

Tanfield Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 30th September 2015
TIME: 19.00 hrs
LOCATION: West Tanfield Memorial Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Peter Hull (Chair), Steven Houston (Vice-Chair) and David Dumbleton
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Hull welcomed those present to the meeting.

Councillor Hull, with the agreement of other Councillors, advised that he proposed to change the order in which items of business would be considered so that Councillor Houston's resignation would be received at the end of the meeting.

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

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – none.

4. CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was noted that although a number of people in West Tanfield are thought to be interested in joining the Parish Council, no written expressions of interest have been received and there were no candidates present at this meeting.

In view of this situation Councillors agreed that they were not in a position to make a co-option at this time.

Hambleton District Council will be advised of this when Councillor Houston's resignation is reported.

At the direction of the Chairman it was resolved that item 5 be considered at the end of the meeting.

6. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – none present.

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from District Councillor David Webster.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings held on 3rd July and 26th August 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

9. OWNERSHIP OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN HENGE

A letter has been received, on behalf of Tarmac, seeking expressions of interest from suitable parties for the transfer of the freehold surface ownership and management of the central and southern henges on Thornborough Moor.

Tarmac is currently in discussion with Historic England who have already expressed an interest in acquiring the site for long term management by English Heritage. However to comply with procurement obligations set by Central Government, Historic England may only acquire the property if no other appropriate organisation is found.

It was resolved that whilst the Parish Council does not meet the criteria for being 'an appropriate heritage body' to take over the ownership and management of the henges, it should submit an expression of interest in being involved with, and represented on, the steering group as detailed in the proposed strategic management plan.

10. CONSULTATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 15/01701/LBC | Listed Building Consent for the replacement of existing single storey extension with two storey extension together with internal alterations | Bramley House Main Street West Tanfield North Yorkshire HG4 5JH.

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

10.2 15/02096/FUL | Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwellinghouse | Fairfield West Tanfield North Yorkshire HG4 5JR.

It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal, attention should be drawn to the apparent proximity of trees, despite an assertion on the application form that there are none within falling distance of the proposed development.

11. BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS EVENT

It was agreed that because only one offer of help has been received from the public, the Parish Council should not proceed to arrange, and be responsible for, a bonfire and fireworks event in 2015.

This decision will be conveyed to those people who had made offers of help. It was agreed that the Council's thanks should be expressed to Tarmac for their sponsorship and hosting of the event in previous years.

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12 ELECTIONS 2015

It was resolved that an invoice from Hambleton District Council for £200, in respect of election administration, be paid. Prior to the consideration of other business on the agenda a cheque was raised and signed by Councillors Hull and Houston.

13 PLAYGROUNDS

It was resolved that Wicksteed Leisure Ltd be appointed to carry out the annual inspection of the playgrounds in West Tanfield, Nosterfield and Thornborough at a cost of £180.

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 21st October 2015 at 19.00hrs in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

15 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Report from Council's representative on West Tanfield Memorial Hall management committee (David Parkinson).
- Public Contracts Regulations 2015 – Amendments to a Council's Standing Orders.
- Appointments to the Council's staffing committee.
- Appointment of Quarry Liaison representatives.
- Election of a Vice-Chairman.
- EE – improving mobile phone reception in Nosterfield.

16 URGENT BUSINESS

16.1 Resignation of Clerk.

A letter, tendering the Clerk's resignation, was received and considered.

It was noted that she will finish working for the Council on 30th November 2015.

It was resolved that Councillors Hull and Dumbleton, in consultation with the Clerk, be authorised to undertake any actions necessary to advertise the position and appoint a replacement Clerk.

16.2 Tour de France Legacy Fund – Provision of a debrillator in West Tanfield.

It was resolved that the Council should submit a funding application for £722.50 from the Tour de France legacy fund to contribute to the purchase of a community defibrillator.

5. RESIGNATION OF STEVEN HOUSTON FROM THE COUNCIL

Councillor Houston's letter of resignation from the Council was received and will be reported to Hambleton District Council. As this leaves the Council with only two members, Hambleton District Council will need to make an order to appoint a third Councillor, expected to be District Councillor David Webster.

It is hoped that this can be done prior to the next scheduled Parish Council meeting on 21st October 2015.

Meeting closed at 19.12 hrs.

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

SIGNED:(Chairman)

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