

Tankersley Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on 17 December 2007.

In attendance were: Mrs H Reckless (Chair), Mr W Jones, Mrs. P. Clegg, Mrs M Clegg, Mr T Woods, Mr P Simpkin, Mr M Holden, Mr A. Belk, Ms C Smart, Ms Jo Birch from BMBC, Neighbourhood Services, for item 6d and Mrs H Charlesworth (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence were received from, Mrs T Brotton and Mr R Garforth
2. The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 November 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read and the chair was authorised to sign them.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Highways Issues, Clerk summarised a letter of reply from Alan Carnall at BMBC, Highways stating that the request for a new footpath at New Road, Tankersley has been assessed; High Priority has been determined. Work will be carried out as soon as financial resources allow. Progress to be monitored. AGREED
- 3.2 Moor Lane Footpath, working in progress was bulb planting not path clearance. Clerk confirmed a telephone conversation with Paul Caswell, from Neighbourhood Pride, he is aware of this and the job will be completed. NOTED.
- 3.3 Peace Garden, Clerk explained the situation re obtaining quotes for the work in the Peace Garden. Clerk has met with "Complete Garden Services" who are to send a quote split into 3, to include, i) clearance, ii) Tree Cutting, iii) Mulching. Awaiting quotes. See also item **6d** Information supplied by Jo Birch from BMBC. Cllr Ms Carol Smart pointed out that 2008 would be a good opportunity to work on the Peace Garden to commemorate 90 years since the end of WW I
- 3.4 Webpages, Clerk confirmed that the addresses of individual Councillors on the webpage on the Boroughs link have now been removed. NOTED.
- 3.5 Graffiti, Clerk has spoken to PC Rob Sharman who confirmed that the recent graffiti on the rear of the Welfare Hall has been removed. NOTED
- 3.6 Highways Issues, all issues have been reported to Highways. A number of Pot Holes have been filled. Road erosion at Hermit Hill still o/s, No entry signs at Westwood New Rd Jct , still o/s. Clerk to contact Highways again. AGREED
- 3.7 Bellground Footpath, Clerk confirmed with Cllr Andy Belk the exact location and path number, being No 27. Clerk to report to footpaths to BMBC. AGREED

3.8 Dog Bins, the bins have been vandalised, hence no bottom in, having spoken to BMBC Clerk confirmed that there is no money available at the moment to replace or repair the bin. Cllr Helen Reckless suggested that as this is a very well use park can we we obtain a price and consider TPC to pay costs. AGREED, Clerk to get quote.

4. Financial Matters

A. Expenditure	i) Clerks Salary December 2007	£241.05
	ii) Clerks Expenses November 2007	£ 50.22

B.Income	Interest on Deposit Account November 2007	£ 79.34
	Allotment Rent Rec'd	£132.00

C. Current Account and Deposit Account Statements as at 30 November 2007

Current	£1,287.45
Deposit	<u>£22,810.81</u>
	<u>£24,098.26</u>

D. Other Financial Matters
None

5. Planning Applications

None Received

6. Parish Plan

- a) **Newsletter/ Website**, nothing to report
- b) **Broad Ing Woodland**, Cllr Jock Jones suggested TPEG may want to consider being involved, Cllr Paul Simpkin to raise issues at next TPEG Mtg, will review again in New Year.
- c) **Village Design Statement**. Nothing further to report.
- d) **Tankersley Peace Garden**

Jo Birch from BMBC attended the meeting to present findings from Review of Village Parks and Tankersley Peace Garden.

Jo Birch supplied a copy of the Report (attached) completed by an External Engineer and summarised its content.

The items of concern were mainly at Pilley Pocket Park. Due to the age of the Park some of the equipment is becoming tired. The Playdale Suspension Bridge & Slide will need to be repaired/ replaced in the next 12/18 months. Replacement costs around £8-9 k. Also

the Playdale Trim Trail; is another ageing piece of equipment and TPC may want to consider repairing or replacing, estimate around £10/12k to replace.

Tennis Courts - Ms Jo Birch confirmed that the current parameter fencing is not ideal. Jo suggested it should either be removed or refurbished, large pieces of the fencing have been removed / vandalised in parts. Jo Birch explained that these costs are likely to be very expensive, e.g: Lightman (more suitable) could be around £40k. Jo pointed out the possibilities of looking at External funding, up to a maximum of around £25k from the Community Support Fund. Discussions continued around other aspects concerning the Tennis Courts, ie resurfacing and other uses, eg: football pitch markings. The main area of concern for TPC is initially to repair the fencing. Cllr Paul Simpkin asked Jo Birch if she would be able to supply the Council with an estimate for the repair only, at this stage for the Council to review. AGREED.

