concern, Clerk to write to English Heritage. AGREED
- f) Footpath along the side of Rockingham Welfare Hall, in need of attention. Clerk to report. AGREED.
- g) Footpath sign close to Tankersley Manor is missing, Clerk to report to Highways. AGREED. Cllr Helen Reckless also pointed out that she has had a number of complaints about the Dog Waste Bin in Pilley Pocket Park, Clerk to Persue new bin.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.39, Date of next meeting, Monday 18 February 2008.