

Tanfield Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 24th June 2014
TIME: 19.00 hrs
LOCATION: West Tanfield Memorial Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Peter Hull (Chairman), David Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Steven Houston and Chris Pennock.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
County Councillor John Weighell
Ambrose Almack and Bob Trehwitt

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Hull welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – none.

3. APOLOGIES – none.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the Parish Council has no objections to application 14/00986/FUL for the demolition of a conservatory and workshop and construction of enlarged kitchen area and rear hall at Tanfield Lodge, Park Lane, West Tanfield.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Common land.

An e-mail from Christopher Bourne-Arton, including the following points, was received and considered:

- He has been advised that Tanfield Estate has a normal owner's 'duty of care' towards the public in respect of the areas of registered common land in the parish. This is covered by the Estate's Public Liability insurance.
- He understands that the Estate has no requirement to maintain the land, however they have no objection to others doing so. He considers that as representatives of the public, the Parish Council is the obvious body to carry out maintenance of the common land.
- He is prepared to give the Parish Council a letter of permission to carry out such works.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should respond and again request a meeting to discuss a number of remaining issues, such as dead wood in a tree on Nosterfield Village Green and repairs to the steps near the Marmion Tower. The suggestion of a simple license agreement for the play areas at Nosterfield and Thornborough will also be made.

5.2 Maintenance works on Marmion Tower steps.

It was resolved that this item should be deferred pending the outcome of item 5.1.

5.3 Renovation of West Tanfield sign.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should give its permission for the West Tanfield village sign (located near the bridge over the River Ure) to be renovated by Sue Godden. It was also resolved that the Parish Council will contribute up to £25 towards the cost of materials for doing so.

6. TOUR DE FRANCE RISK ASSESSMENT

It was agreed that the previously circulated risk assessment, in relation to the Council's activities which may be affected by the Tour de France, be approved.

7. HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL PARISH LIAISON MEETING

A report from Councillor Parkinson, who had attended the liaison meeting, was considered which included the following points:

- An update from Superintendent Simon Lovell (North Yorkshire Police's new area commander for Hambleton) had been received. Complaints of speeding vehicles, including the time of day of the perceived offence, should be reported to the police using the 101 number.
- The dog warden service will be returning to the District Council's responsibilities.
- North Yorkshire County Council is working to support local communities in providing services that will no longer be provided by District and County Councils. Initial feedback suggested that this will result in increases in parish precepts.
- Amanda Madden, Rural Housing Enabler, is willing to attend Parish Council meetings to talk about the provision of affordable housing.
- There will be further consultation with Parish Councils about the review of the LDF settlement hierarchy.

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- In response to Councillor Parkinson's enquiry about street cleaning in West Tanfield it was noted that the sweeper had attended on 10th June and a site visit will be carried out on 16th June 2014.

8. FINANCIALS

It was resolved that the Council should make a contribution of £111.29 towards the cost of the Clerk's new computer.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 29th July 2014 at 19.00hrs in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

10. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Safety and quality of recent signing works on B6267.

Meeting closed at 19.43 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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