

Tanfield Parish Council

REPORT FOR 2012 ANNUAL MEETINGS

Councillors

David Parkinson has served as Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council throughout the year.

Richard Middleton has served as Councillor throughout the year.

Jim Beadle has served as Councillor since signing his declaration of acceptance of office at the meeting on 13th June 2011.

Brian Smith served as Councillor and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council until April 2012.

Peter Almack served as Councillor until February 2012.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council, the one for the East Tanfield ward is expected to be filled at the 2012 Annual Parish Council.

Meetings

- The Parish Council has met 10 times since the 2011 annual meetings.
- 4 of these meetings were ordinary ones when a full agenda of business was considered.
- A further 6 meetings were held to consider planning applications and other urgent items of business.

Planning and Development

- The Parish Council has responded to consultations by Hambleton District Council on 10 planning applications.
- Proposals have ranged from an ice-cream parlour, to extensions to houses, to agricultural buildings to gyms and pools.
- The Parish Council responded to the consultation being carried out on Tarmac's Langwith House Farm application to extend Nosterfield Quarry.
- The Parish Council has responded to further consultations on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework carried out by North Yorkshire County Council.
- The Parish Council has liaised with North Yorkshire County Council's planning enforcement officer regarding the completion of the restoration of the landfill site.
- The Parish Council responded to a consultation document setting out a vision for the Thornborough Henges and surrounding area.
- The Parish Council has expressed an interest in playing a leading role in the future management of the Henges and surrounding area and continues to liaise with landowners, especially Tarmac Ltd.
- The Parish Council was represented by Peter Almack at the planning enquiry into development at Wath Mushroom Farm.

General

- The Thornborough village sign has now been erected.
- David Parkinson has represented the Parish Council on West Tanfield Memorial Hall and the Lower Ure Conservation Trust's management committees.
- A successful bonfire and fireworks event was once again held in November 2011.
- The Parish Council continues to manage the three play areas in the parish.
- The Parish Council has relied on its fault reporting protocol to refer a number of issues to the relevant authority.
- The Council continues to monitor, and respond as appropriate, to developments brought about by the Localism Act.
- Performance management / an appraisal has been carried out on the Clerk.
- The Parish Council has continued to operate the parish caretaker scheme.
- The Parish Council liaised with Highways North Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Police about vehicles speeding through the villages in the parish. The outcome of this was that the perceived speeds were higher than actual recordings, so no further action will be taken. The Parish Council hopes that a proposed policy for the provision of mobile vehicle activated signs may provide a solution for further traffic calming at perceived problem sites.
- The Parish Council has corresponded with Highways North Yorkshire on a number of minor issues / faults.