

Tanfield Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

January 2015

The Parish Council met in October, November & December 2014 to consider a number of items of business.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND



Superfast North Yorkshire is going to be bringing superfast broadband to West Tanfield in the next few months (installed by OpenReach). To register your interest in receiving this service or find out more go to:

www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com

There are currently no plans to bring a mainstream service to Nosterfield or Thornborough, so the Parish Council is looking at an option which uses a radio signal beamed from Sutton Bank. This is then distributed wirelessly to subscribing properties. It's completely independent of BT and the phone system and appears a very attractive option. Key features are overleaf or on the Council's website, but basically it costs £99 to install (plus £49 for their router if you choose that) then a monthly payment of £15 for 10mbs, £20 for 20mbs or £25 for 30mbs. If you wish, you can also transfer your phone number to use as an internet phone for a further £6 per month (saving your monthly line rental charge).

15 users are required in each village for it to be viable. If you would be interested then please contact the Clerk whose details are below.

£ 2015/16 BUDGET £

The Parish Council has agreed its budget for the next financial year. It can be viewed online at:

www.tanfieldparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/Financials

It has been agreed that the Council needs to increase the precept (money collected for it through Council Tax) by £500.

If more than 5 people decide to stand for election to the Parish Council in May then Hambleton District Council will charge it for the cost of holding a poll, which could be up to £2,000 (which can be paid over four years). The Parish Council has no choice but to budget for this possible expense.

LIBRARY PROVISION IN NORTH YORKS

North Yorkshire County Council is consulting on proposals to reduce the cost of running their library services. To find out more & respond to the consultation search for 'North Yorkshire Library Consultation' online.

COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The website www.tanfieldparishcouncil.btck.co.uk offers members of the public an online contact method with the Parish Council and also includes the Council's newly adopted complaints policy and form.

COMMON LAND

There are a number of areas of registered common land in the parish, including Nosterfield Village Green, Thornborough play area and the riverside at West Tanfield. All of these areas are owned by Tanfield Estate.

The Parish Council is working to regularise maintenance arrangements for those areas on which its play equipment is sited. It has been agreed that the Parish Council will not take on any further responsibility or costs by maintaining additional areas.

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2015 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

28th January – Parish Council Meeting

A planning meeting may be called in Feb. if needed.

25th March – Planning Meeting

15th April – Parish Council Meeting

13th May - Annual Parish Council, Annual Parish & Planning Meetings

24th June – Planning Meeting

29th July – Parish Council Meeting

26th August – Planning Meeting

30th September – Planning Meeting

28th October – Parish Council Meeting

25th November – Planning Meeting

A planning meeting may be called in Dec. if needed.

Meetings usually start at 7Apm and are held in West Tanfield Memorial Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered. Look out on the noticeboard in each village and the Council's website for any changes to dates, times or venues.