

MINUTES OF THE TANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL 12 JULY 2004

Present: Councillors R Whitworth, J Spink, K Smith, I Spencer,

Also present: District Councillor Steve Flitter

15/05 APOLOGIES

Cllrs N Whitworth, R Bourne & K Gray

16/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

17/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2004

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 JUNE 2004 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

18/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

19/05 EXCLUSIONS

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

20/05 FETE FIELD PROGRESS

Confirmation has been received of a grant of £24,000 from WREN. The Parish Council now has to register with ENTRUST. The registration has been put in hand but will take two months thereby setting the start date back into October. A fee of 11% has to be paid to ENTRUST by a sponsor. This can be done either by Tansley Development Association or the Parish Council, the former being the preferred solution. Both the Parish Council and the TDA have earmarked funds during the current financial year.

The total funding available now exceeds the target of £240,000 which is about a 1000% return on the Parish Council's investment.

The structural work on the stream has been completed and it now remains to do the planting etc for the School ECO scheme.

Access for disabled people off Green Lane needs to be considered. A ramp with the recommended gradients could be constructed for about £600. In making a decision the Parish Council should be mindful that it would be attractive to children using skate boards.

The garage forecourt has to be kept free from obstruction to ensure unimpeded right of way for the vendor/adjacent land owner. There has been perfect co-operation with car owners when access has been needed as cars are easily moved. However, in order that the Council can honour its obligations, authority is sought for the Clerk to instruct Solicitors should unreasonable obstruction occur.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report be noted.
- b) That the TDA be asked to share the cost of a ramp to be constructed off Green Lane.
- c) That the Clerk be authorised to instruct solicitors to deal with unreasonable obstruction of the garage forecourt.

21/05 EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM/TANSLEY IN BLOOM

The East Midlands in Bloom competition has resulted in a very good afternoons judging, the judges were impressed with the village and the School and the presentation that the Head Teacher put on. A garden has been entered for Best Front Garden.

RESOLVED:

That a letter go to the Head of the School for the presentation and for making the judges welcome.

Thanks go to Cllrs Spink & Bourne for escorting the judges.

22/05 VILLAGE PLAN PROGRESS

Slight amendments need to be made to the plan:

- 1. Local Housing Needs – the Chair is meeting with Derbyshire Dales Council Officers to discuss the possible formation of a Housing Association which would help to provide affordable housing for local people. The numbers on the school roll is dropping considerably.
- 2. Speed on A615 – usually more of a problem on Sundays as road users avoid the A6, there needs to be a long term solution which feeds into the village plan.

RESOLVED:

The clerk write to Derbyshire Constabulary requesting the 'Safety Camera Partnership' vehicle to be set up near to The Tavern, and in the more long term to request from Derbyshire County Council that a 'SLOW DOWN' flashing advisory unit be erected,

23/05 BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT GLASS

This has now been replaced.

RESOLVED:

To claim from the insurance company and request that the family pay the excess.

24/05 PLANNING MATTERS

04/06/0524 removal of holiday occupancy conditions to allow unrestricted residential use on three dwellings and incorporation of land into domestic curtilage at Moor Edge Farm, Knabhall Lane, Tansley – the Parish Council objected to this with the following comments:

- The Parish Council acknowledges the need for farm diversification with particular reference to conversions of barns to holiday accommodation
- Holiday accommodation properly managed can replace agricultural income streams by reason of rents, cleaning, advertising, attendance etc and holiday rentals are generally higher than permanent lets.
- It is the PC's understanding that one of the cottages has already been permanently let to the extent that the occupant(s) are on the electoral roll.
- If the applicant had applied for permanent accommodation in 1998/99 it is likely that the Parish Council would have objected.
- The proposal is outside the established framework of the village settlement. Approval would establish another precedent to allow the development of clusters of housing where housing would not normally be allowed in the countryside.

The following items were dealt with under delegated powers given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman as follows:-

04/05/0401 Two storey/single storey rear extensions and detached garage at 1 Goldhill Tansley – no objections

04/05/0418 Extension to facilitate first floor accommodation and single storey rear/front extensions at Goldhill Lodge, Goldhill, Tansley – no objections

04/05/0414 Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling at Whitelea Barn, Opposite Home Farm, Whitelea – the Parish Council did not object to the planning application but made the following observations

- The Council is mindful of the fact that Home Farm already enjoys the benefit of one agricultural consent
- Normally the Council would oppose a proposal of this type, however, the Council does not object to this particular proposal on the understanding that it is conditioned for local needs, specifically for the benefit of the Neville family and its descendants

04/06/0474 Erection of 3 dwellings with integral B1 office accommodation and associated alterations to access (outline) at ALS Scaffolding Hire, Sunnyside Farm, Whitelea Lane, Tansley – the Parish Council objected with the following comments:

- The site is divorced from the village

- The site already has the benefit of two pig sty conversions and buildings which have not been the subject of planning applications
- Further residential development here would establish a settlement outside the village confines which could set a precedent for similar applications
- The access lane is unsuitable for additional use by vehicles
- The present access is a public footpath
- The narrowness of the lane could lead to vehicles having to reverse out into Whitelea Lane
- The narrowness of the lane could result in vehicles standing on Whitelea Lane.

Derbyshire Dales District Council Decision Notices

04/04/0303 Retention of holiday cottage without compliance with condition 7 of planning permission DDD/1197/0733 (periods of occupancy) Foxholes Lane, Tansley – permission granted

25/05 CORRESPONDENCE

The letter from 'Save Wensley Hillside' was discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council would be best, not to get involved.

The DDDC Area Community Forums should be posted in the noticeboards. The Countryside Agency – Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 – Provisional Map of Registered Common Land & Open Country – should be posted in the noticeboards.

26/05 FINANCE

Payment of accounts was received:

S A Cumberland	£
(Clerks salary 141.15)	
(Stamps & stationary 6.03)	147.18

26/05 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR END 31 MARCH 2004

The clerk has received the relevant paperwork to complete accounts for last year and will deal with accordingly.

27/05 VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

The notice was posted on 6 July for the two vacancies.

28/05 PROCEDURE FOR BURIALS

The clerk has some concern over the procedures for funeral directors when booking funerals, and the issue of burials from outside of the parish, and there seems to be a some delay in payments being received.

RESOLVED:

That the clerk write up some new procedural guidelines in conjunction with funeral directors, and the Chairman.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Signed.....