Tankersley Peace Garden - Jo Birch Confirmed the current maintenance programme for the garden, Grass cutting, shrubs cutting , sweeping etc. There is no further money available from the Parks Dept for development. Cllr Andy Belk pointed out that there is nothing to identify the park as a memorial garden. The garden needs to be reclaimed and raise the profile. Suggestions were made of trying to drum up local interest, possibly trying to obtain any old photos of how the garden used to look. We need to look at the possibilities of external funding. The gates to the garden need to be repaired; Jo Birch will supply names of people who could help.

Cllr Helen Reckless thanked Jo Birch for her input and her attendance at the meeting.

7. Allotments

Clerk confirmed only 3 payments for the Annual Rent remain o/s.

Mr P Clarney has tendered his resignation for the 3 allotments that he rented. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the next 3 people on the waiting list to offer tenancies wef 1 Feb 2008 (start of allotment Year). AGREED.

8 .Group Reports

a) Tankersley Community Association Cllr Mrs Marjorie Clegg confirmed there had not been a meeting of the Association this month but was able to confirm the following. Work on the Conservatory at the R/O Welfare Hall will commence in January 2008. The Association is still awaiting estimates for the Fire Doors. Discussions continued around security and the possibility of having some dummy cameras fitted, to try and avoid further vandalism. Cllr Mark Holden to investigate costings. AGREED.

b) Area Forum, Penistone East/West - The last meeting was at Tankersley Welfare Hall, 12 Dec2007, Cllrs Jock Jones and Mark Holden attended, otherwise poorly attended. Items discussed included Crime Reports and information from SYPTE.

c) Hoyland Milton / Rockingham No one available to attend as their meeting clashes with TPC Meeting.

d) Tankersley and Wortley Pools Cllrs Mrs Marjorie Clegg and Mrs Pat Clegg attended and reported on the outcomes of the last meeting, next meeting June 2008.

9. Correspondence

- a) Letter from A Carnall, Highways re Footpath at New Rd. NOTED
- b) Country Air Newsletter from YRCC, TABLED
- c) BMBC, Highways winter Service Leaflet, Tabled.
- d) The Bluebell Chimes Newsletter, Tabled.
- e) E-Mail from Gerry Green re Waste Bin at Moor Lane, NOTED

Lates

E-Mail from Ian Turner, re dates for future meetings. Dates to confirm NOTED
Letter from Panning Dept – DPD Re Education Sites. NOTED
CE Electric UK, Information Brochure re Winter and being prepared. TABLED
SY Forest- Newsletter, TABLED

10. Any Other Business

- a) Christmas Party. Cllr Helen Reckless reported an incident that occurred at the Party. A parent had complained that her child had not received a prize. This person was very abusive to Mrs Marjorie Clegg. Cllr Mrs Helen Reckless confirmed that the Parish Council is fully supportive of Marjorie's commitment and efforts, and thanked Marjorie for her work in arranging the Party. Cllr Mrs Marjorie Clegg confirmed that the Entertainment Group were responsible for issuing the prizes. The Party was a great success, despite this incident. It was suggested that in future at least one male member of the council should be in attendance at the event. Cllr Andy Belk suggested TPC displaying a notice to the effect that TPC have zero tolerance to any person behaving in an abusive manner. Clerk to issue notice. AGREED.
- b) For Sale Boards, are being sited in groups on council land at the top of Twlevelands Estate. This is not something the council wants to see, Cllr Paul Simpkin to take up with Estate Agents. TPC will pursue if necessary. AGREED.
- c) Electricity Supply, after regular interruptions to supply on Friday evenings Caller Paul Simpson to investigate. AGREED
- d) Cars being parked "FOR SALE" at the entrance to Ledge Grange, to be reported to Goldenline.
- e) Hedges on Tankersley Lane, reportedly scratching passing cars. Clerk to report to Highways.
- f) The boundary fences along Tankersley Lane are currently being replaced, this looks very effective. Cllr Helen Reckless suggested writing to Mr Barber-Lomax to Thank him and praising his efforts. Clerk to write to Wentworth Estates. AGREED.

- g) Sign Posts missing at Pilley Hills, entrance to Broad Ings woodland. Bottom of Pilley Green , one of the arms has come off the sign post. Clerk to report to Highways. AGREED
- h) Vandalism, Cllr Mark Holden reported a re occurring problem with the lock on the gate at Lidgett Lane Playing field. Cllr Holden keeps repairing the lock and someone keeps breaking it. Cllr M Holden to report to Goldenline, Clerk to speak to Jo Birch re another type of lock being fitted. AGREED.
- i) Cllr Helen Reckless asked for posters for Christmas Eve Santa to be displayed in local shops/clubs/Notice Boards. All monies from this event are donated to local Charities.
- j) Car Parking Issues, Cllr Helen Reckless raised the issue of inconsiderate parking on The Avenue. On several occasions Helen has been unable to pass parked vehicles. Councillors suggested reporting this to the Goldenline. AGREED.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 PM, date of next meeting Monday 21 January 2008.