

# TANSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

End of year Report May 2018

We have had yet another busy year, during which Ian Spencer and Steve Greenhough left the council, we thank them both for their hard work and commitment, we welcome Ruth Bartlett and Russell Lane who have joined the Council more recently.

### Local Plan

The DDDC local plan passed Inspection in May 2017, three sites have been allocated in Tansley, whilst we have reservations related to the inclusion of so much land for proposed development, the Parish Council will endeavour to ensure all new development within the parish adheres to conditions, and quality is not sacrificed for monetary gain.

### Village Green and Play Area

As you all know the village green and play area are owned and maintained by Derbyshire Dales District Council. Budget cuts by the local authority have seen no obvious investment to improve the facility, the play equipment being dull and tired. After discussions and site meeting with DDDC, it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase one new piece of equipment and pay for the refurbishment of the remaining equipment. DDDC as owners of the facility would tender for the work, and subject to the cost being in the region anticipated – The Parish Council would reimburse the local authority. The Parish Council expected the re-vamped play area to be operational by Summer 2018. In spite of numerous emails and phone calls a quote for the work is still not available from the local authority!

### Fete Field

After taking advice from Derbyshire County Council, and receiving their permission to work on a water course –The PC are ready for work to commence- work to re-align the stream, grub out black thorn that is invading the perimeter edge of the field and cut back overhanging vegetation is planned, a local contractor has been authorised by the PC to commence work at the end of the bird nesting season. Heavy machinery will be entering and exiting the Fete Field via Green Lane, Parish Council will notify residents who live in the area when a commence date is known.

### Village Litter Pick

Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped tidy the village – a very enthusiastic group of residents collected bags of rubbish, cleared moss from the village green wall and had a fun day, it was great to see all generations working together to improve our village.

## Burial Ground

The Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of the Burial Ground, over several years we have been improving the facility, a new tarmac path , additional planting and the formation of a large area dedicated to the interment of ashes is now complete.

However several residents have expressed their concern about safety when walking from Gold Hill to Church, with the pathway being very dark, particularly in the Winter months – the PC are liaising with Holy Trinity Church – and hope to be able to install a lamp post in the burial ground, however there is still much work to do – thanks to Clls Brian Taylor and Ian Strange for taking this project forward.

## A615 Nottingham Road

This main arterial route to the M1 appears to get busier, and the speed of the traffic faster. There is a huge problem with racing cars late on Sunday evening, the police have been informed on several occasions however the cars continue to race.

A group of residents have received training, and have been working with the Community Speed Watch Team – two sessions have been carried out with more sessions planned throughout the Summer.

Many residents have asked about progress related to the Road Safety Petition for the A615 September 2017. The petition has gone to two Cab Co meetings at Derbyshire County Council, more investigations are planned by DCC Highways, as with all Council business everything takes such a long time – however we will continue to lobby for a safer road and continue to be optimistic!

## Community Hall

The Community Hall is run by an enthusiastic committee – they have managed to get grants from District and County Councillors which has enabled the committee to install Wi Fi, a facility free to its user groups. More chairs have been purchased for the Brownies and the inside of the main Hall has been decorated by a group of residents, A special thanks to Sarah Bradley and Joe Woods for pushing ahead with a lease with Parish Council and Charity Status, you are nearly there!

On behalf of all the Council I would like to thank the many residents who give their time to run clubs and groups, thanks also to residents who keep our pavements free of snow, maintain verges and cut back trees, not forgetting the members of the Methodist Church who continue to host our weekly Post Office – together you all make this a good place for us all to live.

Special thanks to Chris Knightley who keeps our web site up to date and to Jane Flanagan our own 'Mrs Hotwire' who keeps us all up to date with events in the village.

We are fortunate to have district and county councillors who attend our meetings regularly and are supportive of the community, your help is appreciated.

Vicki Raynes May 2018